



## *Week In Review*

**March 17, 2025**

### *Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

#### *Continuing Education*

##### **2025 Coalition Collaboration: Shared Learnings for Increasing HPV Vaccination Rates**

Thursday, April 3, from 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Join the American Cancer Society for their second annual collaboration to explore various efforts state immunization programs, immunization coalitions, and cancer coalitions are taking to increase HPV vaccination rates.

[Register Here](#)

#### *Updates*

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

- Postponed to accommodate public comment in advance of the meeting.
- 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

MMWR Weekly ([No 8](#))

- Human cases of HPAI A(H5N1) - California, Sept-Dec 2024

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

- On Thursday, March 13, the FDA, in consultation with federal partners, reviewed the available data and made [recommendations](#) to manufacturers of US-licensed influenza vaccines for the production of updated vaccines for the 2025-2026 flu season.

### *2024-2025 Respiratory Disease*

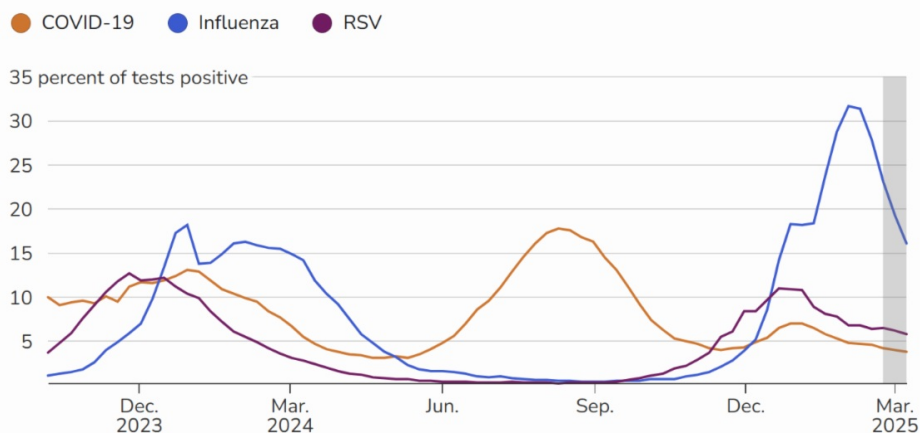
#### *Respiratory Virus Activity Levels*

([CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov), updated March 14, 2025)

- The amount of acute respiratory illness causing people to seek healthcare is moderate
- ED visits
  - Diagnosed influenza: moderate
  - RSV: low
  - COVID-19: low
- Test positivity
  - Influenza: 16.1%
  - RSV: 5.8%
  - COVID-19: 3.8%
- Wastewater
  - Influenza A: moderate
  - RSV: low
  - COVID-19: low
- Predictions: COVID ED visits will remain at a low to very low level; influenza ED visits will remain moderate but are expected to decline

## Percent of Tests Positive for Respiratory Viruses

Weekly percent of tests positive for the viruses that cause COVID-19, influenza, and RSV at the national level. Preliminary data are shaded in gray. Refer to [data notes](#) for more details.



Data last updated on March 13, 2025 and presented through March 8, 2025. [View this dataset](#) on [data.cdc.gov](https://data.cdc.gov).

Image source: CDC

## Influenza

Updated: 3/27/2025 ([MyHealthyCommunity.gov](https://www.myhealthycommunity.gov))

Delaware	This Week	Total
New Castle	155	5,354
Kent	43	1,982
Sussex	120	2,292
Total	318	9,628

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

- Flu illnesses: 41 M - 71 M
- Flu Medical Visits: 19 M - 32 M
- Flu Hospitalizations: 540,000 - 1.2 M
- Flu Deaths: 23,000 - 120,000

## **COVID-19**

Updated: 3/8/2025 ([MyHealthyCommunity.gov](https://myhealthycommunity.gov))

<b>Delaware</b>	This Week (total)	Rate (per 100,000)
New Castle	64	11.3
Kent	34	18.9
Sussex	69	29.5
Delaware	170	17.3

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

Updated: 3/14/2025 ([CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov))

Total Human Cases: 70

Human Deaths: 1

Dairy Herds	Poultry Farms	Other Animal Exposure	Exposure Source Unknown
41	24	2	3

Human Cases

- Person-to-Person spread: NONE
- Current public health risk: LOW

Birds

- Wild birds: 12,510
- Poultry: 166,417,923
- Jurisdictions with Bird Flu in Wild Birds: 51
- States with Poultry Outbreaks: 51 (Includes DE in New Castle and Kent)

Cattle

- States with Cattle Outbreaks: 17
- Dairy Herds Affected: 985

**In the News**

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## **Measles 2025**

[Nationwide](#) (3/13/25)

- 301 cases
  - Alaska (1), California (3), Florida (1), Georgia (3), Kentucky (1), Maryland (1), New Jersey (3), New Mexico (30), New York City

(2), New York State, Pennsylvania (1), Rhode Island (1), Texas (259), Vermont, Washington (1)

- Age Ranges
  - 0-4: 103 (34%)
  - 5-19: 126 (42%)
  - 20+: 63 (21%)
- Vaccination Status
  - Unvaccinated/Unknown: 95%
  - One MMR dose: 3%
  - Two MMR doses: 2%
- Hospitalizations: 50 (17%)
- Deaths: 2

### Texas

- 259 cases, 34 hospitalizations
- 1 death (unvaccinated school-aged child)
- 11 counties affected: Cochran (6), Dallam (6), Dawson (11), Ector (2), Gaines (174), Lamar (4), Lubbock (4), Lynn (2), Martin (3), Terry (36), Yoakum (11)
- Age Ranges:
  - 0-4: 86
  - 5-17: 115
  - 18+: 46
  - Pending: 12
- Vaccination Status:
  - Not vaccinated:
  - Unknown: 257
  - Vaccinated with at least one dose: 2

### New Mexico

- 35 cases, 2 hospitalizations
- 1 death (unvaccinated adult)
- 2 counties affected: Lea (33), Eddy (2)
- Age Ranges:
  - 0-4: 5
  - 5-17: 10
  - 18+: 19
  - Pending: 1
- Vaccination Status:
  - Not vaccinated: 28
  - Unknown: 5
  - Vaccinated with at least one dose: 2

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

## *From the Experts*

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***Outbreak News***

[WHO Disease Outbreak News](#)

March 3: DRC (Equateur) - Cluster of Community Deaths  
March 8: Uganda - Sudan Virus Disease  
March 13: Saudi Arabia - MERS CoV  
March 13: Tanzania - Marburg Virus Disease

### [CDC Outbreak List](#)

March 2025: Geckos - *Salmonella*  
February 2025: Supplement Shakes - *Listeria*

### [Travel Notices](#)

Level 2: Practice Enhanced Precautions

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

Level 1: Practice Usual Precautions

- Global - Dengue, Measles
- Malaria - Ethiopia
- Marburg - Tanzania
- Oropouche Fever - Americas



Issue [1803](#): March 12, 2025

- CDC issues Health Alert Network ([HAN](#)) Health Advisory on expanding measles outbreak in the United States
- Second US measles death announced
- CDC posts revisions to 17 VISs in compliance with Presidential Executive Orders
- National Infant Immunization Week is April 21-28

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

## *In the News*

### *In The News*

- Tecovirimat is safe but ineffective as treatment for clade II [mpox](#)
- Conversations [spike](#) after CDC announces study of debunked autism-vaccine link

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### *2025 ICD Quarterly Meetings*

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

- 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.

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

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