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Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review
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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

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Editor's Note:

The WHO EB meeting concluded on Friday, a day earlier than scheduled. No WHO summary of the overall EB meeting was identified as we completed this edition.

WHO – 158th session of the Executive Board

2–7 February 2026

Main Documents [selected]

EB158/1

Provisional agenda

EB158/1 (annotated)

Provisional agenda (annotated)

WHO Director-General's closing remarks at the 158th session of the Executive Board – 6 February 2026

[Excerpt]

...Thank you to all Member States for your engagement, which reflects the value you place on WHO and its work.

From NCDs and mental health to TB, rare diseases, neglected tropical diseases, AMR, UHC, polio, emergencies and more, you have highlighted some of the many issues that transcend national borders and that require a coordinated international response.

Thank you also for the attention you have given to governance reform. As I said at the beginning of the week, a more efficient and effective WHO means reform to both the Secretariat and the governance that Member States provide – and thank you again to Secretary Blair.

Thank you for the guidance you have given, the consensus you have forged, and the commitment you have demonstrated to WHO.

Your Secretariat remains fully committed to following your guidance, and supporting all Member States.

Our prioritization and realignment has helped to give us clarity – clarity about where WHO has the greatest comparative advantage and adds the greatest value.

We are now moving forward as a leaner Secretariat, focused on leveraging that comparative advantage and delivering that value, with clarity for our future...

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Session recording available [here](#) under "IGWG Briefing, 04/02/2026"

WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Pandemic Agreement (IGWG) briefing to the 158th session of the WHO Executive Board – 4 February 2026

[Excerpt]

...My sincere appreciation to the co-chairs and the Bureau for their steady leadership, and to all IGWG members for the dedication they have brought to this work.

You have developed the space for dialogue, prepared the technical groundwork and supported Member States through each stage of this negotiation.

Needless to say, the IGWG meeting next week is a make-or-break moment to build convergence.

It is an opportunity to narrow gaps, clarify expectations and move toward shared understanding on the key issues that remain. Progress next week will be essential for maintaining momentum.

As you know, the World Health Assembly has given the IGWG a clear mandate. The Pandemic Agreement has been adopted, and the task now is to complete the work needed to operationalize it. Without the PABS Annex, as you know, the Agreement is not fully ready for signature, ratification and implementation.

The deadline is absolute. This year's World Health Assembly must receive a text that Member States can consider and act upon. There is no scope for delay – I hope – because the next pandemic will not wait.

You, the Member States, demonstrated last year that progress is possible, even under pressure.

You reached agreement on the core instrument itself, including Article 12, which sets out many of the elements that guide your work today.

You can do it again. The Secretariat stands ready to support you at every stage of the process... The world is watching, so my message to all Member States is: let's get this done. I am very confident you will.

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Fifth meeting of the Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement

9 – 14 February 2026

Hybrid, Geneva, Switzerland

[A/IGWG/5/1](#)

Provisional agenda

[A/IGWG/5/2](#)

Draft programme of work

[Draft PABS Annex text](#)

Webcast of selected IGG sessions and other documentation [here](#).

IGWG Meeting timeline

- 9–10 July 2025: First meeting of the IGWG
- 15–19 September 2025: Second meeting of the IGWG
- Week of 6–10 October 2025: Informal meetings of the IGWG
- 3–7 November 2025: Third meeting of the IGWG

- 24–25 November 2025: Informal dialogues of the IGWG
- 1–5 December 2025: Fourth meeting of the IGWG
- **9–14 February 2026: Fifth meeting of the IGWG**
- 23–28 March 2026: Sixth meeting of the IGWG
- July 2026 (tbc): Seventh meeting of the IGWG
- September 2026 (tbc): Eighth meeting of the IGWG

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Pandemic Preparedness

[**Korea to run landmark pandemic simulation exercise to strengthen outbreak readiness**](#)

5 February 2026, SEOUL, Republic of Korea —

A pioneering fictional pandemic simulation exercise will be held in the Republic of Korea by the Korean Government, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and the International Vaccine Institute (IVI) to explore opportunities to strengthen Korean readiness to rapidly develop and test new vaccines in the event of a future pandemic threat.

The tabletop exercise is the first of its kind to be held in Korea and the region with the Government's Ministry of Food Drug & Safety (MFDS), a World Health Organization-listed regulatory authority, and the world-leading Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA).

The meeting will bring together several expert organisations based in Korea working across pandemic preparedness—from threat detection through to licensure of life-saving medical tools—to simulate a realistic scenario imagining that a never-seen-before fictitious deadly virus is spreading fast and infecting people.

Using skills, knowledge and plans developed during COVID-19 and in the years since the pandemic, attendees will be invited to discuss how they would work together across research and development, manufacturing and other parts of the vaccine chain to improve readiness and identify bottlenecks ahead of a potential health emergency.

The exercise will enhance Korea's real-world response readiness by strengthening the scientific, regulatory and manufacturing capabilities needed to rapidly develop new vaccines against emerging epidemic and pandemic threats...

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Health Emergencies and Crisis Settings

[**WHO launches 2026 appeal to help millions of people in health emergencies and crisis settings**](#)

3 February 2026 The World Health Organization (WHO) today launched its 2026 global appeal to ensure that millions of people living in humanitarian crises and conflicts can access health care.

In 2025, WHO and partners supported 30 million people funded through its annual emergency appeal. These resources helped deliver life-saving vaccination to 5.3 million children, enabled 53 million health consultations, supported more than 8000 health facilities, and facilitated the deployment of 1370 mobile clinics.

The 2026 appeal seeks nearly US\$ 1 billion to respond to 36 emergencies worldwide, including 14 Grade 3 emergencies requiring the highest level of organizational response. These emergencies span sudden-onset and protracted humanitarian crises where health needs are critical.

"This appeal is a call to stand with people living through conflict, displacement and disaster – to give them not just services, but the confidence that the world has not turned its back on them," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "It is not charity. It is a strategic investment in health and security. In fact, access to health care restores dignity, stabilizes communities and offers a pathway toward recovery."...

WHO and partners' emergency response actions include

- keeping essential health facilities operational;
- delivering emergency medical supplies and trauma care;
- preventing and responding to outbreaks;
- **restoring routine immunization; and**
- ensuring access to sexual and reproductive, maternal and child health services in fragile and conflict-affected settings...

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Cholera

Preventive cholera vaccination resumes as global supply reaches critical milestone

GENEVA/NEW YORK, 4 February 2026 – **Global cholera vaccine supply has now increased to a level sufficient to allow the resumption of life-saving preventive campaigns for the first time in over three years**, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, UNICEF, and the World Health Organization (WHO) announced today.

Mozambique is the first country to restart preventive vaccination, following the halt in 2022 caused by the global surge in cholera cases that drove up demand and led to shortages of oral cholera vaccine (OCV) stocks.

The preventive vaccination campaign begins amid an ongoing cholera outbreak and the aftermath of floods that affected more than 700 000 people and displaced many. The floods disrupted health systems and damaged water systems, further increasing the risk of waterborne diseases such as cholera.

"Global vaccine shortages forced us into a cycle of reacting to cholera outbreaks instead of preventing them. We are now in a stronger position to break that cycle. **I thank EUBiologics, currently the only manufacturer producing cholera vaccines at the scale needed for mass vaccination campaigns, for its efforts, and urge others to enter this vital space. These vaccines will save lives**," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General.

A first allocation of 20 million doses is being deployed for preventive campaigns. Of these, 3.6 million doses were delivered to Mozambique; 6.1 million to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that is also experiencing significant outbreaks; and 10.3 million doses are planned for delivery to Bangladesh.

Following sustained efforts by global agencies, manufacturers and partners, **annual global supply of OCV has doubled from 35 million doses in 2022 to nearly 70 million doses in 2025. The doses are being financed by Gavi, and procured and delivered to countries by UNICEF.**

"The multi-year surge in cholera cases and resulting unprecedented demand for vaccines were stark reminders that sustainable, accessible vaccine supply is a global public good – and the world cannot afford complacency," said Dr Sania Nishtar, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. "We are grateful to our partners and manufacturers, particularly EUBiologics, for the collaboration that has made the resumption of these essential preventive campaigns possible, and to Gavi's donors, whose support enables us to finance the global OCV stockpile and life-saving outbreak and preventive campaigns."

"For the first time in years, this increase in vaccines will allow us to better prevent large-scale cholera emergencies," said **Catherine Russell, UNICEF Executive Director**. **"Resuming preventive cholera vaccination will protect children and help stop this highly contagious disease in its tracks. But it must go hand in hand with other efforts, including better access to safe water and basic sanitation."**

The three countries were chosen based **on allocation criteria set out by the Global Task Force for Cholera Control (GTFCC), a partnership of over 50 organizations, to ensure cholera vaccines for preventive campaigns are distributed systematically, equitably and transparently...**

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[**Multi-country outbreak of cholera, epidemiological update #33 -27 January 2026**](#)

Overview

From 1 January to 28 December 2025, a cumulative total of 614 828 cholera cases and 7598 deaths were reported from 33 countries across five WHO regions, with the Eastern Mediterranean Region recording the highest numbers, followed by the African Region, the South-East Asia Region, the Region of the Americas, and the Western Pacific Region. No cases were reported from the European Region during this period.

In December 2025 (epidemiological weeks 49 to 52) a total of 17 327 new cholera and acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) cases were reported from 16 countries across three WHO regions, showing a 25% decrease from November. In this period, 137 cholera-related deaths were reported globally, a 16% decrease from the previous month.

Multi-country outbreak of cholera



Epidemiological Update n. 33, published 27 January 2026¹

Cases – 614 828 Since Jan. 2025	Deaths – 7 598 Since Jan. 2025	Countries affected – 33 Since Jan. 2025	Population at risk 1 billion	Global risk – Very high
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[OCV, vaccines, immunization not referenced in report]

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[**Quantifying the contribution of Oral Cholera Vaccine to global health through tech-transfers and WHO stockpile deployment since its inception: a modeling study**](#)

Jung-Seok Lee, Wongyeong Choi, Florian Marks, John D. Clemens, Jerome H. Kim, Julia Lynch
PREPRINT - medRxiv 2026.02.02.26345439; doi:

<https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.02.02.26345439>

... What this study adds

We evaluated the actual impact of deployed doses on cholera morbidity, mortality, and economic burden since the inception of the OCV stockpile in 2013. Our model further investigated what the impact of OCV would have been with no delays in implementation and no supply shortage by incorporating the detailed daily shipment data which included the number of OCV doses and dates for request, decision (approval), and delivery. The current analyses show that from 2013 to 2025, both reactive and preventive vaccination campaigns implemented through the global OCV stockpile averted more than 6.7 million DALYs, 146,013 deaths, and US\$1.05 billion of the economic burden in 37 recipient countries. Our model demonstrates that vaccination impact would be further enhanced if there were no delays in the implementation of campaigns and if there were no shortage of OCV supplies.

How this study might affect research, practice or policy

To our knowledge, no previous study has assessed the holistic contribution of the global OCV stockpile and investigated the optimal outcomes which may have been partially lost due to programmatic and logistical challenges. Since its inception, the impact of the OCV stockpile on global health has been substantial, and the additional benefits are expected if cholera vaccines can be deployed on time and if there is no supply constraint. In particular, the benefits induced by improving timing of vaccination does not necessarily come with additional costs associated with vaccine supplies which are known to be the major cost driver. In addition, because all stockpile recipient countries are currently required to implement a single-dose OCV campaign due to the shortage of OCVs, the continuous support for a two-dose vaccination campaign would bring much larger benefits than the single-dose vaccination scheme given a single-dose vaccination with the OCV is known to be much less efficacious among young children. Considering ongoing cholera outbreaks across multiple regions and other cholera vaccine candidates in development, our findings can be used not only to help provide guidance for the decision-making process on the future OCV stockpile deployment, but also to understand the optimal usage and potential impacts of multiple cholera vaccines which can be administered by different strategies in the future.

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Polio – PHEIC

[**Polio this week**](#) [04 Feb 2026]

Headlines [Selected]

- :: WHO Executive Board signals renewed global unity to finish polio eradication**
- :: SAGE Polio Working Group reviews path to the endgame — from vaccine strategy to post-eradication planning**

This week, the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization Polio Working Group convened to take stock of progress toward eradication and to examine the critical decisions shaping the polio endgame. Discussions covered programme performance and governance, planning for eventual bivalent OPV cessation, advances in novel OPV and next-generation IPV manufacturing, and how evolving vaccine strategies can best protect children while safeguarding a polio-free future. The group also began formulating recommendations on the optimal role of IPV and bOPV in routine immunization as the world prepares for the final phase of eradication. Outcomes from the meeting will inform deliberations by the full SAGE on 9-12 March.

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- :: Afghanistan: three WPV1 cases and four WPV1-positive environmental samples
- :: Pakistan: three WPV1-positive environmental samples
- :: Benin: two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples

:: Chad: two cVDPV2 cases
:: DR Congo: one cVDPV2 case

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WHO & Regional Offices [07 Feb 2026]

<https://www.who.int/news>

Selected News/Announcements/Statements

5 February 2026 *Statement*

[**Over four million girls still at risk of female genital mutilation: UN leaders call for sustained commitment and investment to end FGM**](#)

4 February 2026 *News release*

[**Preventive cholera vaccination resumes as global supply reaches critical milestone**](#)

3 February 2026 *Joint News Release*

[**Four in ten cancer cases could be prevented globally**](#)

3 February 2026 *News release*

[**WHO launches 2026 appeal to help millions of people in health emergencies and crisis settings**](#)

3 February 2026 *Statement*

[**Joint statement on the renewed Quadripartite Memorandum of Understanding regarding cooperation on One Health until 2030**](#)

2 February 2026 *Statement*

[**Six years after COVID-19's global alarm: Is the world better prepared for the next pandemic?**](#)

2 February 2026 *Departmental update*

[**New customs classification for vaccines to strengthen emergency preparedness**](#)

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WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]

https://www.who.int/health-topics/vaccines-and-immunization#tab=tab_1

News

No new digest content identified.

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: 06 February 2026

[**Intensifying emergency response to Mozambique flooding disaster**](#)

:: 04 February 2026

[**From villages to markets: Burkina Faso leads the way in cervical cancer elimination**](#)

:: 03 February 2026

[**Sierra Leone transforms lives through expanded cervical cancer care**](#)

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 6 Feb 2026

[**PAHO launches virtual reality laboratory to build capacity in respiratory virus surveillance in the Americas**](#)

Washington, D.C., February 6, 2026 (PAHO) — The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has launched a virtual reality (VR) platform designed to build capacity and strengthen preparedness across public health laboratories in the Americas for the surveillance of influenza and other pathogens with epidemic potential. This immersive digital tool was...

:: 4 Feb 2026

[**PAHO issues epidemiological alert amid continued measles transmission in the Americas and urges strengthened vaccination and surveillance**](#)

Washington, D.C., February 4, 2026 (PAHO) — The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has issued a new epidemiological alert on measles for the Region of the Americas, calling on countries to intensify epidemiological surveillance, vaccination, and rapid outbreak response activities to interrupt transmission and protect vulnerable populations....

:: 3 Feb 2026

[**PAHO urges strengthening cervical cancer prevention and care to advance toward its elimination**](#)

In the Region, 24 countries have adopted the single-dose schedule for the HPV vaccine, but greater efforts are needed to expand screening and treatment. Washington, D.C., February 3, 2026 (PAHO) – On World Cancer Day (February 4), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) called on countries to accelerate efforts to achieve cervical cancer 2030...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

:: 6 February 2026 *Media release*

[**Ukraine: WHO seeks US\\$ 42 million in 2026 to protect health care as war enters its fifth year**](#)

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: 4 February 2026

[**Reaching the unreachable: accelerating onchocerciasis elimination in Yemen**](#)

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: 3 February 2026 *Media release*

[**KOICA reaffirms commitment with MHMS and WHO to promote and protect maternal and newborn h...**](#)

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

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

No new digest content identified.

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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.

6 February 2026 | Nipah virus infection - Bangladesh

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

Vol. 101, No. 4-6 6 February 2026

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

:: Strengthening medicine procurement and supply chain management for neglected tropical diseases in 2025: achievements, challenges and way forward
:: Global update on implementation of preventive chemotherapy against neglected

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New WHO Publications

<https://www.who.int/publications>

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Global update on implementation of preventive chemotherapy against neglected tropical diseases in 2024

6 February 2026

Strengthening medicine procurement and supply chain management for neglected tropical diseases in 2025:...

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Africa

Africa CDC [07 Feb 2026]

<https://africacdc.org/>

Press Releases, Statements [Selected]

Africa CDC Opens First Medical Supplies Warehouse to Boost Public Health Emergency Response

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia – 02 February 2026 – The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) has opened its first dedicated warehouse, marking a major milestone in strengthening the continent's capacity to procure, store and rapidly dispatch critical medical supplies during public health emergencies.

The 1,000-square-metre warehouse, located at the Africa CDC headquarters in Addis Ababa, is equipped with cold storage systems to safely store medical and other essential supplies. Africa CDC Deputy Director General Dr Raji Tajudeen said the facility significantly enhances the agency's operational readiness. "We now have what it takes to respond in the most efficient and timely manner to disease outbreaks," he said, noting that rapid access to medical products can mean the difference between containment and escalation.

Funded by the Mastercard Foundation through mpox emergency response funding, the facility was developed with the support of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), which provided end-to-end supply chain expertise – from design and engineering supervision to logistics, cold storage systems and safety compliance...

Communiqué

Communiqué: Continental Immunization Strategy Adoption

3 February 2026

... Africa CDC, through the Immunization Unit within the Primary Health Care Center, is stepping up to support African Union Member States' immunization agendas and is developing its Continental Immunization Strategy (CIS), providing a pragmatic, time-bound pathway to strengthen immunization systems across Africa by anchoring vaccination firmly within resilient, epidemic-ready Primary Health Care (PHC) and health-security architectures. The CIS is designed to close equity gaps, reach zero-dose and under-immunized populations, and sustain life-course immunization while advancing the Addis Declaration on Immunization (ADI) and Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030) goals.

PDF: <https://africacdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Communiqué-CONTINENTAL-IMMUNIZATION-STRATEGY-ADOPTION.pdf>

Financing Africa's Health Security and Sovereignty

A Health Financing Reform Handbook for African Union Member States.

2 February 2026

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China – CDC+

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China [07 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

National Medical Products Administration – PRC [07 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

China CDC

CCDC Weekly Reports: Current Volume (7)

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Europe

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

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

News/Updates/Reports/Publications [Selected]

Surveillance and monitoring

[Communicable disease threats report, 31 January - 6 February 2026, week 6](#)

6 Feb 2026

This issue of the ECDC Communicable Disease Threats Report (CDTR) covers the period 31 January - 6 February 2026 and includes updates on respiratory virus epidemiology in the EU/EEA, SARS-CoV-2 variant classification, *Bacillus cereus* toxin in infant formula, mass gathering monitoring, mpox, nipah virus, and Middle East respiratory virus syndrome.

Surveillance and monitoring

[Monthly measles and rubella monitoring report - December 2025](#)

3 Feb 2026

This report provides an overview of measles and rubella cases reported to ECDC through The European Surveillance System (TESSy).

European Medicines Agency [EMA]

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

News & Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

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India

[National Centre for Disease Control](#)

Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Executive Branch - White House, State, HHS, FDA, CDC+

White House

Presidential Actions – Executive Orders; Memoranda; Proclamations

No new digest content identified.

[UNAIDS strongly welcomes bold, new US funding package for HIV](#)

GENEVA, 5 February 2026—UNAIDS welcomes the signing into law of a bipartisan US\$ 5.88 billion spending package that reinforces the continued commitment and leadership of the United States in the global response to HIV.

US President Donald Trump signed the consolidated spending package into law on 3 February 2026 which allocates US\$ 4.6 billion to bilateral HIV support through the America First Global Health Strategy, US\$ 1.25 billion to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and US\$ 45 million to UNAIDS...

Department of State

Press Releases - Selected

Media Note

Delivering Additional Humanitarian Support Directly to the Cuban People

February 5, 2026

Press Statement

Sudan Humanitarian Fund Call to Action Event

February 4, 2026

HHS

Press Room - Selected

No new digest content identified.

NIH [to 07 Feb 2026]

<http://www.nih.gov/>

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

FDA

Press Announcements

FDA News Releases

No new digest content identified.

FDA CBER

What's New for Biologics

No new digest content identified.

FDA VRBPAC [Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee]

Advisory Committee Calendar

No future meetings posted.

FDA Pediatric Advisory Committee Meeting

Advisory Committee Calendar

No future meetings posted.

CDC

<http://www.cdc.gov/media/index.html>

Latest News - Selected

No new digest content identified.

CDC – Immunization Safety Office (ISO)

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccine-safety-systems/about/cdc-monitoring-program.html>

No new digest content identified.

ACIP

2026 Meetings Schedule *[no agenda content posted]*

- February 25-26
- June 24-25
- October 21-22

Leading Public Health Groups Seek Expedited Injunctive Relief Against Immunization Schedule Changes, Upcoming ACIP Meeting; Hearing Scheduled Friday, February 13

January 13, 2026

A group of medical professional societies, led by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and including the American Public Health Association (APHA), seek to enjoin the upcoming February 25-26 ACIP meeting and vacate recent changes to the pediatric immunization schedule. A hearing on plaintiffs' preliminary injunction is scheduled for Friday, February 13.

National Vaccine Advisory 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>

No new digest content identified.

MMWR Weekly

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

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NSF

News

No new digest content identified.

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U.S. Congress

House of Representatives

No new digest content identified.

U.S. Senate

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

No new digest content identified.

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Supreme Court, Federal & Appellate Courts

O'Neill Institute – Health Care Litigation Tracker [Georgetown University]

<https://litigationtracker.law.georgetown.edu/>

No new digest content identified.



U.S. Medical, Professional Societies; Health Organizations

This inventory is evolving and may not capture all instances of relevant comment and analysis.

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

<https://www.aafp.org/news/media-center.html>

(Accessed 07 Feb 2026)

No new digest content identified.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

<https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases-from-the-aap/>

(Accessed 07 Feb 2026)

News

No new digest content identified.

American College of Physicians (ACP)

<https://www.acponline.org/more-acp-news>

(Accessed 07 Feb 2026)

ACP News

[Vaccine access tops the list of ACP advocacy priorities in 2026](#)

02/02/26 *ACP Advocate*

America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

<https://www.ahip.org/news>

(Accessed 07 Feb 2026)

News

No new digest content identified.

American Geriatrics Society (AGS)

<https://www.americangeriatrics.org/media-center>

(Accessed 07 Feb 2026)

Recent Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

American Medical Association (AMA)

<https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center>

(Accessed 07 Feb 2026)

Press Releases

Feb 3, 2026 · 1 MIN READ

[AMA urges public to get vaccinated against measles as cases rise](#)

Statement attributable to: Sandra Adamson Fryhofer, MD, Trustee, American Medical Association

“With measles cases on the rise – and the U.S. at real risk of losing its measles elimination status for the first time in 25 years—now is the time to make sure you and your family are vaccinated.

"Measles spreads very easily, often before people realize they're sick, and it can lead to serious complications—including pneumonia, brain swelling, blindness, and even death. The MMR vaccine has protected our communities for decades, yet falling vaccination rates are driving today's measles outbreaks, hospitalizations, and the first deaths in many years—largely among people who were not vaccinated.

"We urge you to talk with your doctor and make sure your family is protected. There is no cure for measles, but vaccination protects you, your loved ones, and those who are too young or medically unable to be vaccinated."

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

<https://osteopathic.org/news/>

(Accessed 07 Feb 2026)

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

American Public Health Association (APHA)

<https://www.apha.org/news-and-media/news-releases?sortFieldName=ItemDate&sortDisplayName>Newest&sortMode=desc>

(Accessed 07 Feb 2026)

No new digest content identified.

Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)

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

(Accessed 07 Feb 2026)

News releases and statements

No new digest content identified.

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)

<https://www.nfid.org/news-updates/>

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News and Updates

February 5, 2026

News Round-Up: Vaccines, Measles, Flu, and COVID-19

News and expert insights on COVID-19, influenza, measles, outbreak preparedness, and vaccine policy—including growing concerns about data gaps, divergent immunization recommendations, and the real-world consequences for public health

National Medical Association (NMA)

<https://nmanet.org/blog/>

(Accessed 07 Feb 2026)

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)

<https://pids.org/news-announcements/>

(Accessed 07 Feb 2026)

News & Announcements
No new digest content identified.

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)

<https://shea-online.org/news/>

(Accessed 07 Feb 2026)

No new digest content identified.

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)

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

(Accessed 07 Feb 2026)

News

No new digest content identified.

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Civil Society – Individuals, Organizations, Institutions *[Selected]*

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Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [07 Feb 2026]

https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release

Global Health Funding in the FY 2026 National Security, Department of State and Related Programs (NSRP) Conference Bill & Explanatory Statement

Feb 4, 2026 *Fact Sheet*

This budget summary provides an analysis of global health funding amounts provided in the National Security, Department of State and Related Programs (NSRP) Conference Bill & Explanatory Statement.

Global Health Funding in the FY 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor HHS) Conference Bill & Accompanying Report

Feb 4, 2026 *Fact Sheet*

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KFF Tracking Poll on Health Information and Trust: Trust in the CDC and Views of Federal Childhood Vaccine Schedule Changes

Feb 6, 2026 *Poll Finding*

Key Takeaways

- In the weeks following the Trump administration's announcement of changes to the recommended childhood vaccine schedule, **the public's trust in the CDC remains at its lowest point since the COVID-19 pandemic**, including a 9-percentage point drop among Democrats in recent months saying they trust the CDC for reliable vaccine information. Just over half (55%) of Democrats and fewer Republicans (43%) and independents (46%) now say they trust the agency for vaccine information. In addition, fewer than half of adults (44%) express confidence in U.S. federal health agencies to make recommendations about the childhood vaccine schedule.
- **Among the half of U.S. adults who report hearing about the recent changes to the childhood vaccine schedule, more say the changes will have a negative impact (54%) on children's health** than a positive one (26%). Partisans are split, with most Democrats who are

aware of the change saying it will have a negative impact on children (83%, or 63% of all Democrats), while Republicans are more likely to say it will have a positive impact (47% of Republicans who are aware of the change, or 34% of all Republicans). About one in five Republicans who are aware of the changes say they will negatively impact children's health and an additional one in five say they are not sure.

- **At least eight in ten U.S. adults across partisans and parents are confident – including about half who of adults who are “very confident” – in the safety of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) and polio vaccines**, two longstanding childhood vaccines that continue to be recommended as routine. Majorities of adults are also confident in the safety of two of the vaccines that are no longer universally recommended for children following recent changes, hepatitis B (70%) and flu (65%), though fewer are “very confident,” and views are somewhat divided along partisan lines. Fewer (48%) adults are confident in the safety of COVID-19 vaccines for children, including just one in four who are “very confident.” Partisan divisions are sharpest when it comes COVID-19 vaccines, with just three in ten Republicans compared to eight in ten Democrats expressing confidence that they are safe for children.

Poll: Trust and Confidence in the CDC Remain at Low Point After Changes to Recommended Childhood Vaccines; More Say the Changes Will Hurt than Help Children’s Health

Feb 6, 2026 *News Release*

In the weeks after the Trump administration reduced the number of recommended childhood vaccines for routine use, **the public’s trust in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) remains at its lowest point**, a new KFF Poll on Health Information and Trust finds.

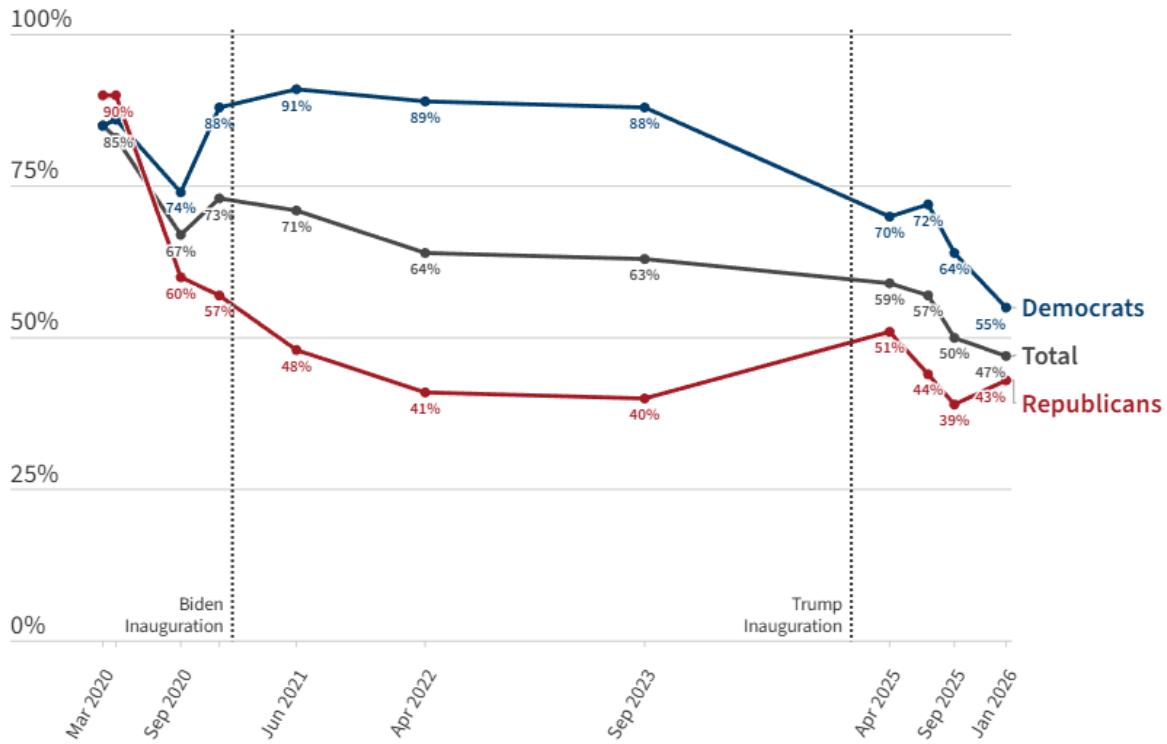
Fewer than half (47%) now say that they trust the agency at least “a fair amount” to provide reliable vaccine information, similar to the share who said the same in September, but down more than 10 percentage points since the beginning of the second Trump administration, and continuing a downward trend first measured during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The recent decline reflects falling confidence among Democrats. Slightly more than half (55%) of Democrats now say they trust the CDC on vaccines, down from 64% September. About 4 in 10 Republicans say they trust the CDC for vaccine information, similar to the share who said the same a few months ago and in 2023, but fewer than half as many as said they trusted the CDC on the coronavirus back in 2020.

“Six years ago, 85% of Americans, and 90% of Republicans, trusted the CDC. Now less than half trust the CDC on vaccines,” KFF President and CEO Drew Altman said. “The wars over COVID, science, and vaccines have left the country without a trusted national voice on vaccines, and that trust will take time to restore.”

Trust in the CDC as an Information Source Has Declined Amid Changing Partisan Views

Percent who have a great deal or fair amount of trust in the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide reliable information about vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines, and coronavirus



Note: For September 2023 to present, question wording was "to provide reliable information about vaccines." For December 2020 to April 2022, question wording was "to provide reliable information about a COVID-19 vaccine." For March 2020 to September 2020, question wording was "to provide reliable information on coronavirus." See toplines for full question wording.

Source: KFF Health Tracking Polls

KFF

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Vaccine Integrity Project – CIDRAP [to 07 Feb 2026]

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/vaccine-integrity-project>

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

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Paul Offit, MD – *Beyond the Noise*

Substack: <https://pauloffit.substack.com/>

[Selected]

[**Who's Really Behind the MAHA Movement?**](#)

RFK Jr.'s recent removal of FDA warnings about dangerous autism therapies shows exactly who is funding the MAHA movement.

Feb 03, 2026

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Organization Announcements

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [07 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gates Foundation [07 Feb 2026]

<https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center>

Press Releases & Statements

[**As Global Health Faces Its First Reversal in Progress in a Generation, Gates Foundation CEO Details a 20-Year Push to Save and Improve Lives**](#)

Suzman says the setback shouldn't be permanent and lays out a roadmap to reclaim momentum and accelerate progress through 2045, even amid significant financial constraints globally

SEATTLE (February 3, 2026) – Today, Gates Foundation CEO Mark Suzman released his [2026 Annual Letter](#), The road to 2045, warning that the recent reversal in global health progress raises urgent moral choices and outlining a 20-year agenda to accelerate impact as the foundation works toward completing its mission...

CARB-X [07 Feb 2026]

<https://carb-x.org/>

News

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[**CARB-X to support development of typhoid fever diagnostic from Chembio**](#)

CARB-X is awarding US\$1.8million to Chembio Diagnostic Systems, Inc. to develop a rapid point-of-care test for the detection of Immunoglobulin A (IgA) antibodies to diagnose acute infection of *Salmonella enterica* serovar Typhi.

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative [07 Feb 2026]

<https://chanzuckerberg.com/newsroom/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [07 Feb 2026]

<http://cepi.net/>

CEPI News, Blog

Blog

[**Strengthening biosecurity and biosafety oversight: CEPI publishes its first Biosecurity Policy**](#)

4 Feb 2026

Today marks an important milestone for CEPI's biosecurity program: the publication of CEPI's first-ever Biosecurity Policy and associated FAQ. This Policy, a key activity set out in CEPI's Biosecurity Strategy and Implementation Plan, is the result of extensive consultation, technical review, and engagement across sectors. It reflects a growing recognition that rapid advances in vaccine R&D and manufacturing, which are essential to realising the ambition of the 100 Days Mission, must be matched by clear, robust and responsible safeguards.

News

CEPI and Korea discuss future of AI-driven international health cooperation

3 Feb 2026

:: Seminar held at the National Assembly discussed strategic link between AI technology and Health ODA
:: CEPI expects Korea to play a leading role in the new AI platform, Pandemic Preparedness Engine
:: Consensus reached among Korean government, National Assembly, international organisations and industry to expand AI-enabled Health ODA

News

CEPI and Samsung Biologics collaborate to strengthen outbreak-ready vaccine production and global access

2 Feb 2026

:: Samsung Biologics becomes latest organisation to join CEPI's Vaccine Manufacturing Facility Network - a globally distributed manufacturing ecosystem capable of producing vaccines at speed and scale.
:: Project aims to establish a scalable, rapid manufacturing process for recombinant-protein vaccines.
:: In future pandemic situation, Samsung Biologics will provide CEPI with guaranteed access to up to potentially 50 million vaccine doses and one billion doses of drug substance.

News

Preparing today for tomorrow's Lassa fever vaccines

2 Feb 2026

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 07

Feb 2026]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

Working Group XV – Pharmacoepidemiology for Public Health - PUBLIC CONSULTATION DRAFT REPORT

Pharmacoepidemiology aims to appraise and understand the use and effects — both beneficial and adverse — of medicines in real-world settings. As such it can be considered a bridge science, linking clinical pharmacology, epidemiology, public health and the social sciences. Deadline to submit your comments is 13 March 2026.

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [07 Feb 2026]

<https://www.darpa.mil/news>

News

No new digest content identified.

DNDI – Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative [07 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [07 Feb 2026]

<https://dukeghic.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

EDCTP [07 Feb 2026]

<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

No new digest content identified.

Emory Vaccine Center [07 Feb 2026]

<http://www.vaccines.emory.edu/>

Vaccine Center News

No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [07 Feb 2026]

<http://www.euvaccine.eu/>

News

06 Feb 2026

[A 4-dose RTS,S malaria vaccine schedule provides higher protection against severe malaria than a 3-dose schedule.](#)

The MVPE-CC consortium contributed key evidence reviewed in a joint session of the WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunisation (SAGE) and Malaria Policy Advisory Group (MPAG) held in September 2025 for considerations of malaria vaccination schedules in perennial settings. The conclusions and recommendations of the SAGE and MPAG were published in the latest issue of the Weekly Epidemiological Record (No 49, 5 December 2025).

Fondation Merieux [07 Feb 2026]

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

Actualités

No new digest content identified.

Gates Medical Research Institute [07 Feb 2026]

<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 07 Feb 2026]

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

News Releases

4 February 2026

[**Preventive cholera vaccination resumes as global supply reaches critical milestone**](#)

GE2P2 Global Foundation [07 Feb 2026]

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 – 06 Feb 2026](#)

:: [Genomics, Gene Editing, Convergent Biosciences: Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice – A Monthly Review – Nov 2025](#)

GHIT Fund [07 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases

February 3, 2026

[**Total Investment of Approx. USD 8.8 Million in Malaria, Tuberculosis, and NTD R&D Projects with Partners Including Mahidol University, Barcelona Institute for Global Health, and Eisai**](#)

Global Fund [to 07 Feb 2026]

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

News Releases

04 February 2026

[**Global Fund Launches Process to Select New Executive Director**](#)

The Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) has formally launched the process to select its next Executive Director for a four-year term starting from 2027.

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [07 Feb 2026]

2026]

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

News & Events

No new digest content identified.

Hilleman Laboratories [07 Feb 2026]

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

News & Insights

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [07 Feb 2026]

<https://www.hhmi.org/news>

Press Room

[Karin Luger Receives 2026 Vilcek Prize in Biomedical Science](#)

February 02, 2026

Human Immunome Project [nee Human Vaccines Project] [07 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IAVI [07 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases, Features

Press Releases

[IAVI announces first vaccinations in IAVI G004, a Phase 1 clinical trial of a promising HIV vaccine approach](#)

January 6, 2026

Study will examine safety, immune response, and dose of three promising immunogens

:: In 2024, 40.8 million people were living with HIV, and 1.3 million people newly acquired HIV

:: The IAVI/Scripps Research HIV vaccine development strategy aims to coach the immune system to produce broadly neutralizing antibodies that could provide broad protection against HIV

INSERM [07 Feb 2026]

<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 07 Feb 2026]

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

Ongoing Public Consultations

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> [Q3E EWG](#) [Guideline for Extractables and Leachables](#)

> [E22 EWG](#) [General Considerations for Patient Preference Studies](#)

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

ICRC [to 07 Feb 2026]

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

Latest press releases and statements

06-02-2026

[ICRC president elected to a second term](#)

On 4 February 2026, the Assembly of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the ICRC's supreme governing body, re-elected Mirjana Spoljaric to serve as president for a second four-year term.

IFFIm [07 Feb 2026]

<http://www.iffim.org/>

Press Releases/Announcements

IFRC [to 07 Feb 2026]

<http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/news/press-releases/>

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat [07 Feb 2026]

<https://ippsecretariat.org/news/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Institut Pasteur [07 Feb 2026]

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

Press Documents

No new digest content identified.

ISC / International Science Council [to 07 Feb 2026]

<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.

No new digest content identified.

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)

<https://iuis.org/>

News, Resources

No new digest content identified.

IVAC [07 Feb 2026]

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

Updates; Events

No new digest content identified.

IVI [07 Feb 2026]

<http://www.ivi.int/>

IVI News & Announcements

[Korea to run landmark pandemic simulation exercise to strengthen outbreak readiness](#)

5 February 2026,

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [07 Feb 2026]

<https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom>

Center News [Selected]

February 5, 2026:

[Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security Commends Senators' New Bill to Create Federal Biotech Security Framework](#)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 07 Feb 2026]

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom.html>

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 07 Feb 2026]

<http://www.msf.org/>

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Indonesia

[Responding to devastating flooding in Aceh after Cyclone Senyar](#)

Project Update 6 Feb 2026

Syria

[Helping care reach people in Daraya after years of war](#)

Project Update 5 Feb 2026

South Sudan

[South Sudan: Government forces bombarded MSF hospital in Lankien, Jonglei state](#)

Press Release 4 Feb 2026

Mauritania

[Mauritania: MSF provides care to Malian refugees fleeing immense violence](#)

Project Update 3 Feb 2026

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 07 Feb 2026]

<https://nam.edu/programs/>

News, Stories, Insights

No new digest content identified.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM] - USA [to 07 Feb 2026]

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/newsroom>

News

[Neil H. Shubin Elected To Be Next National Academy of Sciences President; International Secretary, Councilors Also Chosen](#)

WASHINGTON — Neil H. Shubin, Robert R. Bensley Distinguished Service Professor of Organismal Biology and Anatomy and vice dean for academic advancement at the University of Chicago, has been

elected as the next president of the National Academy of Sciences. He will begin his five-year term on July 1, succeeding Marcia McNutt, who has served as the Academy's president since 2016...

National Academies Welcome Inaugural Cohort of Biotechnology Regulatory Fellowship Fellows

News Release By Solomon Self

Last update February 2, 2026

WASHINGTON — The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has announced the inaugural cohort of 10 fellows in its new Biotechnology Regulatory Fellowship Program, launched in 2025 to engage early-career professionals in developing the evidence basis needed to meet future regulatory challenges presented by novel products of biotechnology.

PATH [07 Feb 2026]

<https://www.path.org/media-center/>

Newsroom [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Sabin Vaccine Institute [07 Feb 2026]

<https://www.sabin.org/press/>

Latest News & Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [07 Feb 2026]

<http://www.unaids.org/en>

News, Stories, Updates

Press Release

UNAIDS strongly welcomes bold, new US funding package for HIV

GENEVA, 5 February 2026—UNAIDS welcomes the signing into law of a bipartisan US\$ 5.88 billion spending package that reinforces the continued commitment and leadership of the United States in the global response to HIV.

US President Donald Trump signed the consolidated spending package into law on 3 February 2026 which allocates US\$ 4.6 billion to bilateral HIV support through the America First Global Health Strategy, US\$ 1.25 billion to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and US\$ 45 million to UNAIDS...

UNICEF [to 07 Feb 2026]

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

Press release 04 February 2026

Preventive cholera vaccination resumes as global supply reaches critical milestone

GENEVA/NEW YORK, 4 February 2026, – Global cholera vaccine supply has now increased to a level sufficient to allow the resumption of life-saving preventive campaigns for the first time in over three years, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, UNICEF, and the World Health Organization (WHO) announced today. Mozambique is th...

Unitaid [07 Feb 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [07 Feb 2026]

<https://vaccineequitycooperative.org/news/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Confidence Project [07 Feb 2026]

<http://www.vaccineconfidence.org/>

News, Research and Reports

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children's Hospital of Philadelphia [07 Feb 2026]

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

News

Vaccine Update Newsletter January 2026

Wellcome Trust [07 Feb 2026]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News, Opinion, Reports

Website not responding at inquiry.

The Wistar Institute [to 07 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases

February 3, 2026

Wistar Scientists Demonstrate First-Ever Single-Shot HIV Vaccine Neutralization Success

The innovative approach could significantly shorten and simplify HIV vaccination protocols, making them more accessible worldwide

World Bank [to 07 Feb 2026]

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/all>

News [Selected]

No new digest announcements identified.

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [07 Feb 2026]

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

Blog, Events

No new digest announcements identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 06 Sep 025]

<https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/>

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] [07 Feb 2026]

<https://www.oie.int/>

Press Releases, Statements

Joint Statement

Renewed Quadripartite Memorandum of Understanding regarding cooperation on One Health

Published on 3 February 2026

Through the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on One Health, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) reaffirm their shared commitment to advancing the implementation of the One Health approach...

Through this renewed Memorandum of Understanding, FAO, UNEP, WHO, and WOAH reaffirm their collective determination to reduce health risks and promote sustainable health outcomes for humans, animals, plants, ecosystems, and the wider environment worldwide. This renewed Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force until 28 November 2030. The full text of the revised MoU and the letter of renewal are available: [MoU between FAO, UNEP, WHO, WOAH regarding cooperation on One Health](#)

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [07 Feb 2026]

<https://alliancerm.org/press-releases/>

Selected Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

BIO [07 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [07 Feb 2026]

<http://www.dcvmn.org/>

News; Upcoming events

No new digest announcements identified.

ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [07 Feb 2026]

<https://internationalbiotech.org/>

News

No new digest announcements identified.

IFPMA [07 Feb 2026]

<https://ifpma.org/>

News & Resources

Statement 6 Feb 2026

158th session of the WHO Executive Board (EB158): Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 initiative

On 6 February 2026, IFPMA delivered a statement on Agenda item 29.1 on reform of the global health architecture at the 158th session of the WHO Executive Board in Geneva. The innovative pharmaceutical industry views this process as a critical opportunity to build a stronger, truly fit-for-purpose global health architecture. As a trusted and official...

Statement 4 Feb 2026

158th session of the WHO Executive Board: WHO's work in health emergencies

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the discussions at EB158. WHO's work on strengthening emergency preparedness reflects a shared commitment to ensuring the world is better equipped for future health threats. We welcome this direction and the emphasis on clarity, coordination, and readiness. As EB158 documents highlight, WHO will now take on an expanded set of responsibilities...

Statement 4 Feb 2026

158th session of the WHO Executive Board (EB158): Draft updated global action plan on antimicrobial resistance

On 4 February 2026, IFPMA delivered a statement on Agenda item 14 on the draft updated global action plan on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) at the 158th session of the WHO Executive Board. We welcome the timely update of the Global Action Plan on AMR (GAP), which provides a unique opportunity to take stock of progress...

Statement 4 Feb 2026

158th session of the WHO Executive Board (EB158): Harmonization of regulatory approaches, governance, and standards for data, digital health, and artificial intelligence in the health sector

On 4 February 2026, IFPMA delivered a statement on Agenda item 15 on harmonization of regulatory approaches, governance, and standards for data, digital health, and artificial intelligence in the health sector at the 158th session of the WHO Executive Board in Geneva. Noting the work carried out by several multilateral institutions on digital health transformation,...

Statement 4 Feb 2026

158th session of the WHO Executive Board: Substandard and falsified medical products

On 4 February 2026, IAPO delivered a statement on Agenda item 12 on substandard and falsified medical products at the 158th session of the WHO Executive Board on behalf of the Fight the Fakes Alliance, of which IFPMA is a member. The International Alliance of Patients' Organizations, on behalf of the Fight the Fakes Alliance,...

Statement 3 Feb 2026

158th session of the WHO Executive Board (EB158): Co-creating the Global Action Plan for rare diseases

On 3 February 2026, IFPMA delivered a statement on Agenda item 9: Co-creating the Global Action Plan for rare diseases at the 158th session of the WHO Executive Board. IFPMA commends Member States and the WHO for implementing the 2025 WHA Resolution on Rare Diseases and strongly supports the prompt initiation of a Global Action...

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [07 Feb 2026]

<https://www.iapo.org.uk/news>

Press and media [Selected]

An Open Letter ahead of the 158th WHO Executive Board and 79th World Health Assembly

Press and media Tuesday, 3 February 2026

...discussions during the 158th WHO Executive Board meeting in February and the 79th World Health Assembly in May 2026 must lead to concrete commitments, actions and accountability on health data governance..

International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association [IGBA]

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

News

Constituency Statement: WHO's Executive Board Meeting 158 (February 2026)

Sustainable and responsible financing—powered by multisectoral collaboration—is key to meet the needs of people living with or affected by NCDs, including reducing out-of-pocket costs and...

PhRMA [07 Feb 2026]

<http://www.phrma.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

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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

Press Releases - *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

Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Boehringer

Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

CanSinoBIO

News - *Website not responding at inquiry.*

CIGB

Latest News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

CinnaGen

Recent News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Clover Biopharmaceuticals – China
News - No new digest announcements identified.

CSL Sequirus
News Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Curevac
News - Website now directs to BioNTech site

Daiichi Sankyo
Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

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

GSK
Press releases for media - No new digest announcements identified.

EuBiologics, S Korea
News - No new digest announcements identified.

HIPRA
Press releases - No new digest announcements identified.

IMBCAMS, China
Home - Website not responding at inquiry.

JNJ Innovative Medicine [Janssen]
Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Merck
News releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Nanogen
News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novartis
News
[Novartis breaks ground on new global Biomedical Research center in San Diego to accelerate drug discovery](#)

Feb 06, 2026
:: New facility will enable end-to-end discovery across key disease areas and technology platforms, joining existing global research sites including Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Basel, Switzerland
:: Approximately 466,000-square-foot site with AI-enabled discovery capabilities, expected to house about 1,000 employees
:: Part of a USD 23 billion US investment to expand R&D and advanced manufacturing to reach more patients

Novavax
Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Pfizer

Recent Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

R-Pharm

<https://rpharm-us.com/index.php>
[No news or media page identified]

Samsung Biologics

Latest News

Press Releases Feb 4, 2026

[**CEPI and Samsung Biologics collaborate to strengthen outbreak-ready vaccine production and global access**](#)

Sanofi Pasteur

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[**SK bioscience Strengthens Global Pandemic Preparedness through Participation in Korea's "100 Days Mission" Simulation Exercise**](#)

2026.02.05

[**SK bioscience In-Licenses RSV Preventive mAb Candidate from Gates Medical Research Institute**](#)

2026.02.03

:: SK to advance novel early-clinical stage RSV preventive monoclonal antibody in-licensed from Gates Medical Research Institute

:: Exclusive rights to commercialize the product in high income countries with non-exclusive supply in India and Gavi-supported countries in addition to charitable Global Access commitments

:: Plans to advance large scale manufacturing process development to enable affordable supply to low- and middle-income countries.

Takeda

Newsroom - No new digest announcements identified.

Valneva

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February 3, 2026

[**Valneva and Instituto Butantan Announce Initiation of a Pilot Vaccination Campaign in Brazil with Single-Shot Chikungunya Vaccine IXCHIQ®**](#)

WestVac Biopharma

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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

AJOB Empirical Bioethics

Volume 16, 2025 Issue 4

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current>

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Volume 27, Number 12: E823-875 December 2025

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Aging Is Bad for You?

At some point along life's trajectory, growing becomes aging. Gerotherapeutics—biologically-based approaches to health that target processes of aging—seem poised to respond. This theme issue investigates ethical valences of what gerotherapeutics suggest about our socially, culturally, and historically entrenched patterns of pathologizing and medicalizing aging. Advancement in our understanding of physiological mechanisms of aging has prompted some to reconceive lifespans as health spans. Geroscience also suggests the need to critically evaluate whether and to what extent we should think of anti-aging ventures as legitimate enterprises of health care. Normative roles played by aging in our personal and relational narratives, in our expectations about how duration and quality of life confer value to life, and in how life extension promotes or undermines our notions of wisdom and a good life are all at stake.

American Journal of Human Genetics

Feb 05, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 2 p235-400

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

This month in The Journal

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

The current biotechnology industry is characterized by intense competition. Although this competition can drive innovation and increased investment, too much competition can prevent collaboration and potentially foster a culture in which data and methods are stockpiled and guarded. The United States Federal Trade Commission (FTC) advances government policies that promote free and open competition and challenges anticompetitive business practices. In this issue, Rashid et al. provide an overview of recent policy changes at the FTC surrounding competition and innovation in human genetics and genomics, using the Illumina and Grail merger in 2021 as a case study.

Perspective

Competition in human genetic technologies: The current US legal landscape

Abdulai I. Rashid, Nicole A. Rincon, Nathan Rihani, Jennifer K. Wagner

Open Access

Here, we offer a perspective on the US legal landscape regarding the promotion of competition, with specific attention given to the human genetics and genomics industry. We highlight current policy on mergers, non-competition agreements, and exclusive dealings and use Illumina and Grail as a case study.

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February 2026 Volume 54 Issue 2 p107-240

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Karin Regina Luhm, et al.

Research Article

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Factors Associated with Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Uptake Among Adolescent Girls in Uganda

Stanley Ggingo, Susan Obore, Miton Musaba, Julius Wandabwa, and Paul Kiondo

Research Article

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Volume 351 February 2026

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Chidozie W. Chukwu

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Beni Matangi, Placide Matondo, Ben Bepouka

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[Factors associated with tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis \(Tdap\) vaccination acceptance among pregnant women: a cross-sectional study](#)

Nurhasifah Abd Aziz, Nor Afiah Mohd Zulkefli, Zainab Hananah Abang Abdullah

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Yusuf Elisha Karu, Gabriella Mátyás, Éva Bíró

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Chioma Ibenye-Ugbala, Ifeoma Peace Okafor, Aisha Abdulkareem

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Marianna Kopasz, Zsófia Papp, Ildikó Husz

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Sophie Lazar, Jacob Bornstein, Michael Edelstein

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Siddharthiya Pillay & Donrich Thaldar

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Navigating new horizons: Key insights from ASGCT's 2025 Policy Summit

Allison M. Bradbury

The 2025 American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy (ASGCT) Policy Summit1 convened industry leaders, regulators, patient advocates, and policymakers in September at a pivotal moment for the cell and gene therapy (CGT) field. As one of the session moderators and an attendee for the event, I experienced firsthand the in-depth discussions on creative opportunities to accelerate innovation and expand patient access through collaboration and strategic adaptation.

Nature

Volume 650 Issue 8100, 5 February 2026

<https://www.nature.com/nature/volumes/650/issues/8100>

Editorial 04 Feb 2026

Now is not the time to defund human fetal tissue research

Hindering studies involving fetal tissue will impede the development of the alternatives intended to replace it, while slowing the search for new medicines.

Nature Biotechnology

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Nature Human Behaviour

Volume 10 Issue 1, January 2026

<https://www.nature.com/nathumbehav/volumes/10/issues/1>

Article 10 Sep 2025

[Interventions to reduce vaccine hesitancy among adolescents: a cluster-randomized trial](#)

In this randomized controlled trial, Baudouin et al. find that both pedagogical activities and a chatbot improve ninth graders' attitudes and knowledge about vaccination, offering scalable ways to counter vaccine hesitancy in adolescents.

N. Baudouin, S. de Rouilhan, H. Mercier

Nature Medicine

Volume 32 Issue 1, January 2026

<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/32/issues/1>

Article Open Access 06 Jan 2026

[Malaria vaccine protection against intradermal or venous parasites: a randomized phase 2b human challenge trial](#)

The R21/Matrix-M vaccine, but not the ME-TRAP vaccine, was protective against intradermal challenge with *Plasmodium falciparum* sporozoites, while neither was protective against direct venous inoculation, potentially explaining previously observed differences in protection.

Melissa C. Kapulu, Francesca Orenge, Philip Bejon

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Editorial 15 Dec 2025

[Microbial ecology and evolution in the genomics era](#)

Microbial genomics has yielded transformative insights into the ecology and evolution of microorganisms. *Nature Reviews Genetics* presents a Focus issue that explores how genomic approaches reveal microbial dynamics across ecological and evolutionary contexts.

Nature Reviews Immunology

Volume 26 Issue 2, February 2026

<https://www.nature.com/nri/volumes/26/issues/2>

Review Article 12 Sept 2025

[Targets of protective immunity and opportunities in hepatitis C virus vaccine development](#)

Despite the advances in hepatitis C treatment, a prophylactic vaccine is still not available and will be needed to control and eliminate hepatitis C virus (HCV) infections globally. In this Review, the authors examine the current understanding of protective immune responses and describe the challenges, prospects and new technologies in HCV vaccine development.

Seung Bum Park, Paul Zimmer-Harwood, T. Jake Liang

New England Journal of Medicine Volume

Volume 394 No. 6 February 5, 2026

<https://www.nejm.org/toc/nejm/medical-journal>

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NEJM Evidence

Volume 4 No. 12 December 2025

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NEJM Evidence, a new monthly digital journal from NEJM Group, presents innovative original research and fresh, bold ideas in clinical trial design and clinical decision-making.

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[Policies and strategies for HPV vaccination schedule completion in immunocompromised girls, including girls living with HIV: Qualitative insights from Eswatini, Malawi, and Uganda](#)

Emily E. Crawford, Tosin F. Ajayi, Immaculate Ampeire, Michael Baganizi, Mike N. Chisema, Bridget C. Griffith, Lorraine Kabunga, Thuli Magagula, Lisa-Rufaro Marowa, Akachi E. Mbogu, Nobuhle Mthethwa, Stella Namutebi, Bhekiwe Shongwe, Timothy Tchereni, Frehiwot Birhanu, Xolisiwe Dlamini, Fredrick Luwaga, Sonali Patel

Research Article | published 03 Feb 2026 PLOS Global Public Health
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgph.0004688>

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[The cost and cost drivers of delivering COVID-19 vaccines in low- and middle-income countries: a bottom-up costing study of rollouts in seven countries](#)

Flavia Moi, Vǎn Minh Nguyễn, Rachel Archer, Tozé Namalela, Christina Banks, Tarek Hossain, Afroja Yesmin, Cathbert Tumusiime, Charlotte Muheki, Kelsey Vaughan, Elise Smith, Rafael Deo Estanislao, Pierre Z. Akilimali, Hong Thi Duong, Chien Chinh Vien, Amélia Dipuve, Pedro Marizane Pota, Monjurul Islam, Paul Kiggundu, Okello Ayen Daniel, Sarah De Los Reyes, Jeremie de Guzman, Christelle Cuevas, Primrose Nakazibwe, Carl Schutte, Minh Van Hoang, Laura Boonstoppel

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Policy Forum

Biological data governance in an age of AI

BY Doni Bloomfield, et al.

05 Feb 2026: 558-561

Abstract

Scientists are making rapid progress in developing artificial intelligence (AI) models trained on biological data and in combining these biological models with general-purpose AI reasoning models and AI agents. After the 50th anniversary Asilomar Conference, an international group of more than 100 researchers endorsed an entreaty to prevent the use of these increasingly capable AI systems for “deliberately harmful applications such as bioweapons development” (1). [T.V.I., M.J.I., R.B.A., and J.P. joined that entreaty.] Expanding on the entreaty’s call for a system of data access control, we propose that governments, life-science funders, and other organizations impose tailored access restrictions on a narrow set of pathogen data that pose particular AI-related misuse risks. Unfettered access to data has generally served science and society well and should be preserved in almost all domains. Governments should thus regularly reassess the narrow restrictions we propose with the aim of refining them.

Science and Engineering Ethics

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Yap Boum, Charles U. Ibeneme, Sheillah Nsasiirwe, Rose Nakame, ... Jean Kaseya

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Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, Christopher Wolff, Mickey Chopra, Francesco Checchi, ... Ephrem Tekle Lemango
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Enablers and barriers to participation in vaccine trials: a narrative synthesis

Nadia Daniel, Christine Smith, Nasima Miah, Carol Akroyd, ... Maheshi N. Ramasamy
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Vaccine hesitancy among older adults, urban indigenous and newcomers in Canada: A qualitative comparative study

Éliane Miron, Chantal Sauvageau, Eve Dubé, Maryline Vivion
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Research article Abstract only

Assessing vaccination coverage and antibody levels for measles, pertussis, and tetanus in Boende, DR Congo: Implications for maternal and child health

Maha Salloum, Leen Vandermosten, Tafadzwa Maseko, Solange Milolo, ... Patrick Mitashi
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Vaccines

<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/vaccines>

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Open Access Review

A Scoping Review of Influences on HPV Vaccine Uptake in the Rural US

by Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin, Rebecca Hyman, Courtney Olson, Elizabeth Amber Fournier, Kaitlyn Yang, Diana Hanko and HPV Review Working Group

Vaccines 2026, 14(2), 156; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14020156> - 5 Feb 2026

Abstract

The human papillomavirus (HPV) is the leading cause of cervical and oropharyngeal cancers. Vaccination can prevent over 90% of HPV-attributed cancers. Rural populations are less likely to initiate and complete HPV vaccinations than urban. The primary objective of this paper is to systematically [...]

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[**Ethical Risks of Large Language Models in Medical Consultation: An Assessment Based on Reproductive Ethics**](#)

Hanhui Xu, Jiacheng Ji, Haoan Jin, Han Ying, Mengyue Wu

...As large language models (LLMs) are increasingly used in healthcare and medical consultation settings, a growing concern is whether these models can respond to medical inquiries in a manner that is ethically compliant--particularly in accordance with local ethical standards. To address the pressing need for comprehensive research on reliability and safety, this study systematically evaluates LLM performance in answering questions related to reproductive ethics, specifically assessing their alignment with Chinese ethical regulations.

Gates Open Research

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[**Editorial Practices of African Journals: A Qualitative Analysis from Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Mozambique**](#)

Patrick Amboka, Daniel Krugman, Abel Simiyu, H Kariuki, Benard Ondiek, Nosa Orobaton, Emmy Igonya, Alphonsus Neba, Marta Vicente-Crespo, Julius Kirimi Sindi

Funder - Gates Foundation

PUBLISHED 04 Feb 2026

The key structural issues on editorial practices among African journals established by the study included adherence to internationally accepted editorial practices on peer review decision-making and challenges in implementing measures of transparency and rigor. Some of the underlying factors affecting African journal editorial practices that were highlighted included financial constraints, challenges in peer review, challenges in maintaining editorial integrity, and challenges in technological

and digital infrastructure. African journals also face challenges of credibility and trustworthiness among authors. Participants outlined how the longstanding neglect of African journals and lack of funding have created cultures of editorial mismanagement, publishing inconsistency, and other logistical issues, all of which contribute to perceptions of African journals as inferior to Northern ones.

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Impact of Rotavirus Vaccine on Malnutrition Among Children in India-Breaking Vicious Cycle of Diarrhea: A Cross-Sectional Analytical Study

Ajay Kumar Verma, Pritu Dhalaria, Pawan Kumar, Sanjay Kapur, Pretty Priyadarshini, Ajeet Kumar Singh, Kapil Singh, Bhupendra Tripathi, Arindam Ray

medRxiv 2026.02.05.26345714; doi: <https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.02.05.26345714>

Perspectives of HIV policy makers and program implementers regarding the design and utilization of HIV surveillance systems in Sub-Saharan African countries experiencing a declining HIV epidemic: a qualitative study

Victor Mwapasa, Fumbani Chigawa, Chikondi Mwapasa, Marriot Nliwasa, Takondwa Charles Msosa, Jeffrey W. Imai-Eaton, Beth A Tippett Barr

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Plans to Vaccinate Children Against COVID-19 Among Families Experiencing Homelessness and Other Families in Seattle, WA, October 2020-May 2021

Constance E Ogokeh, Kinda Zureick, Julia H Rogers, Sarah N Cox, Amy C Link, Anne Emanuel, Janet Englund, James P Hughes, Timothy M Uyeki, Helen Y Chu, Emily Mosites, Melissa A Rolfes

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Determinants of Completeness and Timeliness of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Immunization in Yogyakarta, Indonesia: A Cross-Sectional Study

Noorkhalisah Noorkhalisah, Risalia Reni Arisanti, Solikhin Dwi Ramtana, Mei Neni Sitaresmi

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Quantifying the contribution of Oral Cholera Vaccine to global health through tech-transfers and WHO stockpile deployment since its inception: a modeling study

Jung-Seok Lee, Wongyeong Choi, Florian Marks, John D. Clemens, Jerome H. Kim, Julia Lynch

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A Cross-Sectional Study of COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Behaviours among People Living with HIV in British Columbia

Anne Ejiegbu, Batoul Shariati, Jonathan Little, Mario Brondani

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A Decade of Progress: Description of Ebola Vaccination Strategy and its Associated Factors in Sierra Leone

Desmond M. Kangbai, Edwin N. Sesay, Nella Clemens-Kangbai, Hassan Benya, Peter Bai James, Henry Carter, Andrew K. Kemoh, Sallu Lansana, Edna G. Samuels, Mohamed T. M. Kallay, Nelson Mandela Kargbo, Jia Kangbai, Francis Moses

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Impact of armed conflict on measles surveillance and zero-dose vaccination status in Tigray, Ethiopia, 2018 - 2024

Habtamu Milkias Wolde, Youngoh Bae, Ali Raza, Seung Won Lee

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Brookings [to 07 Feb 2026]

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Research, Events

Commentary

Redefining 'lifesaving': Prioritizing mental health, child protection, and education in Gaza

Sweta Shah

February 5, 2026

:: Standard humanitarian response prioritizes food, water, shelter, and health care first, with mental health, child protection, and education addressed later. This "basic needs first" framework fails for children in protracted crises such as the one in Gaza.

:: For children, "saving a life" means more than biological survival. It means preserving the capacity for healthy development, learning, emotional regulation, and social connection.

:: Mental health, child protection, and education specialists must deploy alongside physical health and nutrition teams, not as a second wave. Donors, humanitarian groups, and governments all have a role to play in making this a reality.

Center for Global Development [07 Feb 2026]

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

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BRIEF

A Radically Simplified Global Fund to Meet the Moment

Janeen Madan Keller et al.

February 05, 2026

Key messages

:: The Global Fund faces an increasingly difficult set of imperatives: it must sustain core HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria programs and invest strategically in potentially transformative innovations, all while confronting funding cuts and responding to calls for reform.

:: We propose "radical simplification" shifts across three dimensions to safeguard impact, stretch scarce resources, and enable reform:

[1] The Global Fund should concentrate resources in fewer countries where need is greatest. By phasing out grant support in wealthier middle-income countries, the Global Fund could absorb budget cuts without reducing support in the poorest countries and most fragile contexts.

{2} The Global Fund should align financing more closely with country priorities by easing disease-specific earmarks. Countries should receive a consolidated financing envelope and be allowed and encouraged to flexibly allocate resources across the three diseases and supportive health system functions, while maintaining accountability for disease-specific outcome targets.

{3} The Global Fund should, where feasible, prioritize on-budget country-led delivery and leverage complementary resources from multilateral development banks, particularly for "health systems" support.

:: The Board should use the current moment as a leverage point to steer bold changes to the Global Fund's model. We urge the Fund's leadership—backed by Board approval—to operationalize the three shifts outlined above in differentiated ways across country contexts.

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Public Consultations/Call for Inputs/Call for Papers

[Request for Information on Draft NIH Controlled-Access Data Policy and Proposed Revisions to NIH Genomic Data](#)

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) Notice Number: NOT-OD-26-023 **Response Date:**

March 18, 2026

Purpose

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is requesting public input on its proposal to establish harmonized and transparent policy requirements for protecting human participant research data. Specifically, NIH proposes (1) establishing policy requirements for which data should be controlled-access under NIH data sharing policies, and (2) revising the NIH Genomic Data Sharing Policy to simplify and harmonize requirements.

Background

NIH serves as the steward of a wide range of research data and continuously works to optimize open sharing with appropriate protections throughout the entire data lifecycle. Given its numerous established data policies, NIH is proposing a holistic update to its data policy framework to strengthen data protections, clarify requirements, and reduce duplicative burden.

NIH is proposing a new NIH Controlled-Access Data Policy to support the research community in fulfilling NIH data sharing expectations. This proposed policy specifies human participant data types required to be managed via controlled-access and provides criteria for assessing the need for controls for other data types. It also provides a standard set of expectations across NIH Institutes, Centers and Offices to promote maximal responsible human participant data sharing through controlled access while simultaneously responding to emergent privacy and security risks, including those outlined in the following security directives...

[Working Group XV – Pharmacoepidemiology for Public Health - PUBLIC CONSULTATION DRAFT REPORT](#)

Pharmacoepidemiology aims to appraise and understand the use and effects — both beneficial and adverse — of medicines in real-world settings. As such it can be considered a bridge science, linking clinical pharmacology, epidemiology, public health and the social sciences.

Medicines are public health tools. With regard to the quality and transparency of the assessment of

their effectiveness and safety, they are increasingly subject to the expectations and requirements of patients, healthcare professionals and regulators. Those involved in the development and delivery of medicines must therefore take full account of the aforementioned paradigm shifts. Additionally, the arrival of novel therapeutic agents, such as gene therapy, biologics and mRNA vaccines, whose modes of action and interactions with living organisms have very little in common with those of the more traditional chemical medicines, has brought into question the classic elements of pharmacovigilance and pharmacoepidemiology, such as the dose–effect relationship, drug causation criteria and the determination of drug exposure.

CIOMS full [concept note on Pharmacoepidemiology for Public Health](#)

You are invited to review and comment on the draft report entitled *Realising the Potential of Pharmacoepidemiology for Public Health Decision-Making*. [Download the report here](#).

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