



Week In Review

January 12, 2026

CDC Announces Scaled-Back Vaccination Schedule for Children

On **Monday, January 5**, the CDC announced changes to the US childhood immunization schedule, decreasing the number of vaccines recommended to 11 diseases.

New HHS Childhood Immunization Schedule
(released January 5, 2026)

<p style="text-align: center;">Recommended for All Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diphtheria • Tetanus • Acellular pertussis (whooping cough) • Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) • Pneumococcal conjugate • Polio • Measles • Mumps • Rubella • Human papillomavirus (HPV) • Varicella (chickenpox) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Recommended for Certain High-Risk Groups or Populations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSV* • Hepatitis A • Hepatitis B • Meningococcal <p style="font-size: small; color: white;">*Note: any children whose mother did not have the vaccine should get one dose</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Recommended Based on Shared Clinical Decision-Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotavirus • COVID-19 • Influenza • Hepatitis A • Hepatitis B • Meningococcal 	

Things to Know:

- Dr. Oz (CMS Administrator) [confirmed](#) all vaccines will remain covered by insurance without cost sharing.
- The schedule overhaul was **not** based on any new safety or efficacy data
- The move [circumvented](#) ACIP
- Although RFK Jr said the change "is aligning the US childhood vaccine schedule with international consensus," most [peer countries](#) recommended

between 13-16 vaccines for children

The ICD has a [section of the website](#) devoted to this change, and any ensuing events. From other professional societies:

- [AAP](#) Fact Checked
- [AP](#): Doctors say changes to US vaccine recommendations are confusing parents and could harm kids

Federal Updates

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ACIP Meeting ([ACIP](#)):

- Next ACIP meeting: February 25-26, 2026

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

- **Thursday, Jan 15.** "From Cave to Clinic: Managing Histoplasmosis in Returning Travelers"

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

- None listed

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- Zika virus outbreak - Bangladesh, Sept-Dec 2024
- Use of the GSK MenACWY-CRM/MenB-4C Pentavalent Meningococcal Vaccine among persons aged 10+ Years: Recommendations of ACIP

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

- No vaccine-related updates

Respiratory Virus Season, 2025-2026

Last update: January 9

Acute respiratory illnesses causing people to seek healthcare is high; ED visits and hospitalizations are increasing among children 0-4 years. COVID-19 activity is increasing, seasonal influenza activity remains elevated, and RSV activity is elevated in many areas of the country.

US level of respiratory illness activity: high

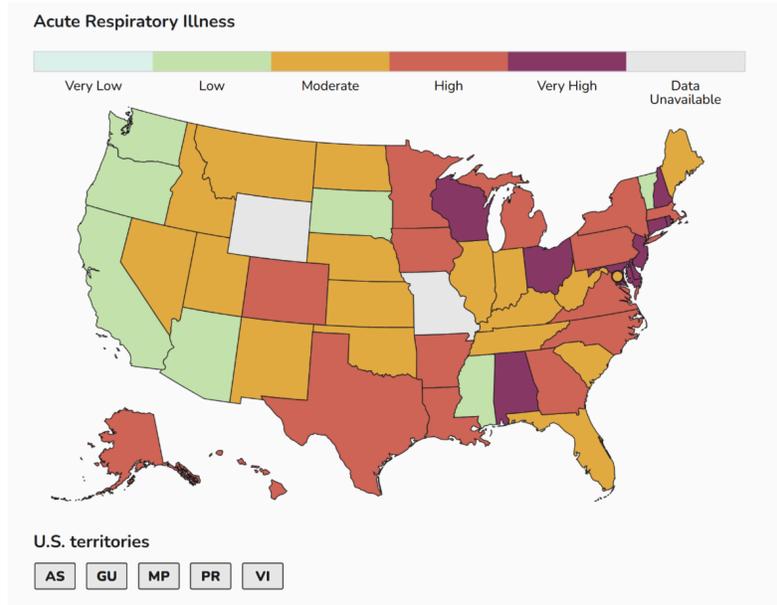
Delaware level of respiratory illness activity: very high

In-Season Disease Burden Estimates

Influenza:

Since October 1, 2025:

- Flu Illnesses: 15 - 26 Million
- Flu Medical Visits: 6.8 - 12 Million
- Flu Hospitalizations: 180,000 - 380,000
- Flu Deaths: 7,400 - 38,000



Delaware Dashboards

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

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

	Flu	COVID
New Cases	894	90
Total Cases	1,670	884
Hospitalizations	0	Avg Daily: 1.3
Vaccine Administered	221,151	67,301
% Vaccinated	22.0%	n/a
Wastewater Levels	Very Low	Very Low

Cases by County

	Flu (this week)	Flu (total)	COVID (this week)
Total	894	1,670	90
New Castle	413	804	44
Kent	247	406	23

Sussex	230	447	23
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RSV

(10/25/25-12/13/25)

- Total ED Visits: 159
- Vaccine doses administered: 5,996

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Measles 2025

[Nationwide](#) (1/7/25)

In 2026:

3 Confirmed Cases, 2 Jurisdictions (North Carolina and South Carolina)

In 2025:

2,144 Confirmed Cases, 45 Jurisdictions

49 Confirmed Outbreaks (3+ related cases)

- 1,884 of confirmed cases are outbreak-associated
- 25 cases reported among international visitors

- Deaths: 3

Age	Cases	Hospitalizations
Under 5	553 (26%)	105 (19%)
5-19 years	919 (43%)	57 (6%)
20+ years	659 (31%)	78 (12%)
Unknown	13 (1%)	0

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:

- South Carolina measles outbreak [grows](#) by nearly 100, spreads to North Carolina and Ohio

From the Experts

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Outbreak News

[WHO Disease Outbreak News](#)

December 24: Global Update - MERS

[CDC Outbreak List](#)

December 2025:

- Raw Oysters - *Salmonella*

[Travel Notices](#)

Level 2: Practice Enhanced Precautions

- Polio - Global
- Chikungunya - Cuba, Indian Ocean Region, Bolivia, China, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh

Level 1: Practice Usual Precautions

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



Issue [1851](#): January 7, 2026

- Added vaccine schedules and searchable database of recommendations published by healthcare professional organizations
- Measles 2025 ends with 2,065 confirmed cases and ongoing outbreaks in three states
- Respiratory viral activity rises sharply across the country

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

Ask the Experts: [2025-2026 Season Influenza and RSV Immunization](#)

In the News

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- Some [flu](#) measures decline, but it's no clear this severe season has peaked
- Maternal flu, Tdap vaccination [cuts risk of](#) infant hospitalization, ED visits
- Novel [cholera](#) vaccine shows promise in phase 1 trial
- Pfizer's [RSV](#) vaccine safe to use during pregnancy
- US respiratory virus activity reaches [high](#) levels as flu, RSV spread

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.

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

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