



Week In Review

September 8, 2026

Webinars

Join AIM's upcoming vaccine confidence webinar, **The Science of Vaccine Communication: Research to Practice.**

Friday, September 18

12:00 - 1:00 ET

Register here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0KgKOypKSyyxAD66QHf3Dw#/registration

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, 9/03/26)

In 2026:

3,134 Confirmed Cases, 47 Jurisdictions (including **Delaware (23)**, District of Colombia (1), Maryland (40), New Jersey (1), Pennsylvania (557), and Virginia (178))

- 38 new outbreaks reported in 2026
- 2,969 of confirmed cases are outbreak-associated
- 16 cases reported among international visitors
- Vaccination Status

- Unvaccinated/Unknown: 94%
- One MMR Dose: 3%
- Two MMR Doses: 3%

Age	Cases	Hospitalizations
Under 5	575 (18%)	61 (11%)
5-19 years	1,418 (45%)	55 (4%)
20+ years	1,127 (34%)	132 (12%)
Unknown	14 (< 1%)	0

Johns Hopkins [Measles Tracker](#) and [Dashboard](#): 3,231 cases in 2026

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

Delaware Measles Outbreak

The Division of Public Health is now 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

From the Experts

Worldwide

WHO Disease Outbreaks

August 28 Update: Ebola Disease (Bundibugyo Virus) - DRC

- DRC
 - Sustained transmission within interconnected geographic clusters
 - 5,794 confirmed cases; 2,786 deaths (CFR 48.1%)
 - 6 provinces: Ituri, North Kivu, South Kivu, Haut-Uele, Tshopo, Bas-Uele
 - 60 health zones affected
 - CFR underscores severity and ongoing challenges related to timely case detection, access to and quality of care, and interruption of transmission
 - Outbreak remains a public health emergency of international concern

WHO News

- Global initiative launched to improve access to [mpox](#) vaccines

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

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

Level 1: Practice Usual Precautions

- 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](#))

- 8/11/2026: Risk of Severe Arboviral Disease in Patients Receiving B Cell-Depleting or Modulating Medications

MMWR Weekly Report (Vol 75, No [34](#))

- Vaccination coverage among adolescents aged 13-17 years - National Immunization Survey-Teen, United States, 2025

Outbreak List ([CDC](#)):

- August
 - *Salmonella* - linked to Jalapenos
 - *Salmonella* - linked to turtles
 - E. Coli and Salmonella - linked to alfalfa sprouts

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

- YTD Cases: 8,227
- 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 [1891](#): September, 2026



- 2026-27 Influenza Vaccination resources updated
- FDA licenses updated COVID-19 vaccines
- Ask the Experts: updated varicella section

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

In the News

- COVID-19 may trigger the same immune pathway as lupus ([Immunity](#))
- Ebola case counts reach 6,250 in DRC outbreak ([Reuters](#))
- HPV vaccine uptake in US teens hasn't increased in 4 years ([CIDRAP](#))
- Lancaster County coroner says measles caused second infant death ([CIDRAP](#))
- RSV vaccine effective against hospitalization, death in nursing home residents ([JAMA IM](#))

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	

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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