

# Week In Review

### October 16, 2023



The 2023 Immunization Summit will be held on **Thursday, December 7**, **2023** at Bally's Dover Casino Resort from **1:00 - 6:00pm**!

Topics will include Respiratory Syncytial Viruses, Delaware Updates, Vaccine Hesitancy, Hepatitis A&B, and Emergring Vaccines.

The Medical Society of Delaware designates this live activity for a maximum of **5.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit**<sup> $\mathrm{TM}$ </sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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#### **Updates**

ACIP Meeting (ACIP)

• October 25-26, 2023. Day 1: vaccines for meningococcal disease, Mpox, RSV (adults), influenza. Day 2: Combined immunization schedules, chikungunya & dengue vaccine, COVID-19 vaccines, pneumococcal

vaccines.

COCA Call (COCA)

• None listed.

Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC)

• None listed.

MMWR Weekly (No 41)

• Use of the Pfizer RSV vaccine during pregnancy for the prevention of RSV-associated lower respiratory disease in infants: ACIP recommendations

Food & Drug Administration (Announcements)

• None



#### 2023-2024 Flu Season Now Underway!

As the temperatures start to drop and the leaves begin to change, the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) marks the start of 2023-2024 influenza (flu) season.

This year, Australia and New Zealand had a particularly active flu season. As the spread of RSV and COVID-19 variants continue, and the possibility that an active flu season is ahead, the DPH recommends Delaware residents get their flu vaccines as soon as possible.

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Week 40 (ending October 7)

- 1.1% positivity
- Most frequent virus: A(H1N1)
- Outpatient Respiratory Illness: 2.2%

# EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES®

**October 2023** Volume 29, Issue 10 Congenital Syphilis

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## **Outbreak** News

<u>WHO Disease Outbreak News</u> October 3: Nipah Virus Infection - India



CDC Outbreak List

#### August

- Small Turtles Salmonella infections
- Ice Cream *Listeria* infections

#### Travel Notices

Alert, Level 2

- Diphtheria Guinea, Nigeria, Vietnam, Niger
- Global Polio

Watch, Level 1

- Nipah Virus India
- Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Afghanistan
- Global Measles
- Dengue the Americas, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and the Pacific Islands



#### Issue <u>1718</u>: October 11, 2023

- FDA authorizes Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted (2023–2024 Formula) for people age 12 and older; CDC recommends use as authorized
- CDC issues updated standing order templates for 2023–2024 formula COVID-19 mRNA vaccines; standing orders for updated Novavax COVID-19 vaccine to follow
- "Use of the Pfizer Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccine during Pregnancy for the Prevention of Respiratory Syncytial Virus–Associated Lower Respiratory Tract Disease in Infants: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices—United States, 2023" published in MMWR Early Release
- Two studies from CDC's MMWR show RSV causes serious illness in older adults

## **Community Mobile Health Units**

DPH <u>Mobile Health Units</u> provide HIV testing, counseling, and referral; COVID-19 testing and vaccines; blood lead testing; flu vaccines; and educational and resource connections. Click for weekly mobile unit times and locations.



- Study reveals how young children's immune systems tame <u>SARS-CoV-2</u>
- WHO: New funding to ensure that 370 million children receive polio vaccinations and to boost health innovation in low-income countries





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