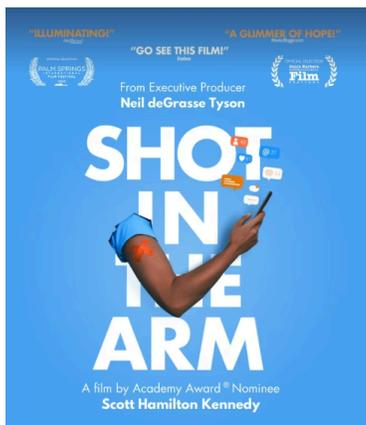




Week In Review

March 2, 2026



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](#)):

- 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](#))

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

MMWR Weekly (Volume 75, [No 6](#))

- 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 27 (<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: moderate
- Pediatric deaths this season: 79 (8 this week)

In-Season Disease Burden Estimates

Influenza:

Since October 1, 2025:

- Flu Illnesses: 25 - 45 Million
- Flu Medical Visits: 12 - 20 Million
- Flu Hospitalizations: 330,000 - 690,000
- Flu Deaths: 20,000 - 69,000
- Pediatric Deaths: 79

Delaware Dashboards

	Flu	COVID	RSV
Wastewater Levels	Very Low	High	Very Low

Measles 2025

[Nationwide](#) (CDC, 2/27/26)

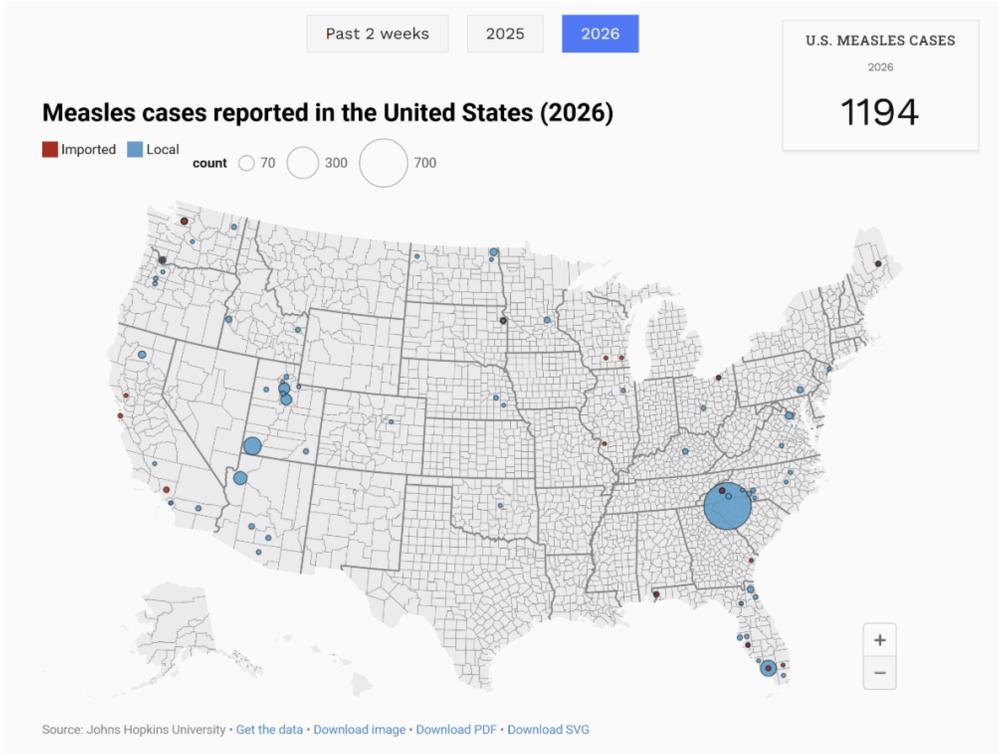
In 2026:

1,136 Confirmed Cases, 28 Jurisdictions (Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, 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)

- 10 new outbreaks reported in 2026
- 1,023 of confirmed cases are outbreak-associated
- 6 cases reported among international visitors

Age	Cases	Hospitalizations

Under 5	278 (24%)	20 (7%)
5-19 years	653 (57%)	17 (3%)
20+ years	198 (17%)	20 (10%)
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
- 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: 1,570
- DE Cumulative YTD 2026: 0



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- ACOG releases updated guidance on maternal vaccination to protect pregnant women and their infants
- CDC's ACIP meeting for February 25-27 postponed; new dates announced for March 18-19
- "Respiratory virus activity - United States, July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025" published in MMWR
- "COVID-19 antiviral prescription receipt among outpatients ≥ 65 years - United States, June 1, 2023 - September 30, 2025" published in MMWR
- Florida's confirmed measles cases rise ahead of spring break travel season
- Respiratory virus concerns headed into spring break - elevated influenza and RSV activity
- Video: "Can you benefit from the influenza vaccine if you have already had the flu this season?"

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

In the News

In The News

- Can the chickenpox vaccine cause shingles? ([PGN](#))
- European regulators recommend approval of Moderna's combined mRNA vaccine for flu and COVID ([CIDRAP](#))
- HepB vaccination rates among US newborns dropped more than 10% in the past two years ([JAMA](#))

- MenB vaccine vails to prevent gonorrhea ([Kirby Institute](#))
- Recommendations for influenza vaccine composition for the 2026-2027 northern hemisphere season, includes subclade K that started to increase last fall ([WHO](#))
- Three wild WPV1 cases and two WPV1+ environmental samples (Afghanistan), one WPV1+ environmental sample (Pakistan) and several cVDPV2 cases reported this week ([Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#))

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.

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