



Week In Review

September 21, 2026

Webinars

Join AIM's upcoming walk through of their **State Vaccine Legislation Report**. During this 45 minute webinar, AIM staff will unpack key findings from the report, examine thematic and cross-state trends in vaccine-related legislation, and highlight notable policy developments and bill outcomes.

Monday, September 28
12:00 - 1:00 ET

Register here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZAPkc9YIRteqS5-MG0pLw#/registration

Join Moderna's upcoming expert-led presentation **introducing mFLUSIVA** (Influenza Vaccine, mRNA), with shared clinical perspectives to support confident vaccine recommendations.

Three Dates Available:

Wed, September 30, 3:30 - 4:30 pm ([register](#))

Thurs, October 1, 12:00 - 1:00 pm ([register](#))

Thurs, October 8, 4:00 - 5:00 pm ([register](#))

Respiratory Viruses

Respiratory Vaccine Effectiveness & Safety

Vaccine Integrity Project (VIP) at the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) and the American Medical Association (AMA) published the results of their independent evidenciary review of respiratory vaccines in JAMA:

[Influenza](#)
[COVID-19](#)
[RSV](#)

Respiratory Vaccine Recommendations

([click here](#))

"Physicians know that patients may have questions about vaccines and are ready to have conversations about why they are important and how they help protect you and your loved ones," Sarah C. Nosal, MD, president of the AAFP board of directors, said in the press briefing. "Staying up to date on vaccines is one of the best ways to keep the country healthy."

Respiratory Virus Immunization Recommendations

ALIGNED WITH EVIDENCE AND GUIDANCE FROM:



	Influenza (flu)	Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	COVID-19
Children and Adolescents 0-18 years	Annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months+	All infants <8 months, if no protection from RSV vaccine during pregnancy and children 8-19 months in certain risk groups	All young children ages 6-23 months and children 2-18 years in certain risk groups or if desired
Pregnancy	Annual flu vaccine (avoid nasal spray flu vaccine)	One-time RSV vaccine in first eligible pregnancy if 32-36 weeks pregnant, given between September 1 and March 1	Annual updated COVID-19 vaccine
Adults 19-64 years	Annual flu vaccine for all adults ages 19+	One-time RSV vaccine for adults ages 50-74 at increased risk of severe RSV	Annual updated COVID-19 vaccine
Older Adults 65+ years	Annual flu vaccine for all adults, high dose for 65+, if possible	One-time RSV vaccine recommended for adults ages 50-74 at increased risk and all adults age 75+	Annual updated COVID-19 vaccine for adults 65+, followed by a second dose 6 months later to boost protection
Immunocompromised	Annual flu vaccine for those ages ≥6 months (avoid nasal spray flu vaccine)	Single dose of RSV vaccine for those ages ≥18 years and for those ages <18 years, administration should be guided by shared decision making	Annual updated COVID-19 vaccine for those ages ≥6 months
Healthcare Personnel	Annual flu vaccine	Follow age- and risk-based RSV vaccine recommendations	Annual updated COVID-19 vaccine

Measles 2025

[Nationwide](#) (CDC, 9/18/26)

In 2026:

3,471 Confirmed Cases, 47 Jurisdictions (including **Delaware (23)**, District of Colombia (1), Maryland (41), New Jersey (1), Pennsylvania (745), and Virginia (178))

- 39 new outbreaks reported in 2026
- 3,296 of confirmed cases are outbreak-associated
- 17 cases reported among international visitors
- Vaccination Status
 - Unvaccinated/Unknown: 95%
 - One MMR Dose: 3%
 - Two MMR Doses: 3%
- Deaths: 4* (The CDC does not include the four deaths in PA from or due to measles, instead writes "The National Center for Health Statistics does not currently have any death records from 2026 that indicate measles is the underlying cause").

Age	Cases	Hospitalizations
Under 5	629 (18%)	83 (13%)
5-19 years	1,519 (44%)	62 (4%)
20+ years	1,305 (38%)	156 (12%)
Unknown	18 (1%)	0

Johns Hopkins [Measles Tracker](#) and [Dashboard](#): 3,568 cases in 2026

[ICD's Measles Update Page](#) for more granular information.

Other News

- Fourth measles death reported in PA; acute disseminated encephalomyelitis ([AP](#))

Delaware Measles Outbreak

The Division of Public Health is reporting **23 positive measles cases**. The CDC defines an outbreak as three or more cases connected by time and location.

The cases identified to date are all in Kent County

- Adults 20+: 13
- Adolescents 10-19 years: 2
- Children 0-9 years: 8

Read More

- Delaware Declares a [Measles Outbreak](#)
- DPH [measles](#) information page

News

- Out of state measles patient visits Sussex County; Heightened awareness and vaccination encouraged for all Delawareans ([DPH](#))

*From the Experts**Worldwide***WHO Disease Outbreaks**

September 10 Update: Ebola Disease (Bundibugyo Virus) - DRC

- Sustained transmission within interconnected geographic clusters
- 6,757 confirmed cases; 3,267 deaths (CFR 48.3%)
- 6 provinces: Ituri, North Kivu, South Kivu, Haut-Uele, Tshopo, Bas-Uele
- 61 health zones affected
- Transmission dynamics are variable across affected locations
- Evidence of geographical expansion and sustained increase in some health zones

WHO News

- WHO member states advance negotiations on pathogen access and benefit-sharing ahead of UN General Assembly meeting on pandemics ([WHO](#))

CDC Travel Notices

Level 4: Avoid All Travel

- **Ebola Bundibugyo Virus Disease - DRC (Ituri and Nord-Kivu Provinces).** The CDC recommends avoiding all travel unless traveling for humanitarian aid or emergency response.

Level 3: Reconsider Nonessential Travel

- **Ebola Bundibugyo Virus Disease - DRC (Haut-Uele and Tshopo Provinces).**

Level 2: Practice Enhanced Precautions

- Yellow Fever - Colombia
- Ebola Bundibugyo Virus Disease - DRC (provinces not affected by the current BVD outbreak), Uganda
- Chikungunya - Nicaragua
- Zika - Indonesia

Level 1: Practice Usual Precautions

- Hepatitis A - Costa Rica
- Paratyphoid Fever - Yemen
- Diphtheria - Sub-Saharan Africa
- Andes Virus (Hantavirus) in South America
- Global - Dengue, Measles

*From the CDC***ACIP Meeting ([ACIP](#))**

- Next meeting scheduled for October 21-23

COCA Call

- None scheduled.

Emerging Infectious Disease ([EID](#)):

- September 2026: Fungal Infections

FluView Update

- Pediatric deaths reported, total: 192 ([week 34](#))

Health Alert Network ([HAN](#))

- 9/10/26: Nationwide increase in reported human rabies exposures: Rabies post-exposure prophylaxis administration

MMWR Weekly Report (Vol 75, No [36](#))

- No infectious disease reports in this issue.

Outbreak List ([CDC](#)):

- September
 - *Salmonella* - Broccoli Sprouts

Pertussis Outbreak ([CDC Stacks](#)):

- YTD Cases: 8,699
- Delaware Cases: 0

FDA

- FDA approves updated COVID-19 vaccines ([CIDRAP](#))
 - Pfizer (Comirnaty XFG): adults 65+, 5-64 yr with underlying condition
 - Moderna (Spikevax): adults 65+, 6m-64y with underlying condition
 - Moderna (mNEXSPIKE): adults 65+, 12-65y with underlying condition
 - Sanofi (Nuvaxovid): adults 65+, 12-65y at high risk
 - AHIP states members will cover the total cost of vaccines recommended by a CDC committee at least until the end of 2027

Immunize.org

Issue [1893](#): September 16, 2026



- Adult influenza standing orders template and other 2026-27 influenza vaccination resources published
- RSV immunization standing orders templates, including relevant medical society guidance for 2026-27, published
- CDC updates mpox vaccine guidance with new data on traveller risk, booster doses, clinical considerations, and durability of immunity
- Ask the Experts Video: "What is the Vaccines for Children Program and Who is Eligible?"

Ask the Experts: [Measles Mumps, Rubella, and MMR Vaccination](#)

In the News

- Families of kids with complex medical needs worry about frequent measles outbreaks ([CIDRAP](#))
- Kennedy names 8 new members to preventive services task force ([CIDRAP](#))
- Kennedy questions vaccine safety at Children's Health Defense event ([CIDRAP](#))

Continuing Education

Communicate to Vaccinate

State of the State 12:40 - 1:10 pm Neil Hockstein, MD Delaware State Surgeon General	Immunization Schedule Changes for Children and Adults 1:10-1:40 pm Stephen C. Eppes, MD Delaware Academy of Medicine & Public Health
Communication About Vaccines 2:00 - 2:50 pm Sean O'Leary, MD, MPH University of Colorado, Denver	Influenza in Delaware 2:50 - 3:40 pm Sarah Czukiewski State of Delaware
Overview of Adult Vaccines & Immunization in Delaware 4:00 - 4:50 pm John O'Neill, DO ChristianaCare	

Register Here

Helpful Links

- Center for Unbiased Science & Health: [Evidence-Based Risk Visualization](#) for Measles vaccine vs. disease
- Common Health Coalition: [Vaccine Resources](#)
- Moderna Atlas: [Educational Resources](#)

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](#)

ICD's August Quarterly Meeting

Missed the Quarterly meeting? We've got you covered.

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

2026 ICD Quarterly Meetings

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

- November 19, 2026 ([register](#))

The meetings will be held on zoom, unless otherwise specified.

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<https://www.immunizedelaware.org/>

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