



Week In Review

February 10, 2025

Fly, Eagles, Fly!

Governor Meyers renames the Delaware River "Eagles' River" in honor of Super Bowl LIX win!

Continuing Education

Human Papillomavirus (HPV): Empowering Providers to Advocate for Vaccination

[Click here](#) for event flyer

Join Quality Insights and Mount Sinai's Kristin Oliver, MD, MHS on **Wednesday, February 26, 2025**, from 12:30 - 1:00 pm for a free, 60-minute course on the critical role of HPV vaccination in public health.

The webinar will explore strategies to effectively advocate for patients to receive the HPV vaccine, address common barriers to HPV vaccination, and discuss best practices for increasing vaccine uptake.

The CAMC Institute for Academic Medicine designates this live activity for 1 hour of continuing education credit for physicians and nurses.

Register [here](#)

Fueling HPV Vaccination Efforts in Rural Communities: Protecting Our Children Today for a Healthier Tomorrow

Join the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the ACS National HPV Vaccination Roundtable for a collaborative learning community aimed at connecting partners and improving on-time HPV vaccination rates among adolescents aged 9-13.

[Registration](#) is on a rolling basis; the community meets on the second Wednesday of Every Month, beginning **March 12, 2025**, at 2:00 pm.

Updates

ACIP Meeting ([ACIP](#)): February 26-28, 2025

- Topics to be voted on: Meningococcal, Chikungunya, Influenza Vaccines;

RSV (adult)

- Topics, no vote: RSV (Maternal/Pediatric), HPV, Mpox, Pneumococcal; COVID-19, CMV
- Agenda available: [here](#)

COCA Call ([COCA](#)). COCA Calls are held from 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET.

- None listed.

Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee ([VRBPAC](#))

- None scheduled

MMWR Weekly ([No 3](#))

- Notes: Serum concentrations of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances among first responders to the Maui wildfires
- Notes: ED use during the Los Angeles County wildfires

Food & Drug Administration ([Announcements](#))

- None

2024-2025 Respiratory Disease

Respiratory Virus Activity Levels

([CDC.gov](#), updated February 7, 2025)

- The amount of acute respiratory illness causing people to seek healthcare is very high
- ED visits
 - Diagnosed influenza: very high
 - RSV: moderate
 - COVID-19: low
- Test positivity
 - Influenza: 31.6%
 - RSV: 6.6%
 - COVID-19: 4.9%
- Wastewater
 - Influenza A: very high
 - RSV: moderate
 - COVID-19: high
- Predictions: COVID ED visits will remain at a lower level compared to previous winters; influenza ED visits will remain high and will increase in most states

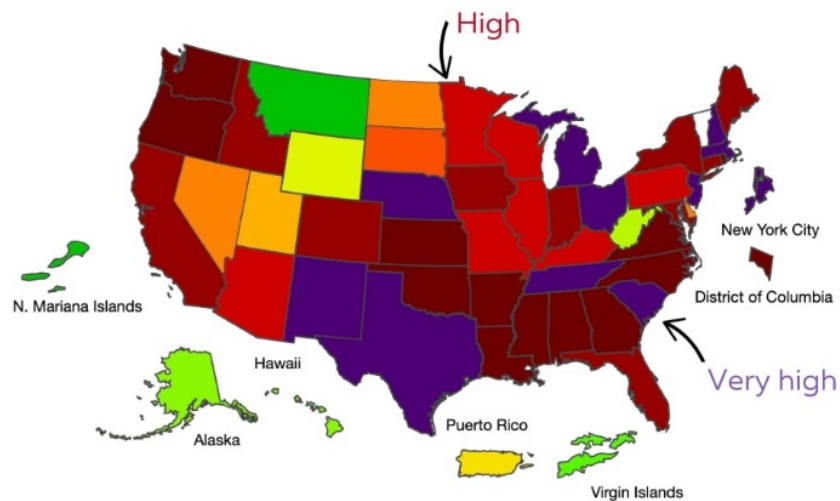
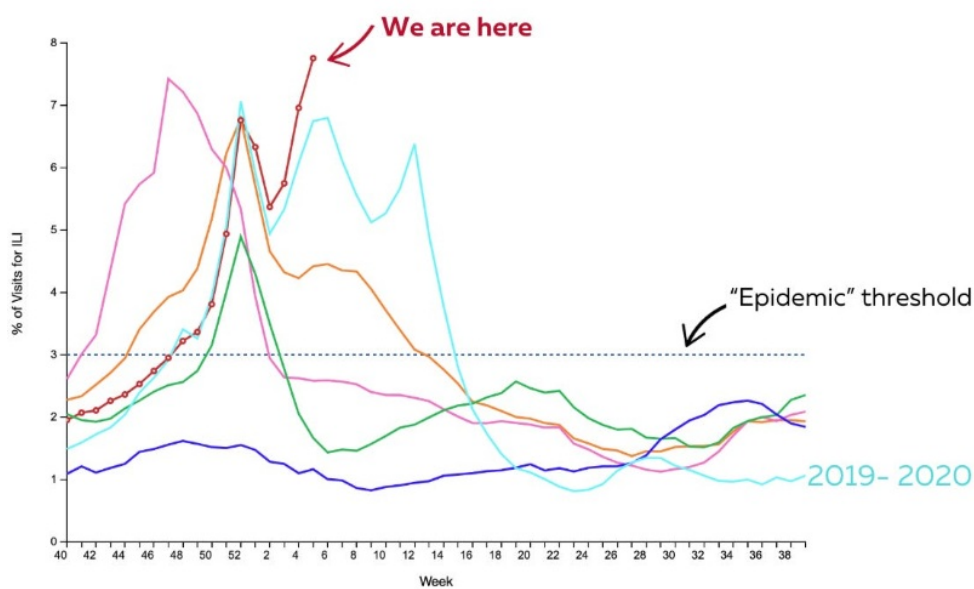


Image source: CDC; annotated by Your Local Epidemiologist

Influenza

Updated: 1/31/2025 ([MyHealthyCommunity.gov](https://www.myhealthycommunity.gov))

Delaware	This Week	Total
New Castle	684	3,026
Kent	235	1,040
Sussex	248	981
Total	1,167	5,047

Burden of Disease Estimates (since October 1, 2024):

- Flu illnesses: 24 M - 41 M
- Flu Medical Visits: 11 M - 18 M
- Flu Hospitalizations: 310,000 - 650,000
- Flu Deaths: 13,000 - 65,000

COVID-19

Updated: 2/01/2025 ([MyHealthyCommunity.gov](https://www.myhealthycommunity.gov))

Delaware	This Week (total)	Rate (per 100,000)
New Castle	118	20.8
Kent	62	34.4
Sussex	98	41.9
Delaware	278	28.3

Avian-Bovine-Human Flu Transmission

Updated: 2/07/2025 ([CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov))

Total Human Cases: 67

Human Deaths: 1

Dairy Herds	Poultry Farms	Other Animal Exposure	Exposure Source Unknown
40	23	1	3

Human Cases

- Current public health risk: LOW

Probable Cases

- Additional cases meeting the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists probable case definition (but with negative confirmatory testing at the CDC):
 - Poultry Exposure: Washington (3), Arizona (2)
 - Dairy Exposure: California (1)
 - Unknown Exposure: **Delaware** (1)

Birds

- Wild birds: 11,627
- Poultry: 156,254,271
- Jurisdictions with Bird Flu in Wild Birds: 51
- States with Poultry Outbreaks: 50 (Includes DE in New Castle and Kent)

Cattle

- States with Cattle Outbreaks: 16
- Dairy Herds Affected: 959

In the News

- Collection of [avian influenza](#)-impacted wildlife in Delaware expanded through DNREC-USDA Wildlife Services effort

From the Experts

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Outbreak News

[WHO Disease Outbreak News](#)

February 1: Uganda - Sudan Virus Disease

January 29: India - Zika Virus Disease

[CDC Outbreak List](#)

November 2024

- Cucumbers - *Salmonella*
- Ready-to-Eat Meat and Poultry Products - *Listeria*
- Organic Carrots - *E. Coli*
- McDonalds Onions - *E. Coli*

[Travel Notices](#)

Level 2: Practice Enhanced Precautions

- Ebola - Uganda
- Polio - Global
- Chikungunya - India
- Oropouche - Cuba, Brazil, Panama
- Clade I Mpox - Central and Eastern Africa

Level 1: Practice Usual Precautions

- Malaria - Ethiopia
- Marburg - Tanzania
- Oropouche Fever - Americas



Issue [1798](#): February 5, 2025

- Reminder to discontinue the use of RSV vaccine during pregnancy in most of the US. Continue protecting infants with RSV preventive antibody through March.
- Ask the Experts: Vaccine Recommendations updated
- Ask the Experts: Hib Vaccine updated

Ask the Experts: [Vaccination against Respiratory Viruses for Fall and Winter 2024](#)

In the News

Outbreaks Across the U.S.

(past week)

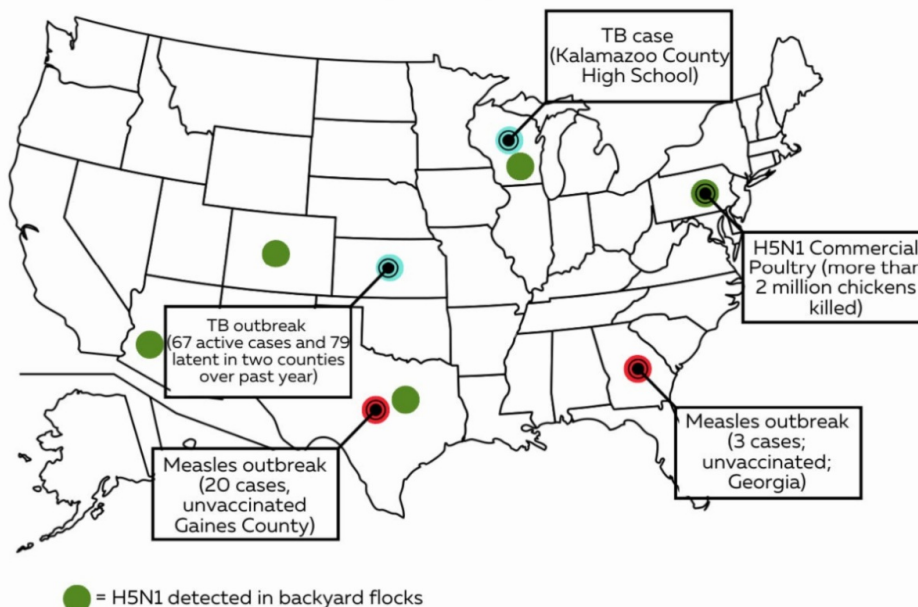


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In The News

- Measles outbreak hits children in [Texas](#) and [Georgia](#)
- Kansas seeing an active [tuberculosis](#) outbreak, [Michigan](#) investigating
- Groundbreaking [Ebola](#) vaccination trial launched in Uganda
- CDC Releases [HAN](#) about the Ebola Outbreak in Uganda
- Anti-vaccine claims circulate during [HHS](#) secretary hearings

2025 ICD Quarterly Meetings

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

- February 27, 2025 ([register](#))
- May 22, 2025 ([register](#))
- August 28, 2025 ([register](#))
- November 20, 2025 ([register](#))
 - Please note, the November meeting will be held on the third Thursday

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

Immunization Coalition of Delaware
<https://www.immunizedelaware.org/>

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