

Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review 20 September 2025 :: Issue 814 Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy (CVEP)

This weekly digest targets news, events, announcements, articles and research in the vaccine and global health ethics and policy space and is aggregated from key governmental, NGO, international organization and industry sources, key peer-reviewed journals, and other media channels. This summary proceeds from the broad base of themes and issues monitored by the Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy in its work: it is not intended to be exhaustive in its coverage.

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Milestones, Perspectives

IHR

Amended International Health Regulations enter into force

19 September 2025 News release

Today marks a milestone in global health governance as the amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) enter into force. This reflects a renewed global commitment to cooperation in the face of public health emergencies, shaped by hard-earned lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The IHR are global regulations that guide 196 States Parties, including all 194 WHO Member States, on their rights and obligations concerning public health risks. They recognize that infectious diseases and other public health risks do not respect borders, and that coordinated global action is critical.

The origins of the IHR can be traced back to the 19th century, when the expansion of travel and trade accelerated the spread of disease from port to port, prompting the introduction of quarantine measures. Initially governed by bilateral and regional treaties, these efforts were made global under the International Sanitary Regulations in 1951 following the founding of WHO. These regulations were later renamed the IHR and have since evolved to meet the changing landscape of global health.

In 2024, WHO Member States adopted amendments by consensus at the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in Geneva. One of the changes is the introduction of a new level of global alert — a "pandemic emergency" — to trigger stronger international collaboration when a health risk escalates beyond a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) and poses the risk of becoming, or has already become, a pandemic, with widespread impact on the health system and disruption to societies.

The amendments also introduce the establishment of National IHR Authorities by governments to coordinate IHR implementation, and include provisions to strengthen access to medical products and financing based on equity and solidarity...

"The strengthening of the International Health Regulations represents a historic commitment to protect future generations from the devastating impact of epidemics and pandemics," said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "We know that no one is safe until everyone is safe. The IHR amendments reaffirm our shared responsibility and solidarity in the face of global health risks."...

States have the sovereign right to implement legislations related to health policies. Under the IHR, WHO serves as the Secretariat, without authority to compel action by countries.

Eleven of the 196 IHR States Parties rejected the 2024 amendments. For them, previous versions of IHR continue to apply, though rejections may be withdrawn at any time.

WHO will support IHR States Parties, as requested, in integrating the amendments to the regulations into national legal frameworks and strengthening institutional capacities to work together to build a safer, healthier future for all.

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Polio - PHEIC

Polio this week [17 September 2025]

Headlines [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Summary of new polioviruses this week, cases and positive environmental isolates:

- Afghanistan: 12 WPV1- positive environmental samples
- Algeria: one cVDPV1 case, one cVDPV1-positive environmental sample, and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Yemen: six cVDPV2-positive environmental samples

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mPox - PHEIC

<u>Multi-country outbreak of mpox, External situation report #58 - 19 September 2025</u> Overview

This is the 58th situation report for the multi-country outbreak of mpox, which provides details on the global epidemiological situation for mpox, including an update on the epidemiological situation for mpox in Africa, with data on the global situation as of 31 August 2025, in Africa as of 14 September and the operational response updates as of 19 September 2025.

KEY FIGURES						
Area	Number of reported confirmed cases	Number of deaths among confirmed cases	Number of reporting countries			
Global (1 Jan – 31 August 2025)*	38 671	163	92			
Key countries (1 Jan – 14 September 2025)						
Democratic Republic of the Congo	16 879	43	-			
Uganda	6689	37	-			
Sierra Leone	5291	56	-			
Burundi	1501	0	-			

^{*} Most recent global surveillance data available.

Highlights

- Following the convening of the Emergency Committee under the provisions of the International Health Regulations (2005) on 4 September 2025, the WHO Director-General determined that the mpox multicountry outbreak no longer constitutes a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC).
- The lifting of the PHEIC does not mean the threat is over, and WHO's response continues. Mpox continues to circulate, especially in Africa where over 90% of cases are reported, and flare-ups remain possible everywhere. Vulnerable groups, particularly children, pregnant women and people living with HIV, continue to face higher risks for severe disease and death. Surveillance, diagnostics, community

engagement, and response capacity must therefore be maintained.

- The rapid risk assessment of the overall public health risk posed by mpox was updated on 2 September 2025. The overall global public health risk was assessed as moderate.
- All clades of the monkeypox virus (MPXV) continue to circulate. When mpox outbreaks are not rapidly contained and human-to-human transmission is not interrupted, they pose a risk of sustained community transmission.
- Since the last edition of this report, one country, Kuwait, has reported mpox for the first time; genomic sequencing analysis identified clade IIb MPXV. Japan and Senegal have reported cases of mpox due to clade Ib MPXV for the first time.
- In August 2025, 59 countries across all WHO regions reported a total of 3780 confirmed cases, including 15 deaths (case fatality ratio [CFR] 0.4%). The Eastern Mediterranean and European regions reported an increase in cases in August compared to July 2025, while the African Region, Region of the Americas, South-East Asia Region and Western Pacific Region reported a decrease.
- Nineteen countries in Africa have reported active mpox transmission in the past six weeks. Clade IIb MPXV continues to be mostly reported in West Africa, Central African countries report both clade Ia and clade Ib MPXV, and East African countries report clade Ib MPXV.
- Australia and Thailand have reported additional cases of mpox due to clade Ib MPXV since the last situation report. These cases have been linked to travel, and community transmission of clade Ib MPXV continues to only be reported in countries in central and eastern Africa.

[Excerpt]

5. Access to and delivery of countermeasures Access and Allocation Mechanism (AAM) Vaccines

- WHO continues to provide guidance and technical support to countries on targeted vaccination strategies, with a focus on geographic areas with the highest number of new cases, and in those, people at high risk of exposure based on local epidemiology. In addition, with the aim of optimizing the limited vaccine supply due to funding constraints, WHO is supporting countries on planning for the use of dose-sparing options (single dose or intradermal fractional dosing) of MVA-BN vaccine.
- All MVA-BN vaccine doses allocated in the first four rounds of allocation have been delivered, and the doses (more than 276 000) allocated during the fifth and sixth rounds are being shipped to countries.
- Mpox vaccination activities have started in 11 countries with MVA-BN vaccine (Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, the Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa and Uganda)' most of them are implementing a single-dose strategy targeting population groups at high risk of exposure.

More than 1.1 million MVA-BN vaccine doses have been administered in these 11 countries. More than 650 000 doses of MVA-BN and 40 000 doses of LC16 have been administered in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which accounts for more than 62% of people vaccinated in African countries.

Other countries that recently reported mpox are developing their national mpox vaccination plans and are encouraged to consider adopting fractional dosing of the MVA-BN vaccine. Additional doses have been donated or procured; however, funding is still needed to secure additional vaccine supply from manufacturers.

• The AAM partners continue to work together to support access to mpox vaccines and secure operational funds for implementation of national mpox vaccination plans.

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Controlled Medicines

WHO publishes full guideline report to help countries ensure safe, equitable access to controlled medicines

Geneva, 19 September, The World Health Organization (WHO) published the <u>full edition of its guideline</u> on <u>balanced national controlled medicines policies</u>, marking the first comprehensive global framework designed to ensure access to controlled drugs for medical and scientific uses, while minimizing risks to public health that may arise due to misuse and diversion. This publication followed a rapid communication released during the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly that outlined the new guideline...

According to WHO, up to 98% of patients in low-income countries lack access to adequate pain relief, while in other regions, weak safeguards have contributed to opioid-related epidemics. Across the world, adults and children with advanced cancer or living with HIV/AIDS continue to suffer in pain without morphine. In many regions, epilepsy patients go untreated because essential anti-seizure medicines are locked behind restrictive regulations and lack of education and understanding of how these medicines can be used clinically...

The new WHO guideline calls for balanced national policies that both guarantee uninterrupted, affordable access and prevent harmful non-medical use of controlled medicines. It aims to help countries ensure safe, fair, and affordable access to essential controlled medicines that are vital for managing acute and chronic pain, mental health disorders, substance use disorders, and other serious health problems.

The WHO guideline provides governments with evidence-based recommendations covering seven key domains: policy development, pricing and financing, medicines selection, procurement and supply chain, regulation, prescribing and dispensing, and education for both health professionals and the public.

Key recommendations include:

- **National needs-based planning** to avoid both shortages and oversupply. Governments should use the best available epidemiological data and consumption patterns to forecast demand.
- **Fair pricing and financing mechanisms,** including the use of generics and biosimilars, to keep medicines affordable without compromising quality.
- **Banning misleading and unethical marketing** of controlled medicines, such that commercial interests do not influence their promotion.
- **Ensuring that robust scientific evidence drives decisions** about access to controlled medicines while appropriately balancing safety considerations.
- Supply chain innovations to prevent stock-outs and diversion. WHO urges the use of digital
 tools and simple technologies to prevent stock-outs, improve traceability, and reduce diversion of
 medicines from medical to non-medical use.
- **Legal reforms to protect patients' rights** to possess prescribed controlled medicines.
- Comprehensive training for health professionals, alongside public education campaigns.
- Robust monitoring systems, balancing transparency with protection of patient privacy.

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WHO & Regional Offices [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.who.int/news

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19 September 2025 Departmental update

WHO publishes full guideline report to help countries ensure safe, equitable access to controlled medicines

18 September 2025 News release

WHO urges cost effective solutions on NCDs and mental health amidst slowing progress

17 September 2025 Departmental update

<u>"Patient safety from the start!" — WHO urges global investment in safe paediatric and</u> newborn care

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WHO SAGE

WHO - Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) - September 2025 22 - 25 September 2025

This meeting for the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) will be held from Monday to Thursday. Additional meeting materials, such as a provisional list of participants and background documents, will be provided in due course.

- :: Draft agenda v18Sep25
- :: Declaration on interests (as of 2 Sept)
- :: SAGE Yellow Book September 2025

SESSION 2: IA2030 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.0 Executive Summary: IA2030 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS (essential)
- 2.1 IA2030 Draft Mid-Term Review document
- 2.2 IA2030 Global Progress Report the detailed M&E data

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: 14 September 2025

Ebola vaccination begins in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: 12 September 2025

Namibia rolls out human papillomavirus vaccination to help end cervical cancer

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 19 Sep 2025

<u>PAHO intensifies call to strengthen vaccination in light of rising measles cases in the Americas</u>

Washington, D.C., 19 September 2025 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is urging countries in the Americas to strengthen vaccination efforts, improve surveillance, and accelerate outbreak response following a rise in measles cases in the region. As of September 12, 2025, 11,313 cases and 23 deaths have been confirmed in ten...

:: 18 Sep 2025

UNGA: PAHO to join global call for action at High-level Meeting on NCDs and Mental Health

With NCDs causing 80% of deaths in the Americas and mental health needs rising, PAHO brings a strong regional voice to global discussions. Director Dr. Jarbas Barbosa will take part in key events and push for concrete action and strengthened cooperation. Washington, DC, September 18, 2025 (PAHO) – On 25 September, global leaders will gather at the...

:: 16 Sep 2025

PAHO calls for safe care for all newborns and children on World Patient Safety Day 2025

This year's campaign highlights the need to protect the youngest from preventable harm in health care settings Washington, D.C., September 16, 2025 (PAHO) – On the occasion of World Patient Safety Day 2025, observed on September 17, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) urges governments, health professionals, and communities across the...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

:: 18 September 2025 News release

Estonia's effective policies in tackling noncommunicable diseases: lessons learned

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Pakistan joins 150 countries to protect 13 million girls from cervical cancer with WHO-pregualified vaccine

16 September 2025

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: 14 September 2025 News release

Mongolia advances the establishment of a Respiratory Infections Surveillance Collaboratory

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations. Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations.

Multi-country outbreak of mpox, External situation report #58 - 19 September 2025

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health events or potential events of concern.

18 September 2025 | Nipah virus infection - Bangladesh

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

Vol. 100, No. 38, pp. 385-410 19 September 2025

https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record

- :: Control of epidemic meningitis in countries in the African meningitis belt, 2024
- :: Standard case definitions of acute bacterial meningitis and invasive meningococcal disease for routine and outbreak surveillance

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New WHO Publications

https://www.who.int/publications Selected

18 September 2025

Saving lives, spending less: the global investment case for noncommunicable diseases

17 September 2025

<u>Country preparedness for the introduction and appropriate use of antibiotics: operational</u> guidance

16 September 2025

Chronic respiratory diseases in WHO South-East Asia

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Africa

Africa CDC [13 Sep 2025]

https://africacdc.org/ Press Releases, Statements [Selected] No new digest content identified.

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China - CDC+

http://www.chinacdc.cn/en/

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China [13 Sep 2025]

http://en.nhc.gov.cn/

News

No new digest content identified.

National Medical Products Administration – PRC [13 Sep 2025]

http://english.nmpa.gov.cn/

News

No new digest content identified.

China CDC

CCDC Weekly Reports: Current Volume (7)

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PDF of this issue

- :: <u>Outbreak Reports: A Case Report of Dengue Infection After Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in Patient with Acute B-Lymphoblastic Leukemia China, 2025</u>
- :: <u>Notifiable Infectious Diseases Reports: Reported Cases and Deaths of National Notifiable Infectious Diseases China, July 2025*</u>

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Europe

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en

News/Updates/Reports/Publications [Selected]

ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED) visits ECDC

15 Sep 2025

Surveillance and monitoring

Seasonal surveillance of dengue in the EU/EEA

19 Sep 2025

Update providing weekly overview of the countries and areas where dengue cases have been reported.

Surveillance and monitoring

Seasonal surveillance for chikungunya virus disease in the EU/EEA for 2025

19 Sep 2025

Update providing weekly overview of the countries and areas where chikungunya virus disease cases have been reported.

European Medicines Agency [EMA]

https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news

News & Press Releases

<u>Meeting highlights from the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) 15-18 September 2025</u>

14 new medicines recommended for approval; another six medicines recommended for extension of their therapeutic indications

19 September 2025

The committee recommended granting a marketing authorisation for Enflonsia (clesrovimab), a medicine indicated for the prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) lower respiratory tract disease in neonates and infants...

U.S. Immunization and Public Health Governance/Policy/Funding

Given the continuing extraordinary situation in the U.S., we are establishing a separate section of the digest to capture and organize key content. Please note that we will selectively include external analysis and comment, indenting this content under the relevant organization. We recognize that despite the volume of content in this section, this summary is indicative and not exhaustive.

White House

<u>Presidential Actions – Executive Orders; Memoranda; Proclamations</u> No new digest content identified.

Department of State

America First Global Health Strategy

September 18, 2025 :: 40 pages

The America First Global Health Strategy outlines a comprehensive vision to make America safer, stronger, and more prosperous. It will protect the homeland by preventing infectious disease outbreaks from reaching U.S. shores; strengthen our bilateral relationships by entering into multi-year, bilateral agreements that require co-investment from recipient governments, saving millions of lives and moving countries along the path to decreased dependency on foreign assistance; and promote American health innovation around the world.

Full Report: <u>Download America First Global Health Strategy [4 MB]</u>

Fact Sheet: America First Global Health Strategy – United States Department of State

Figure 6: Global Goals that U.S. Health Foreign Assistance Will Contribute Towards						
HIV/AIDS	Tuberculosis	Malaria	Polio			
Ensure that 95% of people living with HIV know their HIV status, 95% of people who know their status are receiving HIV treatment, and 95% of people on treatment are virally suppressed 90% reduction in HIV infections by 2030 (from 2010 levels) 90% reduction in AIDS-related deaths by 2030 (from 2010 levels) Ending Motherto-Child Transmission in several high-burden countries.	Reduce TB incidence rate by 80% by 2030 (from 2015 levels) Reduce TB mortality rate by 90% by 2030 (from 2015 levels)	 Reduce malaria mortality globally by at least 90% by 2030 (from 2015 levels) Reduce malaria case incidence globally by at least 90% by 2030 (from 2015 levels) Eliminate malaria in at least 35 countries by 2030 Prevent reestablishment of malaria in all countries that are malaria-free 	 Eradication of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) by the end of 2027 Elimination of circulating type 2 variant poliovirus (cVDPV2) by the end of 2029 			

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Editor's Note

A first reading of the <u>America First Global Health Strategy</u> confirms that it delivers on its title in terms of the driving principle to use "...global health diplomacy and foreign assistance to make America safer, stronger, and more prosperous.

It is anchored on developing bilateral relationships as the basis of US global health funding and programming, limiting multilateral mechanisms and institutions to instances where bilateral arrangements cannot be secured.

The plan mentions the Global Fund, but has no references at all to WHO, UNICEF, Gavi, UN Pop, WFP, PAHO or other multilateral/UN system or INGO organizations. This posture aligns -- unhappily -- with the USG direction to rescind already approved funding [FY2025] and severely cut future year budgeting.

Equally, while it speaks to pandemic response, epidemic/outbreak monitoring etc., it does not mention the IHR or the Pandemic Accord...at all.

More analysis and reflection is indicated as implementation will apparently proceed with urgency: "We aim to complete bilateral agreements with recipient countries receiving the vast majority of U.S. health foreign assistance by December 31, 2025 with the goal of beginning to implement these new agreements by April 2026."

CDC/ACIP [13 Sep 2025]

http://www.cdc.gov/media/index.html Latest News No relevant media releases identified.

ACIP Meeting September 18-19, 2025

- Final ACIP September 18-19, 2025 Meeting Agenda (posted 9-19-2025)
- Anticipated Votes
- ACIP Presentation Slides: September 18-19, 2025 Meeting
- YouTube Live Stream Link 9-18-2025
- YouTube Live Stream Link 9-19-2025
- Written Public Comments [5,145 comments submitted]

Vaccine panel that limited covid shot scrutinized after chaotic meetings

The Washington Post, September 20, 2025 By <u>David Ovalle</u>, <u>Rachel Roubein</u> and <u>Lena H. Sun</u> Members of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices showed a tenuous grasp of process and cited flawed research as they revisited covid, hepatitis B and MMRV shots. The chair of a new panel of federal immunization advisers selected by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said Friday that the group's "enormous depth and knowledge about vaccines, about science" should be obvious to anyone listening to them work.

But medical associations and scientific experts who watched the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices meetings Thursday and Friday panned the panel's performance as the group <u>reversed recommendations</u> for coronavirus shots and a combined measles, mumps, rubella and chicken pox vaccine.

They said the members were unprepared, misunderstood or ignored key data, and highlighted flawed or inconclusive research often trumpeted by vaccine critics.

"It's troubling to see the erosion of the committee's integrity," Sandra Fryhofer, a physician who spent almost 20 years working with the panel as a liaison from the American Medical Association, told the advisers Friday. "We're concerned about how vaccine recommendations are being developed by this new panel. Data is being selectively used to justify specific conclusions rather than considering all of the available evidence."...

During two days of meetings at a CDC campus in Georgia, committee members appeared at times uncertain about the issues before them or the powers of the panel, prompting staff to explain steps in evaluating data and setting vaccine recommendations.

They floated cancer, autism and DNA contamination as potential dangers of coronavirus vaccines. The meetings also produced a string of unusual moments.

One panelist, Robert Malone, a vocal critic of coronavirus vaccines, posted on X repeatedly during presentations, including about transgender people and an upcoming appearance with Roseanne Barr...

GE2P2 Global Fdn Public Comment - Docket No. CDC-2025-0454 CDC-ACIP Meeting of 18-19 Sep 2025 Submitted 13 Sep 2025

HHS

News

ACIP Recommends COVID-19 Immunization Based on Individual Decision-making

ATLANTA — SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) today unanimously recommended that vaccination for COVID-19 be determined by individual decision-making.

ACIP's recommendation applies to all individuals six months and older. It includes an emphasis that the risk-benefit of vaccination in individuals under age 65 is most favorable for those who are at an increased risk for severe COVID-19 and lowest for individuals who are not at an increased risk, according to the CDC list of COVID-19 risk factors.

Individual decision-making is referred to on the CDC's adult and child immunization schedules as vaccination based on shared clinical decision-making, which references providers including physicians, nurses, and pharmacists. It allows for immunization coverage through all payment mechanisms including entitlement programs such as the Vaccines for Children Program, Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid, and Medicare, as well as insurance plans through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace...

ACIP Recommends Standalone Chickenpox Vaccination in Toddlers

ATLANTA—SEPTEMBER 18, 2025—The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) today voted to adopt a new recommendation for the child immunization schedule, while ensuring that all children receive immunizations for measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox from 12 months of age.

The Committee by a vote of eight to three recommends that toddlers through age three be immunized for varicella (chickenpox) through standalone vaccination rather than through the combination measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (MMRV) vaccine...

HHS, CDC Announce New ACIP Members

WASHINGTON—SEPTEMBER 15, 2025— The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today announced the appointment of five new members to the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). These appointments reflect the commitment of Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. to transparency, evidence-based science, and diverse expertise in guiding the nation's immunization policies. In June, Secretary Kennedy reconstituted ACIP to restore public trust in vaccines...

NIH [13 Sep 2025] http://www.nih.gov/ News Releases No new digest content identified

FDA

<u>Press Announcements</u> <u>Press Announcements</u> No new digest content identified

FDA CBER

<u>Latest News</u> No new digest content identified

FDA VRBPAC [Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee]

Advisory Committee Calendar

<u>Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee October 9, 2025</u> <u>Meeting Announcement - 10/09/2025</u>

... Under Topic I, the Committee will discuss and make recommendations on the strain selection for the influenza virus vaccines for the 2026 Southern Hemisphere influenza season. Under Topic II, the Committee will discuss and make recommendations on advancing CBER's allergen standardization program...

FDA Pediatric Advisory Committee Meeting

Advisory Committee Calendar

Advisory Committee Calendar has no meetings posted for this Advisory Committee

National Vaccine Program Committee (NVAC)

https://www.hhs.gov/vaccines/about/index.html Upcoming Meetings/Latest Updates

No 2025 meeting dates posted.

Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV)

https://www.hrsa.gov/advisory-committees/vaccines/meetings

Next ACCV Meeting - TBD [To be re-scheduled from original date January 29, 2025]

MMWR Weekly

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index2025.html

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:: <u>Clinical Recommendation for the Use of Injectable Lenacapavir as HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis — United States, 2025</u>

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U.S. Congress

U.S. Senate

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee

Full Committee Hearing

Restoring Trust Through Radical Transparency: Reviewing Recent Events at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Implications for Children's Health

Date: Wednesday, September 17th, 2025
:: Susan Monarez, Ph.D. <u>Download Testimony</u>
:: Debra Houry, MD., M.P.H. Download Testimony

Video: 3:21:57

<u>Chair Cassidy Delivers Remarks During Hearing on Restoring Radical Transparency at CDC,</u>
<u>Protecting Children's Health</u>

09.17.2025

5 Takeaways From Ousted C.D.C. Director's Hearing

The New York Times, Sept. 17, 2025 By Christina Jewett and Dani Blum Susan Monarez, the head of the public health agency for barely a month, repeatedly told senators that Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was ignoring science in undercutting vaccines.

At a sometimes testy Senate committee hearing on Wednesday, Dr. Susan Monarez, the former head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, repeatedly said that Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. had abandoned science in dismantling longstanding vaccine policy and demanding adherence to his views.

The testimony before the Senate health committee by Dr. Monarez, who was fired in late August after less than a month in the role, detailed the fraught state of vaccine policy under Mr. Kennedy. It also offered a preview of the next two days, when an influential C.D.C. vaccine panel will meet.

As part of its review, the panel will discuss several important immunizations, among them the Covid and hepatitis B shots and the M.M.R.V. shot for measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chickenpox), and could potentially upend longstanding advice on the vaccines.

At the hearing on Wednesday, Democratic senators hammered away at their opposition to Mr. Kennedy, and asked Dr. Monarez for details on what she described as pressure by Mr. Kennedy to rubber-stamp his policies...

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Supreme Court, Federal Appellate Courts

No new cases, rulings, announcements identified.

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U.S. States

<u>California, Oregon, and Washington to launch new West Coast Health Alliance to uphold scientific integrity in public health as Trump destroys CDC's credibility</u>

Sep 3, 2025

What you need to know:

In response to recent federal actions that have undermined the independence of the CDC and raised concerns about the politicization of science, California, Oregon, and Washington are beginning the

process to provide evidence-based <u>unified recommendations</u> to their residents regarding who should receive immunizations and to help ensure the public has access and credible information for confidence in vaccine safety and efficacy.

SACRAMENTO — Today, California Governor Gavin Newsom, Oregon Governor Tina Kotek, and Washington Governor Bob Ferguson announced they will launch a new West Coast Health Alliance to ensure residents remain protected by science, not politics. The alliance represents a unified regional response to the Trump Administration's destruction of the U.S. CDC's credibility and scientific integrity.

"President Trump's mass firing of CDC doctors and scientists — and his blatant politicization of the agency — is a direct assault on the health and safety of the American people. The CDC has become a political tool that increasingly peddles ideology instead of science, ideology that will lead to severe health consequences. California, Oregon, and Washington will not allow the people of our states to be put at risk." Joint statement from Governors Newsom, Kotek, and Ferguson..

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U.S. Medical Societies, Health Organizations

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases-from-the-aap/ (Accessed 04 Sep 2025) News

AAP Continues to Support Routine Immunizations for Every Child in Every Community September 18, 2025

Today's meeting of the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) promoted false claims and misguided information about vaccines as part of an unprecedented effort to limit access to routine childhood immunizations and sow fear and mistrust in vaccines.

American College of Physicians (ACP)

https://www.acponline.org/more-acp-news (Accessed 04 Sep 2025) ACP News

ACP, Annals of Internal Medicine hosted forum on vaccine decision making 09/18/25

I.M. Matters Weekly

ACP and Annals of Internal Medicine presented "Vaccines: Decision Making Amid Conflicting Recommendations" on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. ET. This virtual live forum for ACP members and Annals subscribers featured expert panelists who explored real-world scenarios through challenging clinical vignettes. The session highlighted how physicians can counsel patients who want vaccinations but are hesitant or confused by conflicting or questionable information. ACP President Jason M. Goldman, MD, MACP, moderated the forum, which featured panelists Robert H. Hopkins Jr., MD, MACP; Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH; and Fiona Havers, MD, MHS.

Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)

https://www.idsociety.org/ (Accessed 04 Sep 2025) News

Secretary Kennedy is unfit to lead the nation's top health agency

Under Secretary Kennedy's leadership, the Department of Health and Human Services cannot fulfill its mission to safeguard and protect Americans' health. *Last Updated September 19, 2025*

American Public Health Association (APHA)

https://www.apha.org/news-and-media/news-releases?sortFieldName=ItemDate&sortDisplayName=Newest&sortMode=desc (Accessed 04 Sep 2025)

News Releases

[No new digest content identified]

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)

https://www.smfm.org/ (Accessed 04 Sep 2025) Research [No new digest content identified]

Massachusetts Public Health Alliance (MPHA)

https://mapublichealth.org/press-room/ (Accessed 04 Sep 2025) Press Room [No new digest content identified]

American Medical Association (AMA)

https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center (Accessed 04 Sep 2025) Press Center

AMA statement on ACIP meeting

Sep 19, 2025

Statement attributable to: Sandra Adamson Fryhofer, MD

American Medical Association Board Member and AMA Liaison to ACIP

"The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice's (ACIP) new process and recommendations leave parents confused about how best to protect their kids and unable to choose the combined MMRV vaccine for children under 4 years old. The AMA is concerned that this change not only reduces parental choice, but also reflects ACIP's reliance on selective data in forming its guidance.

"We call on the Administration to ensure ACIP functions as a trusted, evidence-based body so that families can have confidence in its recommendations when making important vaccination decisions."

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

https://www.aafp.org/news/media-center.html (Accessed 04 Sep 2025) Statements, Releases

<u>Family Physicians Call on President to Reconsider Secretary Kennedy's Ability to Serve</u>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 19, 2025

"The ACIP vote to no longer provide parents the choice of the combination MMRV vaccine for children under four years old could limit access to vaccination against preventable diseases and undermines efforts to protect vulnerable populations. Separate vaccination for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) and varicella is currently recommended by the AAFP and CDC for children ages 12-47 months; however, the combined vaccination (MMRV) was available for those parents and caregivers who chose it. Removing the combined MMRV vaccine as an option for younger patients can have implications for out-of-pocket costs, parental choice and equity.

Further mismatches in recommendations and nuanced changes to the immunization schedule cause confusion and undermine trust in the public health system and in vaccines. The AAFP supports the MMRV vaccine remaining an option for children age 12-47 months if a parent or caregiver prefers after consulting with their physician.

To be clear, measles, mumps, rubella and varicella vaccination is still recommended, available and widely covered as two separate vaccines for all children ages 12 months and older, and the combined MMRV vaccine is still recommended for children 4-12 years old.

Vaccination remains essential to keep our children and communities healthy, and decades of data have shown that the benefits of immunization – reducing illness, hospitalization and death – far outweigh any risks."

American Geriatrics Society (AGS)

https://www.americangeriatrics.org/media-center (Accessed 04 Sep 2025) Recent Press Releases [No new digest content identified]

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

https://osteopathic.org/news/
(Accessed 04 Sep 2025)

Latest News
[No new digest content identified]

National Medical Association (NMA)

https://nmanet.org/blog/ (Accessed 04 Sep 2025) Latest News

NMA Calls for Immediate Removal of HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

September 18, 2025

The National Medical Association (NMA), representing the interests of the 50,000 Black physicians nationwide, calls on the President of the United States and the U.S. Congress to immediately remove and replace Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Secretary Kennedy's continued dismantling of the U.S. public health system, his dangerous spread of misinformation, and his rejection of science-backed vaccines represent an existential threat to the health and safety of every American. His reckless actions have eroded trust, destabilized federal public health agencies, and jeopardized the lives of millions, especially Black communities and other historically marginalized populations who are most vulnerable to health disparities...

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)

https://www.nfid.org/news-updates/ (Accessed 04 Sep 2025) News and Updates September 17, 2025

Statement on September 2025 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Meeting

NFID strongly supports the use of evidence-based guidance to inform public health policy and will work to preserve equitable access, choice, and public and private insurance coverage to life-saving immunizations to protect the health of people across the US ...

PhRMA

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PhRMA Statement on ACIP Meeting

Press Releases

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 19, 2025) – Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) Chief Medical Officer Dr. Michael Ybarra issued the following statement on this week's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting:

"Ensuring Americans have access to safe and effective FDA-approved vaccines is vital. We fear the ACIP meeting this week has created more confusion for health care professionals and the public.

"Decisions about vaccine recommendations made by the ACIP and adopted by the CDC must be rooted in science. We are increasingly concerned that vaccine policy is being shaped by theories rather than a transparent and rigorous evidence review process—risking the health of our nation and our position as a global leader in public health.

"Policymakers must ensure continued access to vaccines while providing accurate, reliable and transparent information to maintain high vaccination rates and prevent the return of currently controlled diseases. Not doing so risks needlessly harming the public while jeopardizing America's ability to prevent disease and respond to the next pandemic.

"Simply put, every American should have access to all available tools to protect themselves and their families—including vaccines."

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Civil Society Organizations

Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF

New KFF-Washington Post Survey Explores Parents' Trust In, and Confusion About, Childhood Vaccines as the Trump Administration Revamps Federal Policies

Most Parents Remain Confident in Routine Childhood Vaccines and Support School Mandates, But Are Less Certain About Seasonal Flu and COVID Vaccines; 1 in 4 MAGA Republicans Say They Have Delayed or Skipped a Child's Vaccine

Published: Sep 15, 2025

A <u>new KFF-Washington Post partnership survey</u> of parents explores their experiences with and views about vaccines for their children, including a look into how they make decisions related to vaccines and where they are uncertain or confused about their safety.

The poll comes as the Trump administration's Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. continues to question the childhood vaccine schedule and to raise doubts about vaccine safety and effectiveness. Based on interviews with more than 2,700 parents, including more than 1,000 parents with children under age 6 who have had to make decisions about vaccines in the post-COVID era, the survey's findings will be featured in a series of Washington Post stories and KFF reports analyzing the survey data.

The survey reveals large majorities of parents view long-standing childhood vaccines such as the ones to prevent measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) and polio as safe and important, but are less confident in seasonal vaccines for flu and especially COVID-19...

Key themes from the survey include:

- **Most favor school vaccine requirements.** A large majority (81%) of parents say that public schools should require students to get the measles and polio vaccines, with exceptions for medical and religious reasons. Among all parents, 8% say that they had requested an exemption to vaccine requirements so a child could attend school or daycare.
- Many are uncertain about false claims. When asked about several false claims about vaccines and measles, relatively few parents believe the untrue statements, but larger shares are uncertain what to believe. One example: While relatively few (9%) parents believe the false claim that the MMR vaccine can cause autism in children, nearly half (48%) say they don't know enough to say.

- Views of parents with children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Parents of children with autism spectrum disorder are somewhat more likely than other parents to believe the false claim that vaccines cause autism (16% vs. 9%).
- Confidence in federal health agencies is shaky. Fewer than one in six (14%) parents say they have "a lot" of confidence in government health agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration to ensure the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, while half say they have only a little confidence (29%) or none at all (22%). Confidence is even lower in the agencies' abilities to make decisions based on science rather than the views of agency officials or to act independently without interference from outside interests. A quarter (26%) of parents overall say that the CDC recommends too many vaccines.
- Many parents are unsure about impact of federal vaccine policy changes. Few parents (11%) say they've heard "a lot" about Secretary Kennedy's changes to federal vaccine policy. When asked about the changes' impact, most say either that they don't know or that the changes won't make of a difference on safety, access, and industry influence.

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Hastings Center

Bioethics Forum Essay

The Common Good and the Contagion: Florida's Un-American Experiment

by Craig Klugman

Published September 11, 2025

.... Eliminating vaccine mandates in Florida will affect not just those in Florida, but also people who visit or come into contact with people who have visited. Any outbreak in the Sunshine State will spread. The 2025 measles outbreak infected over 1,400 people in 42 U.S. states and several countries and killed three people. Vaccination is about protecting our community, and since we are members of a community, we are also protected. If Florida discontinues vaccine mandates, it is going against the scientific evidence, historical precedence, established law, and ethics at the cost of lives and public health.

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Brookings

Reports, Events

<u>Tracking regulatory changes in the second Trump administration</u>

September 18, 2025

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Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [13 Sep 2025]

https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/

Recent News

Simularium: Accelerating discovery by animating insight

Sep 17, 2025

Simularium is an innovative online tool designed by the Allen Institute's Cell Science team that visualizes 4D simulations (animations) of complex...

The power and promise of open science

Sep 15, 2025

How sharing knowledge accelerates innovation and advances discovery

BMGF - Gates Foundation [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center Press Releases & Statements No new digest content identified.

CARB-X [13 Sep 2025]

https://carb-x.org/

News

No new digest content identified.

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative [13 Sep 2025]

https://chanzuckerberg.com/newsroom/

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [13 Sep 2025]

http://cepi.net/

CEPI News, Blog

News

Artificial Intelligence

Building a global AI platform for pandemic preparedness

AI is transforming vaccine science. CEPI and its partners are harnessing these new capabilities to create an AI-powered Pandemic Preparedness Engine to help secure the world and its people against disease outbreaks.

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Artificial Intelligence

Securing The Pandemic Preparedness Engine

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CIOMS - COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 13

Sep 2025]

https://cioms.ch/

News; Publications; Events

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.darpa.mil/news

News

No new digest content identified.

DNDI – Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative [13 Sep 2025]

https://dndi.org/press/press-releases/

Press Releases

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<u>Switzerland renews commitment to DNDi to advance medical innovation for neglected</u> patients

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has renewed its commitment to health for all with a contribution of CHF 7.2 million (EUR 7.6 million) to DNDi for the period 2025–2028.

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [13 Sep 2025]

https://dukeghic.org/

News

No new digest content identified.

EDCTP [13 Sep 2025]

http://www.edctp.org/

The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) aims to accelerate the development of new or improved drugs, vaccines, microbicides and diagnostics against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as well as other poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on phase II and III clinical trials News

16 September 2025

bEto-TB achieves key milestones in advancing drug-resistant tuberculosis treatment

At the end of August 2025, BioVersys AG announced that the European Medicines Agency's Committee for Orphan Medicinal Products (EMA COMP) had granted orphan designation for the combination of alpibectir and ethionamide (AlpE) for the treatment of tuberculosis (TB). This milestone reflects years of collaborative work under the bEto-TB consortium, funded by the EDCTP2 programme and led by the TASK Foundation, South Africa, with support from GSK and BioVersys SAS.

Emory Vaccine Center [13 Sep 2025]

http://www.vaccines.emory.edu/ Vaccine Center News No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [13 Sep 2025]

http://www.euvaccine.eu/ Latest News, Events No new digest content identified.

Fondation Merieux [13 Sep 2025]

http://www.fondation-merieux.org/

No new digest content identified.

Gates Medical Research Institute [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.gatesmri.org/news

The Gates Medical Research Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to the discovery, development and effective use of novel biomedical interventions addressing substantial global health concerns, for which investment incentives are limited.

News: Articles and Publications No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 13 Sep 2025] https://www.gavi.org/ News Releases 15 September 2025

<u>Pakistan introduces HPV vaccine to protect girls from cervical cancer, joining 150 countries</u>

Islamabad, 15 September 2025 – The Government of Pakistan's Federal Directorate for Immunization (FDI), in partnership with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (Gavi), UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO), today launched the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign to protect adolescent girls from cervical cancer in later stages of their lives. This marks a major leap forward in strengthening women's health and advancing Pakistan's commitment to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem by 2030.

The HPV vaccination campaign will target girls aged 9–14 years across Punjab, Sindh, Pakistan-Administered Kashmir and Islamabad Capital Territory in the first phase, beginning on 15 September 2025. The goal is to vaccinate at least 90% of 13 million eligible girls during this campaign and integrate the vaccine into routine immunization for 9-year-old girls in subsequent years...

GE2P2 Global Foundation [13 Sep 2025]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements

Digests

- :: Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review Current edition
- :: Informed Consent: A Monthly Review May 2025
- :: Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment 28 Aug 2025
- :: Genomics :: Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice A Monthly Digest May 2025

GHIT Fund [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 13 Sep 2025]

https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/

News Releases

10 September 2025

<u>Global Fund Reports 70 Million Lives Saved – But Warns Progress Is At Risk</u>

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) today released its annual Results Report, revealing an extraordinary milestone: 70 million lives saved since the Global Fund's inception in 2002.

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [13 Sep

2025]

https://www.glopid-r.org/

News & Events

No new digest content identified.

Hilleman Laboratories [13 Sep 2025]

http://www.hilleman-labs.org/

News & Insights

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.hhmi.org/news

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Human Immunome Project [nee Human Vaccines Project] [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.humanimmunomeproject.org/

News

No new digest content identified.

IAVI [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.iavi.org/

Press Releases, Features

No new digest content identified.

INSERM [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.inserm.fr/en/home/

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities [ICMRA]

http://www.icmra.info/drupal/en/news

Selected Statements, Press Releases, Research

No new digest content identified.

ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use] [to 13 Sep 2025]

https://www.ich.org/

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

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ICH Q3E Step 2 Presentation Now Available on the ICH Website

In follow up to the publication of the ICH Q3E draft "Guideline for Extractables and Leachables" in August 2025, the Q3E EWG has also prepared a Step 2 informational presentation.

18 September 2025

ICH E11A EWG Training Material Now Available on the ICH Website

The ICH Secretariat is pleased to announce the release of E11A Pediatric Extrapolation Training Module 1 - Case Example: Development of a hypothetical TNF-alpha inhibitor "Drug X" for the treatment of polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA).

Ongoing Publi	c Consultations	^
> MI3B EWG	Bioequivalence for Immediate-Release Solid Oral Dosage Forms	
> Q1 EWG	Stability Testing of Drug Substances and Drug Products	
> M4Q(R2) E	WG Revision of M4Q(R1)	
> E21 EWG	Inclusion of Pregnant and Breastfeeding Individuals in Clinical Trials	
> Q3E EWG	Guideline for Extractables and Leachables	
✓ E20 EWG	Adaptive Designs for Clinical Trials	

https://www.ich.org/page/public-consultations

E20 EWG Adaptive Designs for Clinical Trials

The E20 EWG is working on the development of a new E20 Guideline on "Adaptive Clinical Trials" on the design, conduct, analysis, and interpretation of adaptive clinical trials that provides a transparent and harmonized set of principles for the regulatory review of these studies in a global drug development program. These principles should also provide the flexibility to evaluate / discuss innovative approaches to clinical trial design throughout the development process.

Following MC approval in June 2025 the E20 Guideline title was changed to "Adaptive Designs for Clinical Trials"

Rapporteur: Dr. Gregory Levin (FDA, United States) Regulatory Chair: Dr. Christian Roes (EC, Europe) Date of Step 2b: 25 June 2025 Status: Step 3

Public consultation dates:

ANMAT, Argentina - Deadline for comments by 8 October 2025

EC, Europe - Deadline for comments by 30 November 2025

Health Canada, Canada - Deadline for comments by 25 September 025 MHRA,

UK - Deadline for comments by 30 November 2025

Swissmedic, Switzerland - Deadline for comments by 30 November 2025

TFDA, Chinese Taipei - Deadline for comments by 13 October 2025

ICRC [to 13 Sep 2025]

https://www.icrc.org/en/news

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<u>ICRC Vice-President: Maintaining and strengthening IHL is a collective responsibility of all</u> states

Statement 16-09-2025

Sudan faces worst cholera outbreak in years as war devastates infrastructure

Article 18-09-2025

Khartoum/Geneva – Amid Sudan's devastating conflict, which has already caused tens of thousands of casualties and displaced millions, another crisis is silently unfolding: the country's worst cholera outbreak in years.

IFFIm [13 Sep 2025] http://www.iffim.org/ Press Releases/Announcements No new digest content identified.

IFRC [to 13 Sep 2025]
http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/news/press-releases/
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No new digest content identified.

IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat [13 Sep 2025]

https://ippsecretariat.org/news/

News

No new digest content identified.

Institut Pasteur [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.pasteur.fr/en/press-area

Press Documents

Press release 19.09.2025

<u>Consumption of food additives during pregnancy: effects on offspring microbiota increase</u> susceptibility to inflammatory diseases

A study conducted in mice by scientists from the Institut Pasteur and Inserm reveals that maternal consumption of...

ISC / International Science Council [to 13 Sep 2025]

https://council.science/current/

ISC is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils.

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UN Scientific Advisory Board adopts landmark statement on Open Science

At its second annual retreat, the UN Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) adopted a landmark statement on open science, with the International Science Council serving as lead coordinator.

The <u>statement</u> highlights open science as vital for research, for connecting science with policy and society, and for tackling global inequality, while warning that its benefits are at risk as barriers to international collaboration grow. The SAB urged the global community to actively advance open science for the benefit of all....

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)

https://iuis.org/ News/Events [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

IVAC [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/ivac/index.html

Updates; Events

No new digest content identified.

IVI [13 Sep 2025]

http://www.ivi.int/

IVI News & Announcements

IVI honors Professor John Clemens, inaugural Director General, with 2025 Founders Medal

15 September 2025, SEOUL, Republic of Korea – The International Vaccine Institute (IVI) today awarded the 2025 IVI Founders Medal to Prof. John D. Clemens, Founding Director General of IVI, in recognition of his invaluable contributions to IVI's establishment, growth, and global impact.

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [13 Sep 2025]

https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom

Center News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 13 Sep 2025]

http://www.msf.org/

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Gaza-Israel war

MSF condemns Israeli attack on water distribution site in Gaza City

Statement 18 Sep 2025

Gaza-Israel war

MSF mourns Hussein Alnajjar, thirteenth colleague killed in Gaza

Statement 17 Sep 2025

Gaza-Israel war

Gaza: Leaders of major aid groups call on world leaders to intervene following UN genocide conclusion

Open Letter 17 Sep 2025

Gaza-Israel war

Doctors cannot stop genocide, world leaders can

Opinion 15 Sep 2025

National Academy of Medicine - USA [13 Sep 2025]

https://nam.edu/programs/ News, Stories, Insights

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NAM and Patients for Patient Safety Reflect on World Patient Safety Day

Sep 17, 2025 Member News

National Academy of Medicine to Present Hamburg Award to Carl F. Nathan for Seminal Discoveries That Improve Understanding of Innate Immunity

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA [to 13 Sep 2025]

https://www.nationalacademies.org/newsroom

News

National Academies Publish New Report Reviewing Evidence for Greenhouse Gas Emissions and U.S. Climate, Health, and Welfare

A new National Academies report reviews evidence gathered by the scientific community since 2009 on greenhouse gas emissions and their effects on U.S. climate, health, and welfare.

Date 2025-09-17 Type News Release

PATH [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.path.org/media-center/ Newsroom [Selected] No new digest content identified.

Sabin Vaccine Institute [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.sabin.org/press/ Latest News & Press Releases No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [13 Sep 2025]

http://www.unaids.org/en News, Stories, Updates Press Statement

UN80 Secretary-General's report - UNAIDS statement

Delivering to end AIDS by 2030 and sustain the HIV response beyond—UNAIDS' transition within the UN80 vision

GENEVA, 19 September 2025—The United Nations Secretary-General has put forward UN reform proposals in his new UN80 progress report, Shifting Paradigms: United to Deliver, which UNAIDS plans to discuss with its board and stakeholders. As underscored by the Secretary-General, it is with member states and governing bodies to determine the way forward on how UN80 reforms are implemented.

UNAIDS has been working within the Secretary-General's UN80 vision, and consulted with the UN80 team, as it developed transformation plans. UNAIDS has been advancing on its transition path and is proud to help lead the way as the UN system reforms...

Press Release

<u>UNAIDS</u> is encouraged by the <u>United States'</u> new strategy on global health and its strong commitment to continue to support people living with and affected by <u>HIV</u>

The United States has launched a new 'America First Global Health Strategy' which sets out a new and tailored focus for PEPFAR, working closely with countries most affected by HIV GENEVA, 18 September 2025

UNICEF [to 13 Sep 2025]

https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases

Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]

Statement 19 September 2025

<u>Statement by UNICEF on the theft of lifesaving therapeutic food for thousands of children in Gaza</u>

"Yesterday, armed individuals approached four trucks outside our compound in Gaza City that were getting ready to transport desperately needed Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) for malnourished children enduring famine. "The individuals commandeered the drivers at gun point and diverted the RUTF before releasi...

Unitaid [13 Sep 2025]

https://unitaid.org/ Press Releases News releases

Republic of Korea grants US\$15 million to Unitaid to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

17 September 2025

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [13 Sep 2025]

https://vaccineequitycooperative.org/news/

News

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Confidence Project [13 Sep 2025]

http://www.vaccineconfidence.org/ News, Research and Reports No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children's Hospital of Philadelphia [13 Sep 2025]

http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center

News

<u>September 2025 — Cutting through the Confusion on COVID-19 Vaccination of Young Children in Fall 2025</u>

In this short video, Dr. Paul Offit addresses the confusion surrounding COVID-19 vaccination in young children. You'll also find resources related to measles and to aluminum in vaccines.

Wellcome Trust [13 Sep 2025]

https://wellcome.org/news/all
News. Opinion, Reports
No new digest content identified.

The Wistar Institute [to 13 Sep 2025]

https://www.wistar.org/news/press-releases

Press Releases September 17, 2025

The Wistar Institute Launches Center for Advanced Therapeutics to Accelerate Scientific Innovation into Future Medicines

Wistar announces the opening of its new Center for Advanced Therapeutics (CAT) led by Paul Lieberman, Ph.D., to harness the power of Wistar science and speed creation of new drugs and therapies for h...

World Bank [13 Sep 2025]

http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/all All News [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.wfpha.org/ Blog, Events

No new digest content identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/ Press Releases No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.oie.int/ Press Releases, Statements No new digest announcements identified.

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [13 Sep 2025]

https://alliancerm.org/press-releases/ Selected Press Releases No new digest announcements identified.

BIO [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.bio.org/press-releases

Press Releases

BIO Extends Agreement with Avantor for Five Additional Years.

September 17, 2025

Collaboration maximizes BIO members' access to Avantor's market-leading portfolio of products, materials, and services to accelerate scientific innovation.

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [13 Sep 2025]

http://www.dcvmn.org/
News; Upcoming events

DCVMN Annual General Meeting 2025

ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [13 Sep 2025]

https://internationalbiotech.org/news/

News

No new digest announcements identified.

IFPMA [13 Sep 2025]

https://ifpma.org/ News, Statements [Selected] Statement 15 Sep 2025

Statement on PABS system at the second meeting of the open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG 2) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement

On 15 September 2025 in Geneva, IFPMA delivered a statement at the second meeting of the openended Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG 2) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement.

Position paper 16 Sep 2025

Revitalizing the antibiotic pipeline by implementing new R&D pull incentives

With the 2024 UN High-Level Meeting on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and its political declaration, together with the biennial AMR Ministerial Meeting, the world has set an ambitious agenda to tackle AMR. The next four years offer renewed political momentum to deliver progress ahead of the next UN High-Level Meeting on AMR in 2029. A central priority is creating the necessary policy frameworks that stimulate R&D investment. This brief identifies the key barriers to antibiotic R&D and the policy measures needed to address them. Sustainable, effective pull incentives are urgently required to ensure a reliable pipeline of new antibiotics for patients and health systems. We set out how these incentives should be designed and implemented, guided by a set of core principles to maximize their impact.

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [13 Sep 2025]

https://www.iapo.org.uk/news Press and media [Selected] No new digest announcements identified.

International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association [IGBA]

https://www.igbamedicines.org/

News

No new digest announcements identified.

PhRMA [13 Sep 2025] http://www.phrma.org/ Press Releases

PhRMA Statement on ACIP Meeting

September 19, 2025

September 9, 2025

PhRMA Statement on the "Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy"

- ...please consider the following information:
- The value of vaccines: In the early 20th century, nearly one in five children died before age five, often from now-preventable infectious diseases. Thanks to American innovation and rigorous science, vaccines remain essential for saving lives, protecting families and maintaining U.S. leadership in global health. To prevent the resurgence of currently controlled diseases, we must ensure continued access to vaccines while providing accurate, clear and transparent information to maintain high vaccination rates.
- Root causes of autism: Parents understandably want clear answers about the causes of autism, but decades of studies involving more than a million children have consistently shown no link between vaccines and autism. Scientists continue to study its root causes, but rising diagnoses are largely due to better screening, broader criteria and increased awareness—not vaccination. Moreover, a publicly funded peer-reviewed journal found no connection between cumulative aluminum exposure from vaccines in early childhood and 50 chronic conditions, including autoimmune diseases, allergies, and neurodevelopmental disorders like autism and ADHD...

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Vaccines/Therapeutics/Medicines – Selected Developer/Manufacturer Announcements
We recognize that this listing is indicative but certainly not exhaustive. We invite nomination of other
vaccine developers for potential addition to those monitored below.

AstraZeneca

<u>Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

Bavarian Nordic

Latest News - No new digest announcements identified.

BioCubaFarma – Cuba

Últimas Noticias - No new digest announcements identified.

Biological E

News - No new digest announcements identified.

BioNTech

<u>Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

Boehringer

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

CanSinoBIO

News - Website not responding at inquiry.

CIGB

<u>Latest News</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

CinnaGen

Recent News - No new digest announcements identified.

Clover Biopharmaceuticals – China

<u>News</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

Curevac

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Gamaleya National Center/Sputnik

<u>Latest News and Events</u> - No new digest announcements identified [Last: 09 Nov 2020] <u>https://sputnikvaccine.com/</u> - No new digest announcements identified [Last: 31 Aug 2022]

GSK

<u>Press releases for media</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

EuBiologics, S Korea

<u>News</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

IMBCAMS, China

<u>Home</u> - Website not responding at inquiry.

JNJ Innovative Medicine [Janssen]

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Merck

News releases

Merck Receives Positive EU CHMP Opinion for ENFLONSIA™ (clesrovimab) for the Prevention of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in Infants During Their First RSV Season September 19, 2025

Nanogen

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novartis

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novavax

Press Releases

Sanofi and Novavax Statement on Nuvaxovid™ COVID-19 vaccine for ACIP

September 19, 2025

Introductory Remarks for Nuvaxovid at September 2025 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Meeting

Pfizer

<u>Recent Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

R-Pharm

https://rpharm-us.com/index.php

[No news or media page identified]

Sanofi Pasteur

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Serum Institute

News & Announcements - No new digest announcements identified.

Sinopharm/WIBPBIBP

<u>News</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

Sinovac

<u>Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

SK Biosciences

<u>Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

Takeda

Newsroom

<u>Takeda and VELA to Ship Medicines Across the Atlantic Using First-of-its-Kind Wind-Powered Trimaran</u>

September 16, 2025

- :: VELA to operate the world's first sailing cargo trimaran powered by 100 percent wind when at sea1 to sail between Europe and the U.S.
- :: Takeda to become the first biopharmaceutical company to ship its products on VELA's wind-powered trimaran, starting a new era of sustainable shipping in pharma

Valneva

<u>Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

WestVac Biopharma

Media - No new digest announcements identified.

Zhifei Longcom, China

[Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biologic Pharmacy Co., Ltd.] <u>Website</u> [No News/Announcements page identified]

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Journal Watch

Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review continues its weekly scanning of key peer-reviewed journals to identify and cite articles, commentary and editorials, books reviews and other content supporting our focus on vaccine ethics and policy. Journal Watch is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative of themes and issues the Center is actively tracking. We selectively provide full text of some editorial and comment articles that are specifically relevant to our work. Successful access to some of the links provided may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher.

If you would like to suggest other journal titles to include in this service, please contact David Curry at: david.r.curry@centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.org

Volume 16, 2025 Issue 3 https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current [Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 27, Number 9: E629-711

https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/screening-children-structural-drivers-health

Screening Children for Structural Drivers of Health

Nearly half of all US children—40 million kids—were insured by Medicaid or children's health insurance programs in mid-2025. In 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services added a requirement that all hospitalized Medicaid patients be screened by a qualified clinician for structural drivers of health (SDoH). One justification for this requirement is that health outcomes, particularly for children of color, are widely documented as compromised by social, historical, and fiscal neglect of parental leave and other US policies that support children.

Regardless of whether screening for SDoH is federally required, pediatricians' understandings of factors that situate health outcomes for all US children, regardless of their insurance status, are key to caring well for children. Yet, despite the value of SDoH screening in improving US children's health outcomes, one problem is that even when such screening is feasible, it's not always clear which follow-up actions should be integrated into children's care plans, based on what screening reveals. This theme issue investigates clinical, ethical, and policy-level questions about how SDoH screening of children should be implemented and administered.

American Journal of Human Genetics

Sep 04, 2025 Volume 112 Issue 9 p1981-2250

https://www.cell.com/ajhg/current

This month in *The Journal*

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Parkinson disease (PD) is a genetically complex neurodegenerative disorder with more than ten million individuals affected worldwide. Although monogenic forms of PD have provided insights into the biological underpinnings of the disease, most PD appears to have a polygenic architecture. Interestingly, known risk variants only represent $\sim 30\%$ of the heritable component of the disease, and based on traits of similar heritability, there are expected to be many thousands of risk variants. To develop successful therapies, efforts to understand the genetic basis of PD need to be expansive and match the global nature of PD.

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American Journal of Infection Control

September 2025 Volume 53 Issue 9 p919-1022 http://www.ajicjournal.org/current [Reviewed earlier]

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October 2025 115(10) http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current [Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 113 (2025): Issue 3 (Sep 2025)

https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/113/3/tpmd.113.issue-3.xml

Editorial

Another Dengue Antiviral Drug Bites the Dust Early: Where Does Dengue Therapeutic Drug Development Go from Here?

Swee Sen Kwek and Jenny G. Low

Articles

Mpox, HIV, and a Compounding Sepsis Crisis in Africa

Barnabas Bakamutumaho, et al.

Annals of Internal Medicine

September 2025 Volume 178, Issue 9 https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current Ideas and Opinions

New Pneumococcal Vaccine Recommendation for U.S. Adults Aged 50 Years and Older—Promise and Challenges

Miwako Kobayashi, MD, MPH, Jamie Loehr, MD, Virginia A. Caine, MD and Adam L. Cohen, MD, MPH Pages:1343–1345

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Volume 345 August 2025 https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/345/suppl/C [Reviewed earlier]

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http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/ (Accessed 13 Sep 2025) [No new digest content identified]

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Cell and Gene Therapy Insights

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Volume 8, Issue 4 / August 2025

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Volume 13, Issue 1 December 2025 https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/13-1 [Reviewed earlier]

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Volume 41, Issue 3 2025 https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/current [Reviewed earlier]

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<u>Is equitable priority vaccination of vulnerable people feasible in a real-world context? The case of Belgium</u>

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European Journal of Public Health, Volume 35, Issue 4, August 2025, Pages 774–780, https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckaf075

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Volume 52, 2025 - Issue 2

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Baisong Lu, Haiwei Mou, Chen Liang

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US FDA Safety Labeling Change for mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines

Vinay Prasad, MD, MPH; Martin A. Makary, MD, MPH free access

JAMA. 2025;334(11):945-946. doi:10.1001/jama.2025.12675

This Viewpoint explores the US Food and Drug Administration's institution of a class Safety Labeling Change for messenger RNA (mRNA) COVID-19 vaccines.

Grant Terminations in the US Threaten HIV Research and Future Progress

Philip A. Chan, MD; Amy S. Nunn, ScD

JAMA. 2025;334(11):949-950. doi:10.1001/jama.2025.12688

This Viewpoint discusses how recent terminations of grants focused on LGBTQ+ and racial and ethnic minority groups have posed significant challenges for the health of those groups and for the Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative, and it calls for the strengthening and expansion of that initiative and the preservation of federal investments in HIV prevention.

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Alan B. Cohen Pages: 643-651

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Perspective

The Consequences of Silencing the "Voice of CDC"

S.A. Rasmussen and Others

For more than 60 years, the *MMWR* has published life-saving information on U.S. public health crises. The Trump administration's pause on health communications has disrupted that essential mission.

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Special feature: The other 1%: Showcasing science and scientists from the Global South and indigenous communities

The other 1%: Showcasing science and scientists from the Global South and indigenous communities. Guest edited by Sarah Brosnan, Stephanie Meirmans, Maurine Neiman, Guadalupe Peralta and Shalene Singh-Shepherd.

Biological science practices

From policy to practice: progress towards data- and code-sharing in ecology and evolution Edward R. Ivimey-Cook, et al.

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Abstract

Data and code are essential for ensuring the credibility of scientific results and facilitating reproducibility, areas in which journal sharing policies play a crucial role. However, in ecology and evolution, we still do not know how widespread data- and code-sharing policies are, how accessible they are, and whether journals support data and code peer review. Here, we first assessed the clarity, strictness and timing of data- and code-sharing policies across 275 journals in ecology and evolution. Second, we assessed initial compliance to journal policies using submissions from two journals: Proceedings of the Royal Society B (Mar 2023–Feb 2024: n = 2340) and Ecology Letters (Jun 2021–Nov 2023: n = 571). Our results indicate the need for improvement: across 275 journals, 22.5% encouraged and 38.2% mandated data-sharing, while 26.6% encouraged and 26.9% mandated code-sharing. Journals that mandated data- or code-sharing typically required it for peer review (59.0% and 77.0%, respectively), which decreased when journals only encouraged sharing (40.3% and 24.7%, respectively). Our evaluation of policy compliance confirmed the important role of journals in increasing data- and code-sharing but also indicated the need for meaningful changes to enhance reproducibility. We provide seven recommendations to help improve data- and code-sharing, and policy compliance.

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<u>Correlates of Meningococcal B Vaccination and Health Behavior Profiles Among MSM in</u> China

by Rongyan Li, Qian Zou, Yi Zhou, Ye Zhang, Dan Wu, Xinyuan Zhang, Fengshi Jing, Jie Fan, Xi He and Weiming Tang

Vaccines 2025, 13(9), 983; https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines13090983 - 19 Sep 2025

Abstract

Background: Meningococcal B (MenB) vaccination offers protection against invasive meningococcal disease and moderate cross-protection against gonorrhea. However, little is known about coverage and behavioral correlates among men who have sex with men (MSM) in China. This study assessed self-reported MenB vaccination uptake...

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Contexts, Facilitators, and Barriers to Integrating Portable Genomics for Outbreak

Response in Coastal Kenya: A Qualitative Analysis of Participatory Stakeholder Discussions

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Evelyn Makena, Ling Wang, Dorcas Okanda, Daniel Carter, Cristina Legio, Juliet O. Odhiambo, Catherine Munywoki, Abbas S. Abdalla, Victor Gatie, Ahmed Adam, Hildagard N. Wasike, Salim N. Kassim, Urbanus Kioko, Vera Onwonga, Millicent Ndia, John Kiiru, Leonard Kingwara, Rukia S. Madada, Paul Lang'at, William Nicholas, Charles N. Agoti, James R. Hargreaves, Gwenda Hughes, Eunice W. Kagucia, Farhana Haque, George Githinji

The Kenyan coast frequently experiences infectious disease outbreaks, but the response is often hindered by limited diagnostic capacity, diagnostic delays, and logistic barriers related to sample transportation and storage. Portable genomic sequencing technology offers the potential to accelerate outbreak investigations and inform timely public health interventions. However, a critical gap remains in understanding stakeholders' needs and level of engagement in integrating this technology within resource-limited settings.

article | Study Protocol

REVISED - Defining tuberculosis stigma: a protocol for a systematic review, analysis, and thematic synthesis

[version 2; peer review: 2 approved with reservations]

Dougles L. Huff, et al.

Throughout recorded history, tuberculosis is believed to have killed more people than any other infectious disease. Despite the World Health Organization's determination that preventing and controlling tuberculosis will require understanding and reducing tuberculosis stigma, we noted strikingly diverse definitions and lack of consensus in describing tuberculosis stigma. Furthermore, we found no systematic reviews in the existing tuberculosis stigma literature characterizing, comparing, or assessing tuberculosis stigma definitions or their consistency. To address this knowledge gap, we intend to conduct a systematic review of existing tuberculosis stigma definitions used in the academic research literature, and through quantitative synthesis of the words and phrases contained within those definitions, identify themes that characterize tuberculosis stigma.

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<u>Analyzing USAID Program Disruptions: Implications for PEPFAR Programming and Beneficiaries</u>

Ramona Godbole

September 17, 2025

PEPFAR is still emerging from aid cuts, with major implications for lifesaving HIV services. About 65 percent of USAID's PEPFAR awards have been reported terminated, accounting for 24 percent of planned funding. Terminated USAID awards were responsible for supporting an estimated 2.3 million people ...

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Newsroom

New KFF-Washington Post Survey Explores Parents' Trust In, and Confusion About, Childhood Vaccines as the Trump Administration Revamps Federal Policies

Sep 15, 2025 News Release

A new KFF-Washington Post partnership survey of parents explores their experiences with and views about vaccines for their children, including a look into how they make decisions related to vaccines and where they are uncertain or confused about their safety.

Litigation Involving Reproductive Health and Rights in the Federal Courts

Sep 19, 2025 Fact Sheet

This State and Federal Reproductive Rights Litigation tracker aggregates information about ongoing litigation regarding abortion bans and restrictions, FDA approval of Mifepristone (an abortion pill) and other federal regulations.

Key Global Health Positions and Officials in the U.S. Government

Sep 18, 2025 Fact Sheet

This fact sheet identifies key U.S. government global health positions and officials.

Which PEPFAR Investments Drive HIV Outcomes? Informing PEPFAR Transition and Scale-Down

Sep 17, 2025 Issue Brief

This analysis examines PEPFAR spending and HIV viral suppression rates in 22 countries from 2018–2023 to help identify which investments most effectively drive HIV outcomes and inform future directions.

Global COVID-19 Tracker

Sep 16, 2025 Issue Brief

This tracker provides data on global COVID-19 cases and deaths by country, region, and incomelevel. Additionally, the tracker reports current closure, economic, and health system policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic globally. This tracker will be updated as new data are available.

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An evidence library on Locally Led Development: making the case

15 September 2025

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In 2023, USAID published the <u>Donor Statement on Supporting Locally Led Development</u>, which, as of early 2025, had been signed by 20 bilateral donors and 24 philanthropies. Signatories committed to shifting and sharing power to and with local actors; channeling funding as directly to local actors as possible; and publicly advocating for LLD.

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Could AI Help Improve How Public Policy Is Made?

Combining human expertise, artificial intelligence (AI), operations research methods (OR), and large-scale feedback holds promise for enhancing governance and public trust. Further research and collaboration is needed to advance the use of AI and OR to empower people to make better policies and plans.

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<u>Physical Approaches to Civilian Biodefense: Identifying Potential Preparedness Measures</u> for Challenging Biological Threats

The authors of this report aim to better define the possibilities and limits of physical approaches to civilian biodefense against three biological threat scenarios.

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Tracking County-Level Measles Cases in the US

Investigators developed a national data collection and reporting infrastructure that provides near-real-time, county-level measles case data beginning on January 1, 2025, shared via a public dashboard and open data repository.

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The Impacts of COVID-19 Vaccines on Mental Health Outcomes

Leveraging state-level exogenous variation in the timing of when people in different age groups became eligible for COVID-19 vaccination, we find that being eligible leads to large reductions in self-reported anxiety and depression symptoms.

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Global Risk Index for AI-enabled Biological Tools: Summary Assessment & Methods Report

The report provides a risk index framework for assessing AI-enabled biological tools, analyzing misuse potential, global trends, and recommending ongoing monitoring, enhanced governance, and responsible innovation to bolster biosecurity.

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Climate Health Risks Put \$1.5 Trillion in Productivity at Stake by 2050

News 18 Sep 2025

- Climate-driven health risks could cost the global economy at least \$1.5 trillion in lost productivity by 2050 in food and agriculture, built environment and health and healthcare, new World Economic Forum report finds.
- The report sets out adaptation priorities for four critical economic sectors, urging companies to act now to protect worker health and build operational resilience.
- Investment in climate health innovation, from climate-resistant crops to heat-stable medicines and new insurance models tackling coverage gaps, can reduce risks, unlock new market opportunities and drive long-term value.
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Call for Public Comment - WHO Classification of Digital Health Interventions v1.0

WHO 1 September 2022 **Deadline for comments: 30 September 2022, 23:59 (CEST)** *Call for consultation*

The World Health Organization (WHO) would like to issue a public call for comments to update v1.0 of the <u>Classification of Digital Health Interventions (CDHI)</u>. This will take the form of two public calls: Primary feedback: Call to receive public stakeholders' comments to update the Classification of Digital Health Interventions v1.0.

The WHO CDHI v1.0 was created in 2018 to provide a common digital health vocabulary for diverse stakeholders from numerous backgrounds and areas of expertise. It has since been used by stakeholders of digital health projects with a particular focus on Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs). As opposed to previous frameworks that provide highly technical terminology that is mainly intended for computer scientists and software developers in health, the CDHI constitutes a key bridging language between technology-oriented audiences and those in health to facilitate consistent ways of articulating needs and functionalities represented in digital health system implementations.

Since 2018, there have been advances in technology and additional interventions have arisen, prompted by the global pandemic. These, together with calls from expert communities and other stakeholders, have prompted the need to update the CDHI v1.0.

To ensure a broad consultation process, WHO will work with an expert panel and expert groups to review relevant evidence on the application of the CDHI by stakeholders and provide recommendations for update. To enable the process of the update and to ensure the input and consideration of a global group of stakeholders, WHO is issuing this public call, appealing to researchers, government and public health stakeholders, technologists, healthcare providers, donors, implementers and other agencies that utilize (or aim to utilize) the CDHI to provide comments.

<u>Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis</u>

A Notice by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on 07/11/2025. **Nominations must be received no later than September 30, 2025**SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is seeking nominations for membership on the Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET). ACET consists of 10 experts including the Chair in fields associated with public health, epidemiology, immunology, infectious disease, pulmonary disease, pediatrics, tuberculosis, microbiology, and preventive health care delivery. *SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:*

The Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET) provides advice and recommendations regarding the elimination of tuberculosis (TB) to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); the Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS; and the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ACET (a) makes recommendations on policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities; (b) addresses development and application of new technologies; (c) provides guidance and review of CDC's TB prevention research portfolio and program priorities; and (d) reviews the extent to which progress has been made toward eliminating TB.

Draft guideline on the quality aspects of mRNA vaccines

EMA Draft: consultation open **Consultation dates: 31/03/2025 to 30/09/2025** Reference Number: EMA/CHMP/BWP/82416/2025 *Summary:*

This guideline addresses the quality aspects of mRNA vaccines. It addresses specific aspects regarding the manufacturing process, characterisation, specifications and analytical control of mRNA vaccines, as well as the definition of starting materials, active substance and finished product for mRNA vaccines. Additional regulatory considerations are provided for changes in existing mRNA vaccine

strains, bivalent and multivalent vaccines, self-amplifying mRNA vaccines, other delivery systems and use of platform technology/prior knowledge. The scope of this guideline is applicable to mRNA vaccines against infectious diseases. Other mRNA-based medicinal products are out of scope of this guideline, although relevant parts of this guideline may be applicable to those. It is not intended to address specific requirements for mRNA vaccines to be used in clinical trials, however the scientific principles described may also be applicable during pharmaceutical development.

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