



## *Week in Review*

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### *September 19, 2016*

#### **ZIKA: A CASE STUDY IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACROSS THE PUBLIC HEALTH CONTINUUM**

Friday, September 23, 2016

12:00 PM-1:30PM

Rayburn House Office Building, Room B369

Washington, DC

RSVP to [crdfellow@dc-crd.com](mailto:crdfellow@dc-crd.com)

#### **2016 HEALTH SUMMIT: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

Friday, December 9, 2016

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Gateway Conference Center

Wilmington Hospital

Registration opening soon

#### **From our friends at Every Child By Two:**

<http://www.news9.com/story/33105011/mumps-outbreak-causes-concern-in-enid-schools>

**"Mumps Outbreak Causes Concern In Enid Schools" News 9 (OK) (September 15, 2016)**

- "Enid schools are putting parents on high alert for cases of the mumps after two students tested positive for the disease. Despite being a required immunization, the mumps vaccine is only 88% effective. Four cases of mumps were confirmed this week in Garfield County, the state Department of Health reported Wednesday night. The age range for those currently affected is from 1 to 41 years of age, including students at Longfellow Middle School and Enid High School. The Garfield County health department is also investigating at least 34 more cases... Enid Public Schools administrators are now telling students to stay home for five days at the first signs of fever and aches. Superintendent Dr. Darrell Floyd says, 'It's not the most conducive thing for students to not be coming to school, but also we have the entire health of our 8,000 student population and our employees to consider as well.'"

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/a-flu-shot-is-the-best-defense-this-year-1473685200?mg=id-wsj>

**"A Flu Shot Is the Best Defense This Year" *The Wall Street Journal* (September 12, 2016)**

- "Health officials are warning that a popular nasal-spray vaccine isn't sufficiently effective to prevent the flu, and pediatricians worry many parents won't get their children vaccinated this year. The result could be that more people fall sick this flu season, which can begin as early as October. A flu shot is the only recommended option to get vaccinated, but some parents may

skip the painful procedure for their children. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently adopted a committee's recommendation that people shouldn't get the nasal-spray vaccine, called FluMist, for the 2016-2017 influenza season. A CDC review found the spray vaccine provided insufficient protection against the flu in recent years."

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/tarahaelle/2016/09/11/dr-bob-sears-could-lose-license-for-medical-negligence-not-vaccine-choice/#2f04af9a7d17>

**"Dr. Bob Sears Could Lose License For Medical Negligence -- Not Vaccine Choice" *Forbes* (September 11, 2016)** - "Some of the biggest news in the medical and vaccine worlds right now is that southern California pediatrician Bob Sears is at risk of losing his medical license for exempting a toddler from all vaccines for the rest of his childhood without adequately documented medical reasons. And if that were the only thing you knew about Sears - or about the complaint - it may seem a relatively minor offense. But in fact, writing a potentially spurious medical exemption - while serious in itself given the medical notes he wrote - is just the tip of an iceberg in the sea of Sears' alleged medical negligence and harms to public health. Known as a vociferous, and vitriolic, critic of both California's mandatory vaccination law SB 277 - promoting 'vaccine choice' - and the CDC's recommended immunization schedule, Sears has made a name for himself by fear-mongering about vaccines while creating and promoting an 'alternative vaccination schedule' that skips and/or delays vaccines that are crucial to protecting children from vaccine-preventable illnesses. The very low immunization rates in Southern California, where Sears practices, has been noted as a contributor to the Disneyland measles outbreak in 2015."

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**"N.J. Kids Skipping Vaccines Jumps 400 Percent; Here's Where They're From" *Hoboken Patch* (NJ) (September 12, 2016)** - "The number of New Jersey students who skip vaccines has jumped more than 400 percent in past decade, and the state has identified where they live. The state Department of Health recently released a report that shows the number and percentage of children with religious exemptions from vaccines, by grade and county, in New Jersey - and the results are staggering. That total number is a whopping 9,506 school kids - more than five times the number in 2006, which was 1,644, according to state data. Religious exemption is the typical reason many people cite for not getting their kids vaccinated if they believe it's dangerous, state officials say... The skyrocketing numbers have caught the attention of some lawmakers who want to do more to encourage people to get their children vaccinated. Assemblyman Herb Conaway Jr., a Democrat in Burlington and a physician who has chaired the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee, noted that several parts of the country have endured measles outbreaks, probably because of declining vaccinations."

**From npr:**

<http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2016/09/15/493982110/yes-it-is-possible-to-get-your-flu-shot-too-soon>

**Yes, It Is Possible To Get Your Flu Shot Too Soon**

**From the Immunization Action Coalition, IAC Express #1265 September 14, 2016:**

<http://www.immunize.org/express/issue1265.asp#Top>

**TOP STORIES**

- [AAP issues recommendations for influenza vaccination for 2016–2017 season](#)
- [CDC and WHO report on global cessation of trivalent OPV use in \*MMWR\* and \*Weekly Epidemiological Report\*, respectively](#)
- [MMWR reports on varicella outbreak associated with riding on a bus in Michigan](#)

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