



Week In Review

August 31, 2026

August is National Immunization Awareness Month!



Communicate to Vaccinate

State of the State
12:40 - 1:10 pm

Neil Hockstein, MD
Delaware State Surgeon General

**Immunization Schedule
Changes for Children and Adults**
1:10-1:40 pm

Stephen C. Eppes, MD
Delaware Academy of Medicine &
Public Health

Communication About Vaccines 2:00 - 2:50 pm Sean O'Leary, MD, MPH University of Colorado, Denver	Influenza in Delaware 2:50 - 3:40 pm Sarah Czukiewski State of Delaware
Overview of Adult Vaccines & Immunization in Delaware 4:00 - 4:50 pm John O'Neill, DO ChristianaCare	

Webinars

Join the Indiana Immunization Coalition for a webinar on **Thursday, September 3**, from 3:00-4:00 pm EST on **Immigration Vaccine Requirements**.

Register here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Liyg86V6T3KU1yNEKr2wIw#/registration

Measles 2025

[Nationwide](#) (CDC, 8/27/26)

In 2026:

2,903 Confirmed Cases, 47 Jurisdictions (including **Delaware (22)**, District of Colombia (1), Maryland (18), New Jersey (1), Pennsylvania (371), and Virginia (176))

- **2 deaths reported (PA)**
- 37 new outbreaks reported in 2026
- 2,737 of confirmed cases are outbreak-associated
- 16 cases reported among international visitors
- Vaccination Status
 - Unvaccinated/Unknown: 94%
 - One MMR Dose: 3%
 - Two MMR Doses: 3%

Age	Cases	Hospitalizations
Under 5	541 (19%)	106 (18%)
5-19 years	1,351 (47%)	58 (6%)
20+ years	1,001 (34%)	80 (12%)
Unknown	10 (< 1%)	0

Johns Hopkins [Measles Tracker](#) and [Dashboard](#): 2,999 cases in 2026

[ICD's Measles Update Page](#) for more granular information.

Delaware Measles Outbreak

The Division of Public Health is now reporting **22 positive measles cases**. The CDC defines an outbreak as three or more cases connected by time and location.

The cases identified to date are all in Kent County

- Adults 20+: 13
- Adolescents 10-19 years: 2
- Children 0-9 years: 7

Read More

- Delaware Declares a [Measles Outbreak](#)
- DPH [measles](#) information page

From the Experts

Worldwide

WHO Disease Outbreaks

August 28 Update: Ebola Disease (Bundibugyo Virus) - DRC

- DRC
 - Sustained transmission within interconnected geographic clusters
 - 5,794 confirmed cases; 2,786 deaths (CFR 48.1%)
 - 6 provinces: Ituri, North Kivu, South Kivu, Haut-Uele, Tshopo, Bas-Uele
 - 60 health zones affected
 - CFR underscores severity and ongoing challenges related to timely case detection, access to and quality of care, and interruption of transmission
 - Outbreak remains a public health emergency of international concern

WHO News

- Statement of the 45th meeting of the [Polio](#) IHR Committee

CDC Travel Notices

Level 4: Avoid All Travel

- **Ebola Bundibugyo Virus Disease - DRC (Ituri and Nord-Kivu Provinces)**. The CDC recommends avoiding all travel unless traveling for humanitarian aid or emergency response.

Level 3: Reconsider Nonessential Travel

- **Ebola Bundibugyo Virus Disease - DRC (Haut-Uele and Tshopo Provinces)**.

Level 2: Practice Enhanced Precautions

- Ebola Bundibugyo Virus Disease - DRC (provinces not affected by the current BVD outbreak), Uganda
- Chikungunya - Mauritius, French Guiana, Costa Rica, Nicaragua
- Malaria - Yemen, Mayotte
- Zika - Indonesia

Level 1: Practice Usual Precautions

- Paratyphoid Fever - Yemen
- Diphtheria - Haiti, Sub-Saharan Africa
- Andes Virus (Hantavirus) in South America
- Global - Dengue, Measles
- Vanuatu - Ciguatera Fish Poisoning
- Hepatitis A - Canada

From the CDC

ACIP Meeting ([ACIP](#))

- Next meeting scheduled for October 21-23

COCA Call

- None scheduled.

Emerging Infectious Disease ([EID](#)):

- September 2026: Fungal Infections

FluView Update

- Pediatric deaths reported, total: 191 ([week 31](#))

Health Alert Network ([HAN](#))

- 8/11/2026: Risk of Severe Arboviral Disease in Patients Receiving B Cell-Depleting or Modulating Medications

MMWR Weekly Report (Vol 75, No [33](#))

- Use of nowcasting to estimate real-time transmission trends during a measles outbreak - South Carolina, Oct 2025-Mar 2026

Outbreak List ([CDC](#)):

- August
 - *Salmonella* - linked to Jalapenos
 - *Salmonella* - linked to turtles
 - E. Coli and Salmonella - linked to alfalfa sprouts

Pertussis Outbreak ([CDC Stacks](#)):

- YTD Cases: 8,035
- Delaware Cases: 0

FDA

- FDA approves updated COVID-19 vaccines ([CIDRAP](#))
 - Pfizer (Comirnaty XFG): adults 65+, 5-64 yr with underlying condition
 - Moderna (Spikevax): adults 65+, 6m-64y with underlying condition

- Moderna (mNEXSPIKE): adults 65+, 12-65y with underlying condition
- Sanofi (Nuvaxovid): adults 65+, 12-65y at high risk
- AHIP states members will cover the total cost of vaccines recommended by a CDC committee at least until the end of 2027

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- Updated: "Communicating the Benefits of Influenza Vaccination"
- Vaccine exemptions among US kindergarteners reach record high in 2025-26 school year; coverage drops in most states
- RSV vaccination during pregnancy (GW 32-36) resumes September 1

Ask the Experts: [Measles Mumps, Rubella, and MMR Vaccination](#)

In the News

- Ebola vaccination effort begins in DRC ([CIDRAP](#)), outbreak officially ends in Uganda ([CIDRAP](#))
- Measles climbs in PA, other states report new cases ([CIDRAP](#))
- Men vaccinated with HPV vaccine are much less likely to be infected with the virus ([CIDRAP](#))
- SHingles vaccine linked to lower risk of heart disease for 7 years ([Nature med](#))

Continuing Education

Helpful Links

- Center for Unbiased Science & Health: [Evidence-Based Risk Visualization](#) for Measles vaccine vs. disease
- Common Health Coalition: [Vaccine Resources](#)
- Moderna Atlas: [Educational Resources](#)

For Our Members

Shot in the Arm

The Immunization Coalition of Delaware is pleased to offer this opportunity to view "**SHOT IN THE ARM**" – from Academy Award-Nominated filmmaker Scott Hamilton Kennedy and Executive Producer Neil deGrasse Tyson.

This skeptical and hopeful film explores vaccine hesitancy historically and in the context of our modern pandemic. Can we replace cynicism with healthy



curiosity and bridge the political divides that make us sick?

Featuring: Tony Fauci, Paul Offit, and Robert Kennedy, Jr.

This film is being offered free of charge for Immunization Coalition of Delaware Members throughout 2026. Please register below to receive login credentials.

[Register](#)

ICD's August Quarterly Meeting

Missed the Quarterly meeting? We've got you covered.

Minutes ([click here](#))

Slide Deck ([click here](#))

2026 ICD Quarterly Meetings

2:00 - 3:30 pm on the fourth Thursday.

- November 19, 2026 ([register](#))

The meetings will be held on zoom, unless otherwise specified.

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<https://www.immunizedelaware.org/>

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