



Week In Review

March 9, 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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February Quarterly Meeting

Missed the quarterly meeting?

Check out the slides and the minutes here!

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

February Minutes ([click here](#))

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.

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- Kaposi Sarcoma-associated herpesvirus infection and complications among solid organ transplant recipients, United States, January 2021-September 2025
- Notes: Congenital Rubella Syndrome, Florida, 2025

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

- None

Respiratory Virus Season, 2025-2026

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Last update: March 6 (<https://cdc.gov>)

- Acute respiratory illnesses causing people to seek healthcare is at a low level;
- Seasonal influenza activity: elevated nationally; 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
- Pediatric deaths this season: 90 (11 this week)

In-Season Disease Burden Estimates

Influenza:

Since October 1, 2025:

- Flu Illnesses: 26 - 47 Million
- Flu Medical Visits: 12 - 21 Million
- Flu Hospitalizations: 340,000 - 710,000
- Flu Deaths: 21,000 - 72,000
- Pediatric Deaths: 79

Delaware Dashboards

	Flu	COVID	RSV
Wastewater Levels	Very Low	High	Very Low

Measles 2025

[Nationwide](#) (CDC, 3/06/26)

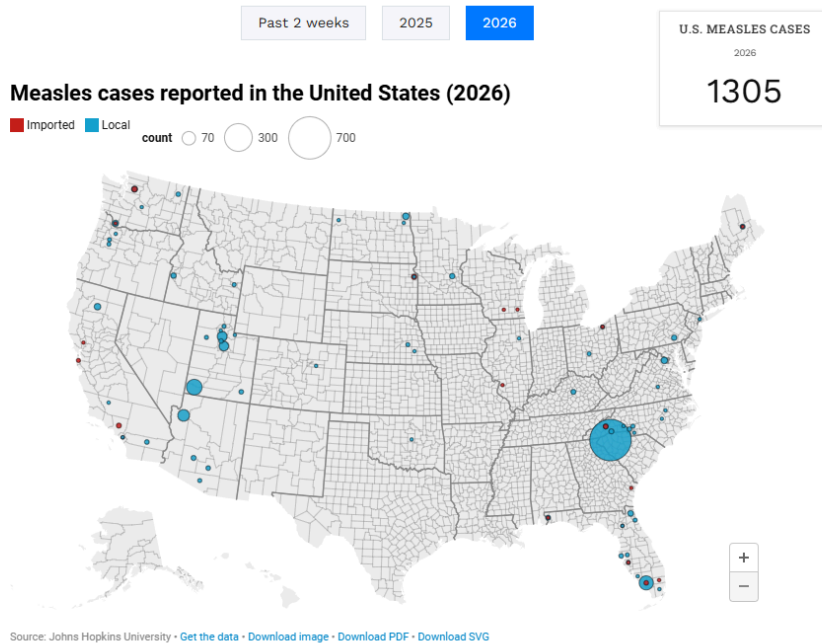
In 2026:

1,281 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)

- 12 new outbreaks reported in 2026
- 1,277 of confirmed cases are outbreak-associated
- 4 cases reported among international visitors

Age	Cases	Hospitalizations
Under 5	291 (23%)	20 (7%)
5-19 years	698 (54%)	18 (3%)
20+ years	286 (22%)	23 (8%)
Unknown	6 (0%)	1 (17%)



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

- **Polio - Global**
- Clade II Monkeypox - Liberia, Ghana
- 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: 1,784
- DE Cumulative YTD 2026: 0



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- State Public Health Immunization Recommendations web page
- "Leading Medical Organizations Endorse Strong School and Childcare Vaccination Requirements and Elimination of Non-Medical Exemptions"
- Vaccine Storage Emergency Response Worksheet
- Video: "Is Influenza Vaccination Important During Pregnancy?"

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

In the News

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- Antibodies elicited by the 2025-2026 Influenza Vaccine ([NJEM](#))
- Avian flu detected at 20 commercial poultry operations ([CIDRAP](#))
- Babies with COVID-19 develop more serious disease than those with RSV, US data reveal ([CIDRAP](#))
- More Illness, Greater Cost: Childhood Immunizations ([Common Health Coalition](#))

- Most Americans lack confidence in health info from federal leaders ([AMA](#))
- Statement of the 44th Meeting of the Polio IHR Emergency Committee ([WHO](#))
- Trump administration's embattled FDA vaccine chief is leaving for the second time ([AP](#))

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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