



Week In Review

March 23, 2026

Federal Updates

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ACIP Meeting ([ACIP](#)):

- Next Meeting: March 18-19, 2026
- Meeting likely prevented by federal judge's decision ([AHCJ](#))

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

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- Early detection and surveillance of the SARS-CoV-2 variant BA.3.2 - worldwide, November 2024-February 2026

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

- FDA launches [Adverse Event Monitoring System](#) (AEMS), to consolidate multiple reporting systems (to include medical products, vaccines, tobacco, food, etc.)

Respiratory Virus Season, 2025-2026

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Last update: March 20 (<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, has peaked in many regions of the country
- COVID-19 activity: decreasing in most areas of the country
- Delaware level of respiratory illness activity: very low

In-Season Disease Burden Estimates

Influenza:

Since October 1, 2025:

- Flu Illnesses: 28 - 49 Million
- Flu Medical Visits: 13 - 22 Million
- Flu Hospitalizations: 360,000 - 740,000
- Flu Deaths: 22,000 - 74,000
- Pediatric Deaths: 115

Delaware Dashboards

	Flu	COVID	RSV
Wastewater Levels	Very Low	Moderate	Very Low

Measles 2025

[Nationwide](#) (CDC, 3/20/26)

In 2026:

1,487 Confirmed Cases, 32 Jurisdictions (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, 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
- 1,398 of confirmed cases are outbreak-associated
- 9 cases reported among international visitors

Age	Cases	Hospitalizations
Under 5	314 (21%)	23 (7%)
5-19 years	781 (53%)	23 (3%)
20+ years	385 (26%)	27 (7%)
Unknown	7 (0%)	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](#)

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

[CDC Outbreak List](#)

March 2026:

- Raw Cheddar Cheese - *E. Coli*

[Travel Notices](#)

Level 2: Practice Enhanced Precautions

- Yellow Fever - Venezuela
- 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: 2,355
- DE Cumulative YTD 2026: 0



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- MMWR Publishes "Interim Estimates of 2025-26 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness, United States, September 2025-February 2026"
- MMWR publishes "Measles Outbreak - New Mexico, 2025"
- New CDC resources with checklist of actions to take in first 10 minutes
- Adolescent Immunization Week is April 6-10
- FDA launches dashboard called Adverse Event Monitoring System to display data from multiple reporting systems, including vaccine adverse events

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

In the News

In The News

- Avian flu hits farms in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Michigan, and Indiana ([USDA](#))
- Credibility, tone important in vaccine-related social media posts ([JAMA](#))
- Danish University places hold on controversial hepatitis B vaccine study in Guinea-Bissau ([CIDRAP](#))
- Doctors warn of deadly complication from measles ([PGN](#))
- Early official COVID death tolls may have undercounted by 19% ([Science Advances](#))
- Global Polio Eradication Initiative reports one wild type polio case in Afghanistan this week ([GPEI](#))
- Midwife-led perinatal care in Canada tied to lower childhood vaccination rates ([Vaccine](#))
- University of Kent meningitis outbreak in England has expanded to 29 confirmed or probable infections; authorities offer meningitis B vaccine to roughly 5,000 students. ([Gov.uk](#)) Two students have died.

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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