



Week In Review

February 23, 2026

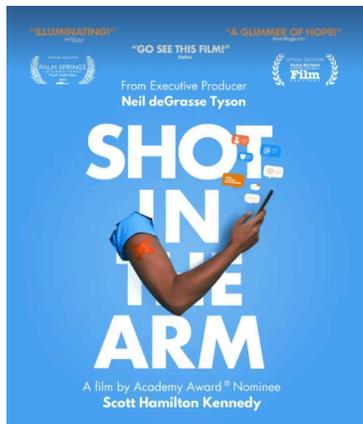
February ICD Meeting

Our February ICD meeting will take place from 2:00 - 3:30 pm ET this **Thursday, February 26, 2026.**

Topics on the Agenda:

- Flu Season 2025-2026
- Measles Outbreaks 2025-2026
- School Health
- Emerging Infectious Disease

[Register in Advance](#)



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.

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Federal Updates

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ACIP Meeting ([ACIP](#)):

- February 25-26 meeting cancelled
- Next ACIP meeting: June 24-26, 2026

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

- None Scheduled

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

- **March 12.** Recommendations on influenza vaccine strain composition for the US 2026-2027 season.

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- COVID-19 antiviral prescription receipt among outpatients aged 65+ years - United States, June 1, 2023-September 30, 2025
- Respiratory Virus Activity - USA, July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

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

- None

Respiratory Virus Season, 2025-2026

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Last update: February 20 (<https://cdc.gov>)

- Acute respiratory illnesses causing people to seek healthcare is at a moderate level;
- Seasonal influenza activity: elevated nationally; influenza A activity is decreasing while influenza B activity is increasing nationally and in most areas of the country.
- RSV activity: elevated and increasing in some areas of the country
- COVID-19 activity: decreasing nationally, but elevated in some areas of the country

- Delaware level of respiratory illness activity: low
- Pediatric deaths this season: 71 (5 this week)

In-Season Disease Burden Estimates

Influenza:

Since October 1, 2025:

- Flu Illnesses: 24 - 42 Million
- Flu Medical Visits: 11 - 19 Million
- Flu Hospitalizations: 310,000 - 660,000
- Flu Deaths: 20,000 - 66,000
- Pediatric Deaths: 71

Delaware Dashboards

[MyHealthyCommunity](#) (last updated 12/20/25)

Please note: MyHealthyCommunity is transitioning and the data is not available at this time.

	Flu	COVID	RSV
Wastewater Levels	Very Low	High	Very Low

Measles 2025

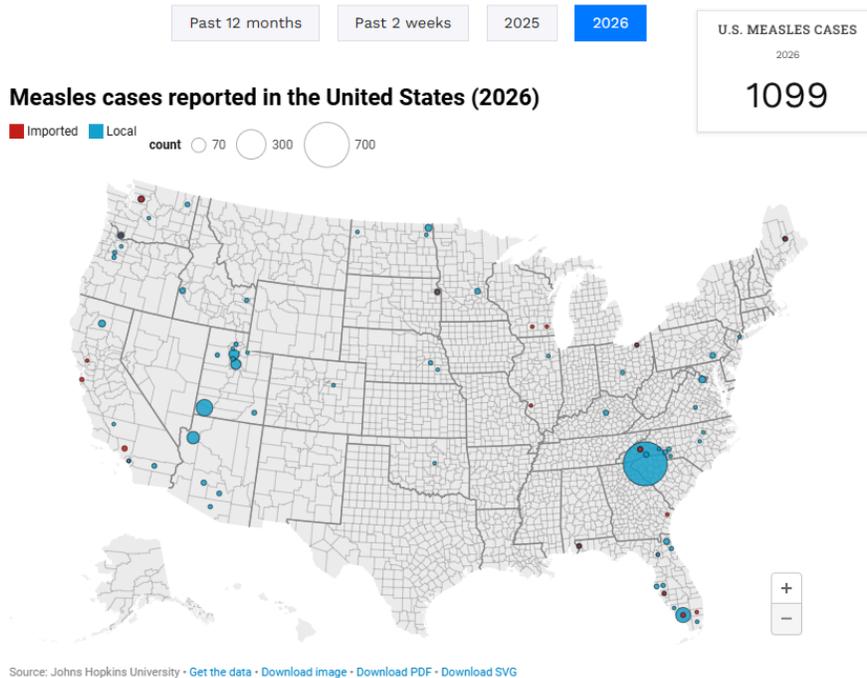
[Nationwide](#) (CDC, 2/20/26)

In 2026:

982 Confirmed Cases, 26 Jurisdictions (Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York City, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin)

- 7 new outbreaks reported in 2026
- 870 of confirmed cases are outbreak-associated
- 25 cases reported among international visitors

Age	Cases	Hospitalizations
Under 5	248 (25%)	16 (6%)
5-19 years	575 (59%)	11 (2%)
20+ years	152 (15%)	10 (7%)
Unknown	7 (1%)	1 (14%)



Johns Hopkins [Measles Tracker](#) and [Dashboard](#).

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

CDC Health Alert Network: [Expanding Measles Outbreak in the United States and Guidance for the Upcoming Travel Season](#)

News:

- [Delaware Division of Public Health](#) reports a measles exposure occurred at the Nemours Children's Hospital emergency department in

Wilmington on February 18

- 2026 US measles total nears 1,000 as South Carolina confirms 11 new cases ([CIDRAP](#))
- Tracking measles cases in the United States ([CNN](#))

From the Experts

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Outbreak News

[WHO Disease Outbreak News](#)

February 6 - Bangladesh: Nipah Virus Infection

February 14 - Global: Mpox (recombinant virus with genomic elements of clades Ib and IIb)

[CDC Outbreak List](#)

February 2026:

- Moringa Leaf Powder Capsules - *Salmonella*

[Travel Notices](#)

Level 2: Practice Enhanced Precautions

- Clade II Monkeypox - Liberia, Ghana
- Polio - Global
- Chikungunya - Cuba, Indian Ocean Region, **Bolivia**, China, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, **Seychelles**, **Suriname**

Level 1: Practice Usual Precautions

- Rabies - Morocco
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever - Mexico
- Global - Dengue, Measles

Pertussis Outbreak ([CDC](#))

- US Cumulative YTD 2026: 1,292
- DE Cumulative YTD 2026: 0



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- Pediatric standing orders templates updated to indicate consistency with AAP schedule
- Influenza and RSV activity remains elevated nationwide; many babies need RSV preventive antibody protection now
- Video: "How well do RSV preventive antibody products work?"

Ask the Experts: [2025-26 Season COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

In the News

In The News

- Avian flu continues to spread in PA egg, turkey facilities ([CIDRAP](#))
- FDA reverses course, agrees to review Moderna's flu vaccine ([STAT](#))
- Flu claims 5 more US children's lives as virus continues circulating at moderate to very high levels ([CIDRAP](#))
- HIV infection linked to increased risk of long COVID ([JAIDS](#))
- Next-generation influenza vaccines could save millions of lives ([WHO](#))

2026 ICD Quarterly Meetings

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

- February 26, 2026 ([register](#))
- May 28, 2026 ([register](#))
- August 27, 2026 ([register](#))
- 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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