



Week In Review

March 3, 2025

Updates

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

- Postponed to accommodate public comment in advance of the meeting.
- Agenda available: [here](#)
- Politico reports that RFK, Jr. plans to [replace](#) members he perceives to have conflict of interest

COCA Call ([COCA](#)). COCA Calls are held from 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET.

- None listed.

Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee ([VRBPAC](#))

- **March Meeting Cancelled**

MMWR Weekly ([No 6](#))

- Interim estimates of 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness among adults aged 18+ years - VISION and IVY Networks (Sept 2024-Jan 2025)
- Interim estimates of 2024-2025 seasonal influenza vaccine effectiveness - four vaccine effectiveness networks (Oct 2024-Feb 2025)
- Reports of encephalopathy among children with influenza-associated mortality (2010-11 through 2024-25 seasons)
- Trends in cervical precancers identified through population-based surveillance - HPV vaccine impact monitoring project
- Avian influenza A(H5) subtype in wastewater

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

- None

2024-2025 Respiratory Disease

Respiratory Virus Activity Levels

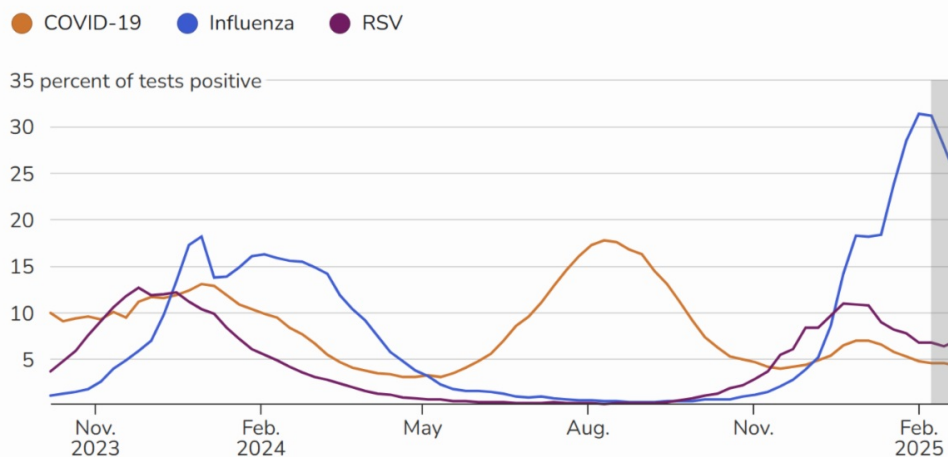
([CDC.gov](#), updated February 28, 2025)

- The amount of acute respiratory illness causing people to seek healthcare is moderate
- ED visits
 - Diagnosed influenza: high
 - RSV: moderate
 - COVID-19: low
- Test positivity

- Influenza: 24.5%
- RSV: 7.1%
- COVID-19: 4.3%
- Wastewater
 - Influenza A: high
 - RSV: low
 - COVID-19: moderate
- Predictions: COVID ED visits will remain at a low to very low level; influenza ED visits will remain high 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 February 27, 2025 and presented through February 22, 2025. [View this dataset](#) on data.cdc.gov.

Image source: CDC

From the [AMA](#): What's the latest on seasonal flu in 2025?

Influenza

Updated: 2/21/2025 ([MyHealthyCommunity.gov](#))

Delaware	This Week	Total
New Castle	387	4,860
Kent	131	1,795
Sussex	208	1,992
Total	726	8,647

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

- Flu illnesses: 37 M - 66 M

- Flu Medical Visits: 17 M - 29 M
- Flu Hospitalizations: 480,000 - 1 M
- Flu Deaths: 21,000 - 100,000

COVID-19

Updated: 2/22/2025 ([MyHealthyCommunity.gov](https://myhealthycommunity.gov))

Delaware	This Week (total)	Rate (per 100,000)
New Castle	82	14.4
Kent	31	17.2
Sussex	74	31.6
Delaware	192	19.6

Avian-Bovine-Human Flu Transmission

Updated: 2/28/2025 ([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: 12,215
- Poultry: 166,198,358
- 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: 976

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Measles 2025

[Nationwide](#) (2/27/25)

- 164 cases
- Age Ranges
 - 0-4: 55 (34%)
 - 5-19: 79 (48%)
 - 20+: 29 (18%)
- Vaccination Status
 - Unvaccinated/Unknown: 95%

- One MMR dose: 3%
- Two MMR doses: 2%
- Hospitalizations: 32 (20%)
- Deaths: 1

Texas

- 146 cases, 20 hospitalizations
- 1 death (unvaccinated school-aged child)
- 9 counties affected: Dallam (4), Dawson (8), Ector (2), Gaines (98), Lubbock (2), Lynn (2), Martin (3), Terry (21), Yoakum (6)
- Age Ranges:
 - 0-4: 46
 - 5-17: 70
 - 18+: 25
 - Pending: 5
- Vaccination Status:
 - Not vaccinated: 79
 - Unknown: 62
 - Vaccinated with at least one dose: 5

New Mexico

- 9 cases
- 1 county (Lea)
- Age Ranges:
 - 0-4: 0
 - 5-17: 4
 - 18+: 5

New Jersey: 3 cases

Pennsylvania: 1 case

From the Experts

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Outbreak News

WHO Disease Outbreak News

February 14: Tanzania - Marburg Virus Disease

February 21: Uganda - Sudan Virus Disease

CDC Outbreak List

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 [1801](#): February 26, 2025

- "Genomic and wastewater surveillance data to guide a hepatitis A outbreak response - LA County, March 2024-June 2024"
- Worst influenza season in 15 years continues to be severe across the country, vaccination can still protect

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

In the News

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- Humanitarian access improves quality of [polio](#) vaccination campaign in the Gaza Strip (almost 603,000 children under 10 years old vaccinated)
- Preprint study resurfacing [misleading](#) 'long vax' claims sparks conversation
- Third meeting of the IHR Emergency Committee regarding the upsurge of [mpox 2024](#)
- WHO: Recommendations announced for [influenza vaccine composition](#) for the 2025-2026 northern hemisphere influenza season
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2025 ICD Quarterly Meetings

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

- February 27, 2025 ([register](#))
- 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.

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

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