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## *Week In Review*

**March 16, 2026**

### *Federal Updates*

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ACIP Meeting ([ACIP](#)):

- Next Meeting: March 18-19, 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](#))

- None scheduled

MMWR Weekly (Volume 75, [No 9](#))

- Measles Outbreak - New Mexico, 2025
- Interim Estimates of 2025-2026 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness - United States, September 2025-February 2026
- Interim Estimates of 2025-26 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness - California, October 2025-January 2026

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

- FDA approved Arexvy for use in adults aged 18-49 at increased risk of lower respiratory tract disease caused by RSV ([GSK](#))

## *Respiratory Virus Season, 2025-2026*

#### *Centers for Disease Control & Prevention*

**Last update: March 13** (<https://cdc.gov>)

- Acute respiratory illnesses causing people to seek healthcare is low;

- Seasonal influenza activity: elevated nationally but decreasing in most areas of the country; influenza A activity is decreasing while influenza B activity varies by region.
- 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: very low

**In-Season Disease Burden Estimates  
Influenza:**

Since October 1, 2025:

- Flu Illnesses: 27 - 49 Million
- Flu Medical Visits: 13 - 22 Million
- Flu Hospitalizations: 350,000 - 740,000
- Flu Deaths: 22,000 - 73,000
- Pediatric Deaths: 101

**Delaware Dashboards**

	<b>Flu</b>	<b>COVID</b>	<b>RSV</b>
Wastewater Levels	Very Low	Low	Very Low

*Measles 2025*

[Nationwide](#) (CDC, 3/13/26)

**In 2026:**

1,362 Confirmed Cases, 31 Jurisdictions (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York City, New York State, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin)

- 14 new outbreaks reported in 2026
- 1,281 of confirmed cases are outbreak-associated
- 9 cases reported among international visitors

<b>Age</b>	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Hospitalizations</b>
Under 5	303 (22%)	20 (7%)
5-19 years	737 (54%)	18 (2%)
20+ years	314 (23%)	26 (8%)
Unknown	8 (1%)	1 (13%)

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
- Tracking measles cases in the United States ([CNN](#))

## *From the Experts*

### **EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES®**

#### **Emerging Infectious Disease**

February 2026

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Vaccine Preventable Diseases

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### **Outbreak News**

#### [WHO Disease Outbreak News](#)

March 13: International/Multi-Country - Infant formula and products containing arachidonic acid oil contaminated with cereulide toxin

#### [CDC Outbreak List](#)

February 2026:

- Moringa Leaf Powder Capsules - *Salmonella*

#### [Travel Notices](#)

Level 2: Practice Enhanced Precautions

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

Level 1: Practice Usual Precautions

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

#### **Pertussis Outbreak** ([CDC](#))

- US Cumulative YTD 2026: 2,135
- DE Cumulative YTD 2026: 0



**Issue [1864](#): March 11, 2026**

- MMWR: "Congenital Rubella Syndrome - Florida, 2025"
- Annals of Internal Medicine: "COVID-19 Vaccines for 2025-2026 in Adults Who Are Not Pregnant or Immunocompromised: Rapid Practice Points from the American College of Physicians"

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

## In the News

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- Butantan dengue vaccine estimated to be 81% effective against severe disease for at least 5 years ([naturemedicine](#))
- CDC reports 11 more pediatric flu deaths ([CIDRAP](#))
- First-Ever Implementation Handbook to Accelerate Country Action on Hepatitis Elimination ([WHO](#))
- How health workers are adapting as HPV vaccination rates stall ([PGN](#))
- Interim estimates of 2025-26 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness in the United States ([CDC](#))
- Recent pandemic viruses (including SARS-CoV-2) spread directly to people without adaptation ([CIDRAP](#))
- VRBPAC unanimously endorsed WHO's recommendation for viral strains to be included in flu shots for 2026-2027 flu season, to include a new variant of A(H3N2) subclade K ([CIDRAP](#))
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## 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](#)

### 2026 ICD Quarterly Meetings

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

- May 28, 2026 ([register](#))
- August 27, 2026 ([register](#))
- November 19, 2026 ([register](#))

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

### February Quarterly Meeting

Missed the quarterly meeting?

Check out the slides and the minutes here!

February Slide Deck ([click here](#))  
February Minutes ([click here](#))

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

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