



## *Week In Review*

**January 27, 2025**

On Tuesday, January 21, President Trump directed federal health agencies, including the CDC, FDA, and NIH, to [pause external communications](#), including regular scientific reports, and updates to websites and health advisories. In a follow up memo, Acting Health Secretary Dr. Dorothy Fink indicated the directive would be in effect through February 1.

*"As the new Administration considers its plan for managing the federal policy and public communications processes, it is important that the President's appointees and designees have the opportunity to review and approve any regulations, guidance documents, and other public documents and communications (including social media)."*

The ICD will strive to keep you informed to the best of our ability during this time.

### *January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month*

The HPV Vaccine is proven to prevent cervical cancer!

#### *Updates*

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

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 2](#)) (**no update this week**)

- ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedules

Food & Drug Administration ([Announcements](#)) (**no update this week**)

- FDA Voices: "Vaccines for [COVID-19](#): A Personal Reflection"

### *2024-2025 Respiratory Disease*

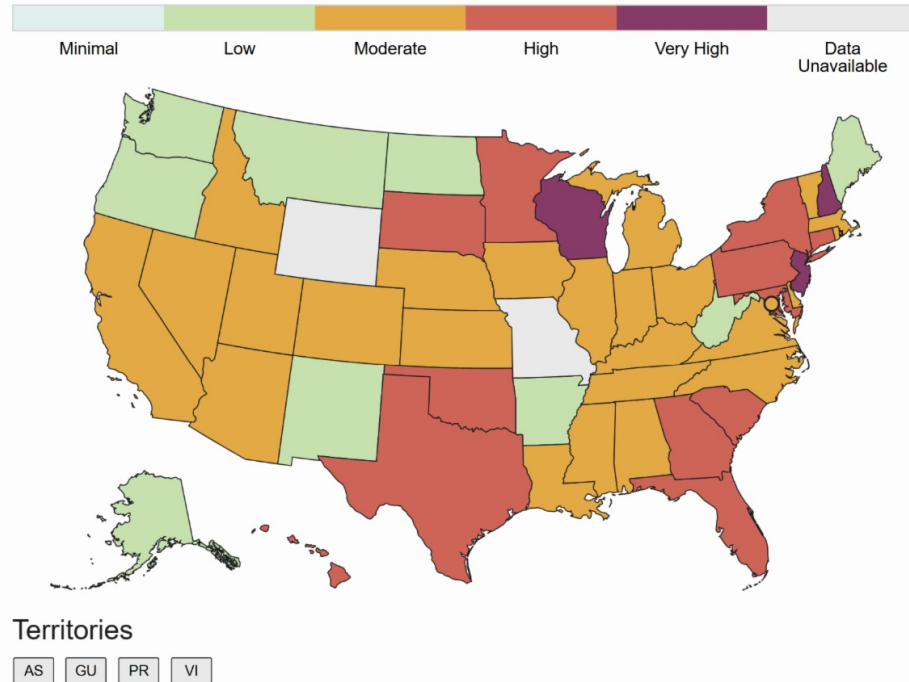
#### *Respiratory Virus Activity Levels*

([CDC.gov](#))

- The amount of acute respiratory illness causing people to seek

- healthcare remains high
- ED visits
  - Diagnosed influenza: very high
  - RSV: moderate
  - COVID-19: low
- Test positivity
  - Influenza: 25%
  - RSV: 8.8%
  - COVID-19: 6.2%
- Wastewater
  - Influenza A: high
  - RSV: moderate
  - COVID-19: moderate

### Acute Respiratory Illness



Data last updated on January 22, 2025 and presented through January 18, 2025. [View this dataset](#) on data.cdc.gov.

## Influenza

Updated: 1/11/2025 ([MyHealthyCommunity.gov](#)) (**not updated**)

	This Week	Total
New Castle	293	1,360
Kent	61	465
Sussex	97	389
Total	451	2,214

Burden of Disease Estimates (since October 1, 2024) (**not updated**):

- Flu illnesses: 12 M - 22 M
- Flu Medical Visits: 5.6 M - 9.8 M
- Flu Hospitalizations: 160,000-340,000

- Flu Deaths: 6,600-32,000

## **COVID-19**

Updated: 1/18/2025 ([MyHealthyCommunity.gov](https://www.myhealthycommunity.gov))

	This Week (total)	Rate (per 100,000)
New Castle	118	20.8
Kent	57	31.7
Sussex	75	32.0
Delaware	250	25.5

## **Avian-Bovine-Human Flu Transmission**

Updated: 1/24/25 ([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 (**not updated**)

- Wild birds: 10,969
- Poultry: 136,327,394
- Jurisdictions with Bird Flu in Wild Birds: 51
- States with Poultry Outbreaks: 50 (Includes DE in New Castle and Kent)

### Cattle (**not updated**)

- States with Cattle Outbreaks: 16
- Dairy Herds Affected: 928

### 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](#)

January 20: Bolivia - Chapare Hemorrhagic Fever

January 14: Tanzania - Suspected Marburg Virus Disease

January 7: Northern Hemisphere - Acute Respiratory Infection

### [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

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

Level 1: Practice Usual Precautions

- Malaria - Ethiopia
  - Marburg - Tanzania
  - Oropouche Fever - Americas
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Issue [1796](#): January 22, 2025

- 2025 US recommended immunization schedules published in MMWR with articles describing changes
- CDC issues HAN Advisory: "Accelerated Subtyping of Influenza A in Hospitalized Patients"
- Standing orders template for administration of Hepatitis B vaccine to children and teens updated
- Notification of Immunization Letter template updated

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

## In the News

### In The News

- Georgia certified [malaria](#) free (WHO)
- HHS funding of mRNA [flu](#) vaccines fuels anti-vaccine debate
- Impacts of state COVID-19 [vaccine mandates](#) for health care workers on

health sector employment in the United States

- NIH-funded study finds cases of [ME/CFS](#) increase following SARS-CoV-2
- Uptake of [recommended vaccines](#) during pregnancy among publicly and privately insured people in the United States, December 2020-September 2022
- Why leaving the [WHO](#) matters

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## ***2025 ICD Quarterly Meetings***

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

- February 27, 2025
- May 22, 2025
- August 28, 2025
- November 20, 2025 (third Thursday)

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

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

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