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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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Pandemic Accord – PABS Mechanism

Global commitment on display as countries negotiate key annex to the Pandemic Agreement

17 February 2026 News release

Member States of the World Health Organization (WHO) concluded a weeklong round of negotiations on draft annex for Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS) – a key component of the WHO Pandemic Agreement.

The fifth meeting of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Pandemic Agreement (IGWG) – set up by the World Health Assembly (WHA) last year to negotiate the PABS annex – wrapped up over the weekend after productive discussions from 9–14 February 2026...

“Countries this week have again shown their steadfast commitment to getting the Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing annex done,” said IGWG Bureau co-chair Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes, of Brazil.

“We now have a clear vision for streamlining the text, while ensuring that the more contentious elements receive the necessary consultation.”

Member States will resume negotiations again next month as they advance towards the May deadline, when the outcome of their work will be presented to the WHA.

“Adopting the Pandemic Agreement last year was a huge testament to global cooperation, and we need to build on that momentum. Strong multilateralism remains essential as countries have to face future pandemics together, collectively,” said **WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**. **“Recognizing the steady progress being made, I am confident that they will reach an agreement on the Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing annex in time for the World Health Assembly in May this year.”**

Alongside negotiations on the annex text and dialogues aimed at building consensus, Member States also engaged with relevant stakeholders, including representatives from the private sector, academia, laboratories and sequence information databases.

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Editor’s Note:

Viewers of the closing IGWG sessions – *IGWG5 - Item 5 & 6 - Report of the meeting & Closure of the session* – [see recording link below] – will note the candor of a number of delegations regarding their assessment of progress made during the sessions.

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

IGWG5 - Session 1

Item 1 - Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda and programme of work

09/02/2026 - 09:05-10:29

Includes WHO DG opening remarks.

IGWG5 - Item 5 & 6 - Report of the meeting & Closure of the session

14/02/2026 - 15:30-16:10

Includes WHO DG closing remarks.

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PAHO

PAHO's Revolving Funds deliver 234 million vaccines and critical health supplies in 2025, reaching 85 million people across the Americas

Washington D.C., February 19, 2026 (PAHO) – In 2025, the Pan American Health Organization's Regional Revolving Funds (RRF) delivered over **234 million vaccine doses and 13 million diagnostic tests to countries across the Americas. The supplies reached an estimated 85 million people**, helping prevent outbreaks, vaccine-preventable diseases, and avoidable deaths, according to consolidated data for the year.

Through these pooled procurement mechanisms, **countries secured over US\$900 million in health supplies at affordable prices, generating savings often of around 50%** on many public health supplies, allowing countries to stretch limited health budgets while ensuring timely access to supplies, including during emergencies...

Nearly every country and territory in the Americas, with the exception of Canada and the United States, along with nine Caribbean territories, two subnational entities, and seven public institutions, accessed supplies through the Funds.

A key achievement in 2025 was the region's progress in local manufacturing. While only 1.5% of RRF procurement came from regional producers in 2020, **long-term agreements established in recent years have raised that figure to 23%, with capacity expected to reach 40% in the near term.** This shift aims to strengthen supply security and reduce dependency on external manufacturers and global supply disruptions...

New supply arrangements allowed PAHO to reserve doses in advance, supporting rapid action during yellow fever and measles outbreaks. Procurement of high-cost medicines also generated substantial savings, with negotiated agreements offering up to 90% reductions for treatments for breast cancer, prostate cancer, multiple sclerosis, and Gaucher disease.

Demand for health supplies connected to PAHO's Elimination Initiative grew significantly, with a 20% increase in HIV and viral hepatitis diagnostic tests and 10 million additional malaria tests, twice the 2024 volume...

The PAHO Regional Revolving Funds—comprising the Revolving Fund for Access to Vaccines (operating for more than 40 years) and the Strategic Fund for Public Health Supplies—are technical cooperation mechanisms that pool demand, leverage economies of scale, and negotiate transparently with

suppliers. This approach lowers costs, strengthens national immunization and health programs, and supports disease control, elimination, and emergency response across the Americas.



CEPI

[CEPI launches global plan to secure the future against epidemic and pandemic threats](#)

12 Feb 2026

OSLO, 13 FEB—As deadly disease outbreaks become ever more frequent and disruptive, CEPI (the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations) is setting out an ambitious new plan to transform the way the world tackles the most dangerous viral threats.

The new five-year strategy—CEPI 3.0—was unveiled today as CEPI called on governments, philanthropies and partners to invest US\$2.5 billion to strengthen the world’s disease defences.

“During COVID-19, the world paid the price of not being prepared,” said **Dr. Richard Hatchett, CEO of CEPI**. **“Recent outbreaks of Nipah, Ebola, Chikungunya and Marburg are powerful reminders that epidemic and pandemic disease present one of the greatest challenges of our time.** Science offers us a solution: by taking decisive action now we can secure a safer future for all.”..

CEPI 3.0, due to begin in 2027, is designed to meet this challenge. Maintaining CEPI’s steadfast focus on equity, it will harness the latest scientific advances to systematically reduce the likelihood, impact and cost of epidemics and pandemics. At its core is the 100 Days Mission, CEPI’s game-changing goal to develop safe, effective and accessible vaccines against a virus with pandemic potential in as little as 100 days. Modellers estimate that had vaccines been available in 100 days after COVID-19 was first identified, more than 8 million lives could have been saved and trillions of dollars of global economic damage averted.

The new strategy will see CEPI and its partners deliver three interconnected priorities that will enable faster and fairer protection for all in the face of epidemic and pandemic threats.

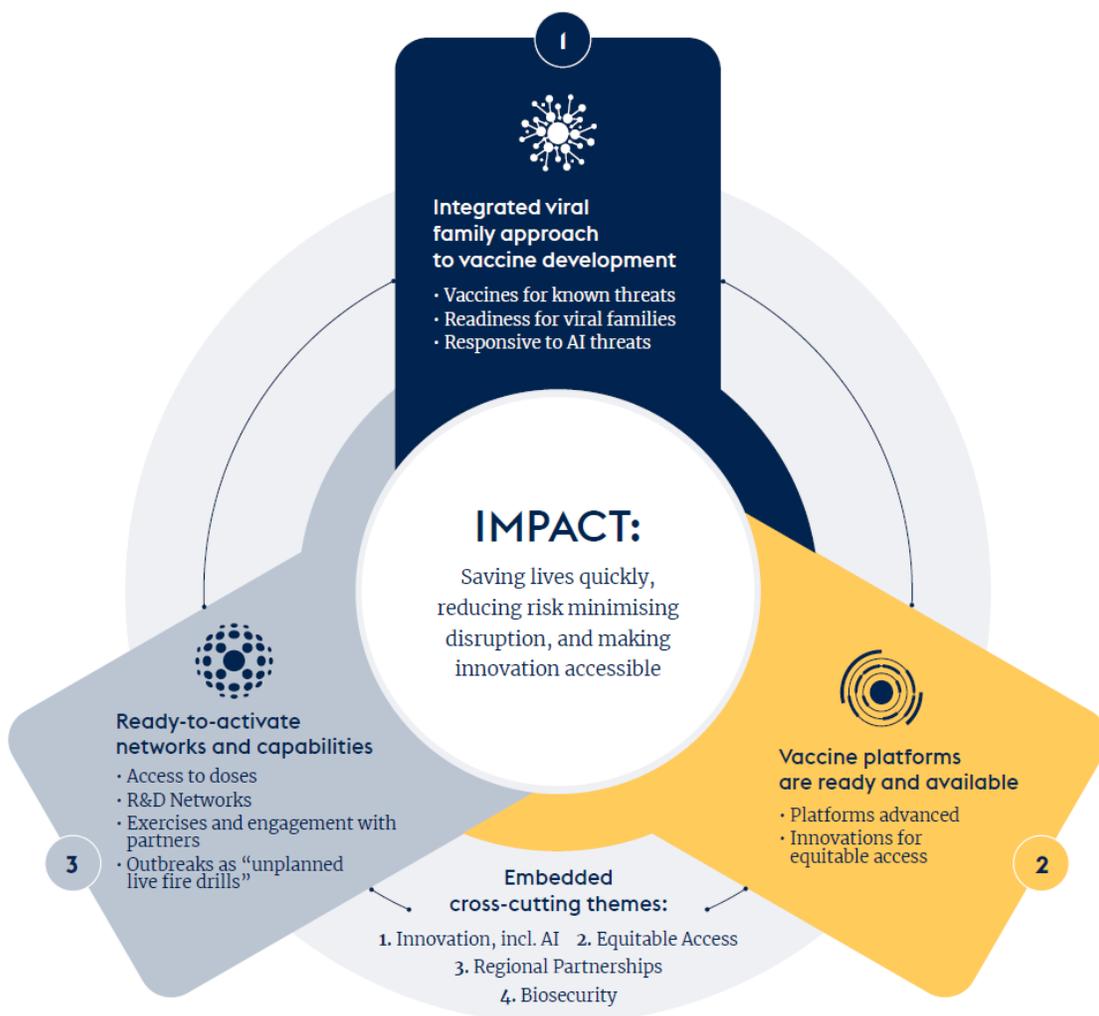
If fully funded CEPI 3.0 will:

- **Develop vaccines to tackle both known and emerging threats.** CEPI will advance response-ready vaccines for many of the most menacing known epidemic pathogens—such as Lassa, Nipah and Rift Valley fever—while generating scientific tools, data and knowledge across most of the viral families deemed by the World Health Organization to harbour pathogens capable of causing a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) or a pandemic. This pioneering research will dramatically accelerate new vaccine development and give the world a crucial headstart in responding to newly-emerging viruses.
- **Advance rapid-response platforms so they are ready and available for swift vaccine development and production.** CEPI will accelerate the development of platform technologies and embed them with regional manufacturers so that countries can move quickly against outbreaks. CEPI and its partners will work closely with regulators to ensure they have access to relevant data on how the platforms perform to facilitate regulatory preparedness. This approach will enable rapid vaccine development, faster manufacturing scale-up, rapid regulatory assessment of candidate vaccines and greater equity from the start.

- **Support global networks that can be quickly activated to execute the 100 Days Mission.** CEPI will connect, strengthen and rigorously test its global scientific networks so they are ready to respond quickly and seamlessly in an emergency at every stage of the journey, from the early R&D once a threat is detected through to manufacturing. We will secure access to 1–2 billion doses of regional manufacturing capacity to enable fast and fair outbreak response.

“In this increasingly fragmented and vulnerable world, the need for a global, science-led health protection plan is clear,” said the Coalition’s Chair Hon. Prof. Jane Halton. “Investing in CEPI’s innovation and rapid response capabilities is one of the smartest steps countries can take to protect themselves and the world from future crises.”

Snapshot of CEPI 3.0



[CEPI requires US\$3.6 billion in total to deliver its new strategy. With US\$1.1 billion already secured and committed, CEPI is now seeking additional investment of US\$2.5 billion to unlock its new strategy to protect the world against epidemic and pandemic threats. [Read the CEPI 3.0 Investment Case here.](#)]





Africa – Vaccines

[African leaders launch ACHIEVE Africa during AU Summit to drive vaccine research, development, and self-reliance](#)

:: H.E. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia, announces the official launch of a five-year, US\$100+ million initiative to accelerate Africa’s end-to-end vaccine and biologics R&D ecosystem.

:: The Government of Zambia convened the event, co-convened by African Union Member States: Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda, and South Africa, the International Vaccine Institute, and the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention with special guest institution the African Medicines Agency.

15 February 2026, ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia – On the sidelines of the 39th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union, **African leaders today launched ACHIEVE Africa—Accelerating Health Innovation, Equity, and Development of Vaccines and Biologics in Africa—an initiative designed to build the continent’s end-to-end research and development ecosystem for vaccines and therapeutics.**

The event was convened by the Government of Zambia and co-convened by African Union Member States including Ethiopia, Egypt, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, and Zambia; the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC); and the International Vaccine Institute (IVI). The African Medicines Agency (AMA) was a special guest institution...

ACHIEVE Africa responds with an initial five-year, US\$100+ million investment to mobilize African researchers and institutions across the full research and development value chain—from genomics and antigen design to clinical trials, regulatory readiness, and scale-up. The initiative will prioritize next-generation platforms, including mRNA technologies, targeting high-burden and epidemic-prone diseases such as HIV, mpox, chikungunya, and Rift Valley fever.

The program is anchored in Africa’s long-term development vision, including Agenda 2063 and the African Union target of producing 60% of Africa’s vaccines locally by 2040. It aligns with the New Public Health Order, the Accra Reset, the African Union Immunization Agenda 2030, and the priorities of Africa CDC and AMA.

More than 50 institutions from over 20 African countries are already engaged, supported by IVI and a range of global scientific and development partners, reflecting a coordinated continental approach to innovation and capacity development...



Cholera

[Multi-country outbreak of cholera, epidemiological update #34 -21 February 2026](#)

Edition 34 21 February 2026 | *Emergency situation update*

Multi-country outbreak of cholera



Epidemiological Update n. 34 published 21 February 2026

Cases – 16 912
Since Jan. 2026

Deaths – 182
Since Jan. 2026

Countries affected – 19
Since Jan. 2026

Population at risk
1 billion

Global risk –
Very high

Overview

Data as of 25 January 2026

- In January 2026 (epidemiological weeks 1 to 4), a total of **16 912 new cholera and acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) cases were reported from 19 countries, territories, and areas** (hereafter countries) across three WHO regions, showing a 6% decrease from the previous month. The African Region registered the highest number of cases, followed by the Eastern Mediterranean Region, and the South-East Asia Region. This period also saw 182 cholera-related deaths globally, highlighting a 20% increase from the previous month. No outbreaks were reported in the Western Pacific Region or Region of the Americas during this time.
- Cholera cases and deaths in January 2026 were 57% and 54% lower than in January 2025 (39 434 cases and 398 deaths across 23 countries).
- **In recent years, conflict, mass displacement, disasters from natural hazards, and climate change have intensified outbreaks, particularly in rural and flood-affected areas**, where poor infrastructure and limited healthcare access delay treatment. These cross-border factors have made cholera outbreaks increasingly complex and harder to control.
- The data presented here should be interpreted with caution. Potential underreporting and reporting delays may affect timeliness and accuracy, while variations in surveillance systems, standard case definitions, and laboratory capacities can limit direct comparability among countries. These factors also influence the global case fatality rate (CFR), requiring careful examination. Unless otherwise specified, the term 'cholera cases' includes both suspected and confirmed cases. Data in this report may be adjusted retrospectively as more information becomes available. For the latest data, please consult WHO's Global Cholera and AWD Dashboard

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Editor's Note:

In the last several *Epidemiological Updates on Cholera* – including this instance – there has been no mention of OCV, vaccines, or how they are factoring in response. We have not identified why these areas are no longer addressed.

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Polio – PHEIC

[Polio this week](#) [11 Feb 2026]

Headlines [Selected]

:: Pakistan – Health workers reach more than 45 million children

Health workers across Pakistan embarked on the country's first nationwide immunization campaign to reach more than 45 million children with polio vaccine. All sectors of civil and public society are regularly mobilized, including through Rotary International, to make such campaigns a success

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- :: Pakistan: three WPV1-positive environmental samples
- :: Algeria: two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- :: Namibia: two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- :: Nigeria: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample

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Malawi vaccinates 1.3 million children in response to polio outbreak

17 February 2026

Blantyre—Around 1.3 million children in Malawi have been vaccinated against polio in a four-day campaign following the detection of a new circulating variant polio case in late January 2026. This variant polio case is the first reported in the country since 2022, when wild poliovirus — genetically linked to an outbreak in Pakistan — was confirmed in Malawi.

The campaign, using the novel oral poliomyelitis vaccine type 2 (nOPV2), was carried out in line with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)'s recommendations for supplementary immunization activities in response to any detection of poliovirus. **Around 97% of the targeted children were reached in eight districts in Malawi's Southern Region.** Additional rounds are planned to vaccinate a further 42 000 children who missed the initial drive. Blantyre District achieved the highest number of doses administered in the eight districts, with 109% coverage...

Malawi received 1.7 million doses of the nOPV2 vaccine from the International Coordinating Group on Vaccine Provision on 10 February 2026. The vaccines were distributed within 12 hours to points of delivery across the targeted districts for the immediate start of the campaign. This will be followed by two additional national rounds later this year.

Communities played a critical role in the campaign's success. Social mobilizers, health workers, religious leaders and traditional authorities provided accurate information about the vaccine, addressed misinformation and reassured household members. Out of 84 households that were initially reluctant to vaccinate 45 accepted, thanks to these targeted engagement efforts. Health authorities continue to follow up with the remaining families to ensure children are protected in upcoming rounds.

"This campaign is an example of another aggressive and well-coordinated effort to interrupt polio transmission," says Dr Charles Njuguna, Acting WHO Representative in Malawi. "WHO will continue to support Malawi in its efforts to ensure that every child is protected from this debilitating but vaccine-preventable disease."...

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WHO & Regional Offices [21 Feb 2026]

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

Selected News/Announcements/Statements

18 February 2026 *Departmental update*

[Next-generation influenza vaccines could save millions of lives, finds WHO](#)

Next generation influenza vaccines that provide broader and longer-lasting protection than existing seasonal vaccines, could play a vital role in reducing the global burden of influenza, according to a recent World Health Organization (WHO) assessment.

The new WHO [Full value of improved influenza vaccine assessment \(FVIVA\)](#) and [Vaccine journal article](#) evaluate the health, economic, and policy impacts of next-generation influenza vaccines and identifies future barriers to their uptake globally. They provide a basis to guide investment, policy decisions, and introduction strategies – supporting stronger seasonal influenza programmes and enhanced pandemic preparedness...

18 February 2026 *News release*

[WHO validates elimination of trachoma as a public health problem in Libya](#)

17 February 2026 *Departmental update*

[Conflict and instability make pregnancy more dangerous](#)

17 February 2026 *News release*

[Global commitment on display as countries negotiate key annex to the Pandemic Agreement](#)

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[Departmental update ICD-11 2026 Release](#)

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WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]

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

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[Next-generation influenza vaccines could save millions of lives, finds WHO](#)

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[Malawi vaccinates 1.3 million children in response to polio outbreak](#)

[WHO Region of the Americas PAHO](#)

:: 20 Feb 2026

[PAHO updates dengue situation in the Americas, recommends strengthened surveillance and health system preparedness](#)

Washington, D.C., February 20, 2026 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) this week released a new epidemiological update on dengue in the Americas, emphasizing the importance for countries of maintaining and reinforcing prevention, surveillance, and health system preparedness, while remaining attentive to potential changes in the...

:: 19 Feb 2026

[PAHO's Revolving Funds deliver 234 million vaccines and critical health supplies in 2025,](#)

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WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: **[WHO validates elimination of trachoma as a public health problem in Libya](#)**

18 February 2026

:: **[Vaccinating zero-dose children among returning families in Nimroz](#)**

15 February 2026

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: 20 February 2026

[Media release - Solomon Islands and WHO: Working together to strengthen health security](#)

:: 18 February 2026

[Joint News Release - Samoa officially launches One Health Pandemic Preparedness and Response project](#)

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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 cholera, epidemiological update #34 -21 February 2026](#)

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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.

No new digest content identified.

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

Vol. 101, No. 8, pp. 33-36 20 February 2026

<https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/cb19801a-6aa3-4343-ae02-06aa6dae4eb7/content>

:: From Field to Public Health Action: The Path of Genomic Surveillance from Brazil to the Americas

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New WHO Publications

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

Selected

20 February 2026

[WHO water, sanitation, hygiene and waste strategy 2026-2035](#)

Overview

Unsafe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) still drive at least 1.4 million preventable deaths each year (1), while climate shocks, outbreaks, migration and aging infrastructure present additional challenges. Despite gains since 2015, 1 in 4 – or 2.1 billion people globally – still lack access to safely managed drinking water, including 106 million who drink directly from untreated surface sources; 3.4 billion people still lack safely managed sanitation, including 354 million who practice open defecation.

Addressing these persistent gaps requires coordinated global action, and WHO's leadership on WASH is a critical part of that effort. By setting evidence-based norms and standards, strengthening regulatory and monitoring systems, and supporting countries to embed WASH into health policies and service delivery, WHO helps translate proven interventions into sustained impact.

The WHO water, sanitation, hygiene and waste strategy 2026–2035 offers an opportunity to strengthen WHO's contribution to improving health through WASH actions within and beyond WHO, to reinforce WHO's influence within WASH partnerships, to mobilize investment, to strengthen alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and relevant regional policy frameworks, and to build on synergies between the SDGs, health and WASH.

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[Maternal mortality in fragile and conflict-affected situations: technical brief](#)

Overview

This brief aligns the latest maternal mortality estimates with whether a country is conflict-affected or considered institutionally fragile. Nearly two-thirds of all maternal deaths worldwide occur in countries marked by conflict or fragility. The risk of a woman who lives in a country affected by conflict dying due to maternal causes is around five times higher for each pregnancy she undergoes compared to her peers in stable countries. In 2023 alone, an estimated 160,000 women died from preventable maternal causes in fragile and conflict-affected settings, that is 6 in 10 maternal deaths worldwide, despite these countries accounting for only around one in ten of global live births.

15 February 2026

[Mainstreaming antimicrobial resistance into primary health care: international workshop report](#)

15 February 2026

[WHO malaria terminology 2025, Third edition](#)

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Africa

Africa CDC [21 Feb 2026]

<https://africacdc.org/>

Press Releases, Statements [Selected]

Press Releases

[Africa CDC and FHI 360 Sign Memorandum of Understanding to Strengthen Health Security and Advance Africa's Health Sovereignty](#)

18 February 2026

... The MoU establishes a structured framework of cooperation aligned with the Africa CDC Strategic Plan (2023–2027), the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty (AHSS) Agenda, and the Lusaka Agenda, reinforcing shared commitments to sustainable, locally driven health systems and preparedness across the continent.

Under this partnership, Africa CDC and FHI 360 will collaborate to strengthen surveillance systems, epidemic intelligence, laboratory networks, health workforce capacity, and emergency preparedness and response capabilities...

Communiqué

[Communiqué: Investing in the Health Workforce, Community Health and Sustainable Immunization Programmes](#)

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China – CDC+

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China [21 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

National Medical Products Administration – PRC [21 Feb 2026]

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

News

[Yang Sheng meets with associate commissioner for global policy and strategy of US FDA](#)

Updated: 2026-02-03

... Both sides affirmed achievements made in China-US cooperation on drug regulation and expressed their willingness to continue practical cooperation, to jointly encourage more better products for the benefit of people in both countries...

China CDC

[CCDC Weekly Reports: Current Volume \(7\)](#)

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:: [Vital Surveillances: Genomic Insights into the 2024 HAdV-14p1 Strain in China: Traced to Early Prevalent Strains](#)

:: [Preplanned Studies: Integrated Risk Matrix and Borda Count Analysis on Importation Risk Assessment of Nipah Virus Infection — China, 1999–2026](#)

:: [Methods and Applications: An Open-Source Data Driven Hybrid Modeling System for Infectious Disease Surveillance and Early Warning](#)

:: [Review: Current Status of Clade 2.3.4.4b H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus Transmission in Mammals](#)

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Europe

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

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

News/Updates/Reports/Publications [Selected]

[Public Health Agency of Canada visits ECDC for enhanced collaboration and to strengthen global health security](#)

16 February 2026

...” This is the first time that the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and the Public Health Agency of Canada have agreed on a joint operational plan with concrete public health actions. Our mutual commitment is an important milestone to strengthen global health security, particularly during times of profound change’, said ECDC Director Pamela Rendi-Wagner...”

Surveillance and monitoring

[Communicable disease threats report, 14 - 20 February 2026, week 8](#)

20 February 2026

European Medicines Agency [EMA]

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

News & Press Releases

[Recruitment procedure opens for next Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency](#)

Candidates have until 19 March to apply for the role

20 February 2026

The next Executive Director will take over the position from the current Executive Director, Emer Cooke, whose mandate at the helm of the Agency ends on 30 April 2027.

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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.

Department of State

Press Releases - Selected

No new digest content identified.

HHS

Press Room - Selected

No new digest content identified.

[After blasting WHO costs, Trump officials propose more expensive alternative](#)

The Washington Post, Feb 19, 2026 By Lena H. Sun and Jacob Bogage
HHS proposes spending \$2 billion a year to re-create systems the U.S. accessed through the WHO at a fraction of the cost, according to officials briefed on the matter...
[paywall will limit access]

NIH [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

FDA

Press Announcements

FDA News Releases

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FDA CBER

What's New for Biologics

No new digest content identified.

February 18, 2026

[Moderna Announces the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will Initiate the Review of Its Investigational Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Submission](#)

:: Following a Type A meeting, the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research has notified Moderna that its biologics license application for mRNA-1010 will proceed to review

:: Moderna has received a Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) goal date of August 5, 2026

FDA VRBPAC [Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee]

Advisory Committee Calendar

[Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee - March 12, 2026](#)

On March 12, 2026, the Committee will meet in open session to discuss and make recommendations on the strain composition of influenza virus vaccines for use in United States during the 2026-2027 influenza season

FDA Pediatric Advisory Committee Meeting

Advisory Committee Calendar

No future meetings posted.

CDC

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

Latest News - Selected

[NIH's Bhattacharya will also run the CDC while Trump administration looks for a permanent director](#)

PBS News, 18, 2026 5:08 PM EST

WASHINGTON (AP) — National Institutes of Health Director Jay Bhattacharya will also temporarily become acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an administration official said Wednesday.

The change was first reported by The New York Times and confirmed by the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the appointment hadn't been made public.

Bhattacharya will be the third leader of the embattled CDC, the nation's top public health agency, during President Donald Trump's second term...

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

- **February 25-27** *[no agenda content posted]*
- June 24-25
- October 21-22

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>

Next ACCV meetings – TBD

MMWR Weekly

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

Last edition published was January 1, 2026 / No. 42

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NSF

News

Website not available at inquiry.

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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/>

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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 21 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 21 Feb 2026)

News

No new digest content identified.

American College of Physicians (ACP)

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

ACP News

No new digest content identified.

America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

News

No new digest content identified.

American Geriatrics Society (AGS)

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

Recent Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

American Medical Association (AMA)

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

American Public Health Association (APHA)

[https://www.apha.org/news-and-media/news-](https://www.apha.org/news-and-media/news-releases?sortFieldName=ItemDate&sortDisplayName=Newest&sortMode=desc)

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(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

The Nation's Health, February/March 2026, 56 (1) 1-19

[**Vaccine schedule changes will worsen inequities, experts warn**](#)

Mark Barna

Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

News releases and statements

Blog

[**Lessons from COVID-19: Vaccine updating and implications for regional health sovereignty**](#)

February 20, 2026

By Gabriela Zambrano-Sanchez, MD, Luis Del Carpio-Orantes, MD

[Excerpt]

...The broader lesson is clear: Latin America does not lack scientific capacity; it lacks stable industrial infrastructure and innovation ecosystems capable of sustaining it. Countries such as Brazil, through Instituto Butantan and Fiocruz, and Cuba and Argentina, through national platforms, illustrate what is possible. Others, including Mexico and Chile, have strong implementation and coverage capacities but remain dependent on imported vaccines. (14-16)

Vaccine and health sovereignty are therefore not luxuries but resilience strategies. Local production protects against external discontinuities driven by regulatory shifts, market dynamics or geopolitical constraints. It also enables adaptation to regional epidemiology and priorities. As Medellín and Panama demonstrate, sovereignty depends less on scientific talent, already abundant in the region, than on robust institutions, sustained investment and long-term strategic vision...

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

News and Updates

No new digest content identified.

National Medical Association (NMA)

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

News & Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)

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

(Accessed 21 Feb 2026)

[Strong Leadership at CDC Essential in Wake of Acting Director’s Exit](#)

February 20, 2026

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) is concerned about the absence of confirmed, permanent leadership at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) following the recent departure of the acting director and appointment of NIH director as the acting director. SHEA believes it is critical that strong, experienced, and highly qualified experts in public health and infectious diseases be appointed to lead CDC with the stability and authority necessary to fulfill its mission of protecting the health and safety of the American people. At a time when states and local jurisdictions are shouldering increased responsibility for a patchwork public health infrastructure, the nation needs trusted, capable leadership at the federal level.

Effective leadership is vital to restoring and maintaining public confidence in a time marked by growing challenges to science and public health. CDC must be empowered to safeguarding health through clear, evidence-based guidance. While there may be differing views on how best to advance this mission, there is broad agreement that steady, qualified leadership specifically assigned to CDC is indispensable.

We urge the Administration and Senate leadership to act swiftly in appointing a director who can guide CDC through today’s urgent public health challenges and prepare the nation for those that lie ahead, including future public health emergencies. CDC plays a central role in protecting Americans from immediate health threats, improving long-term health outcomes, and building a healthier future for us all.

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)

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

(Accessed 21 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 [21 Feb 2026]

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

[Shifting U.S. Vaccine Policy: Explaining Federal Actions and Exploring Public Opinion](#)

Event Date: Feb 19, 2026

KFF experts shared insights on what the shifting policy for childhood and adult vaccination schedules means for state governments, the U.S. public health system, and Americans.

[Reliance on Sources Other Than CDC/ACIP for State Childhood Vaccine Recommendations](#)

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State Health Facts Indicator

[State Requirements for Private Insurance Coverage of Vaccines](#)

Feb 19, 2026

State Health Facts Indicator

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Vaccine Integrity Project – CIDRAP [to 21 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]

No new digest content identified.

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Seth Berkley

[Leaving WHO does not serve America’s—or the world’s—best interests](#)

Expert Voices

BY Seth Berkley 19 Feb 2026

Science, Volume 391| Issue 6787| 19 Feb 2026

... From my perspective, neglecting to participate in the public health infrastructure mediated by WHO—the only truly global mechanism—seems like a recipe to weaken America’s preparedness to combat disease rather than a strategy to make it safer. This decision will render countries around the world much more vulnerable to health threats than they were previously, and it leaves America anywhere but first.

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Selected Media Coverage

[Vaccine Makers Curtail Research and Cut Jobs](#)

Federal policies under Robert F. Kennedy Jr. that are hostile to vaccines have “sent a chill through the entire industry,” one scientist said.

The New York Times, Feb 16, 2026

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Organization Announcements

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [21 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gates Foundation [21 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases & Statements

[Philanthropic Partnership Backs Country-Led Research to Guide the Use of AI in Health](#)

:: The Gates Foundation, Novo Nordisk Foundation, and Wellcome will support locally led evaluations of AI tools that have the potential to improve health outcomes in low- and middle-income countries

:: The first call for proposals, now open, focuses on mature AI tools that support decision-making in primary and community health settings

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CARB-X [21 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative [21 Feb 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [21 Feb 2026]

<http://cepi.net/>

CEPI News, Blog

News

[CEPI launches global plan to secure the future against epidemic and pandemic threats](#)

12 Feb 2026

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 21 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.] [21 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

DNDI – Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative [21 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases

DNDi and Dubai Health launch Middle East partnership to advance research and training in neglected diseases

The partnership brings together DNDi's global expertise in needs driven drug development and Dubai Health's integrated academic health system to support research and capacity building across priority global health areas

Dubai, UAE — 10 Feb 2026

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [21 Feb 2026]

<https://dukeghic.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

EDCTP [21 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 [21 Feb 2026]

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

Vaccine Center News

No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [21 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Fondation Merieux [21 Feb 2026]

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

Actualités

No new digest content identified.

Gates Medical Research Institute [21 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 21 Feb 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global Foundation [21 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 [21 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

News Releases

18 February 2026

[Global Fund Board Welcomes Final Eighth Replenishment Outcome of US\\$12.64 Billion, Backs Strategic Shifts to Advance Countries' Path to Self-Reliance](#)

The Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) welcomed the final outcome of the partnership's Eighth Replenishment – US\$12.64 billion – at its 54th meeting on 12-13 February.

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [21 Feb 2026]

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

News & Events

[New WHO Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence Research Funding Tracker from Pandemic PACT](#)

February 17, 2026

... The new dashboard includes visualisations of research funding award data mapped against key research priorities outlined in the [2024 Technical Brief](#) published by the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence...

Hilleman Laboratories [21 Feb 2026]

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

News & Insights

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [21 Feb 2026]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Human Immunome Project [nee Human Vaccines Project] [21 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IAVI [21 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases, Features

No new digest content identified.

INSERM [21 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 21 Feb 2026]

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

- > [Q3E EWG](#) [Guideline for Extractables and Leachables](#)
- > [E22 EWG](#) [General Considerations for Patient Preference Studies](#)
- > [M4Q\(R2\) EWG](#) [Revision of M4Q\(R1\)](#)

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

ICRC [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

Latest press releases and statements

[Ukraine: ICRC Director-General - Millions in Ukraine face intolerable suffering and growing needs amid ongoing conflict](#)

News release 21-02-2026

IFFIm [21 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases/Announcements

No new digest content identified.

IFRC [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

Press releases

[IOM and IFRC Assume Co-Leadership of Global Shelter, Land and Site Coordination Cluster](#)

Geneva, 19 February 2026 – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) have assumed joint leadership of the new Global Shelter, Land and Site Coordination Cluster, marking a major step forward in delivering faster, fairer, and more effective humanitarian assistance worldwide.

IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat [21 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Institut Pasteur [21 Feb 2026]

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

Press Documents

Press release 16.02.2026

[How age, sex and genetics shape our antibodies](#)

Age, biological sex, and human genetic factors influence the production of antibodies during the immune response.

ISC / International Science Council [to 21 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.

News

[Pacific Academy of Sciences launches first ever AI-powered research platform and Regional R&D assessment report](#)

February 16, 2026

The Pacific Academy of Sciences (PAS) today announced two historic milestones for Pacific research and innovation at its inaugural Congress, launching the region's first AI-powered research platform alongside a comprehensive assessment of R&D investment across ten Pacific nations.

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)

<https://iuis.org/>

News, Resources

[Registration Now Open for Day of Immunology 2026!](#)

February 5, 2026 European Federation of Immunological Societies (EFIS)

IVAC [21 Feb 2026]

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

Updates; Events

No new digest content identified.

IVI [21 Feb 2026]

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

IVI News & Announcements

[African leaders launch ACHIEVE Africa during AU Summit to drive vaccine research, development, and self-reliance](#)

15 February 2026,

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [21 Feb 2026]

<https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom>

Center News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 21 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 21 Feb 2026]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Conflict in Sudan

[Sudan: MSF treats around 170 people for drone injuries in two weeks after strikes hit civilian ar...](#)

Press Release 19 Feb 2026

TACTiC – Test, Avoid, Cure Tuberculosis in Children

Near point-of-care tests for tuberculosis

Report 19 Feb 2026

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Ukraine

What four years of full-scale war has taken from people in Ukraine

Project Update 19 Feb 2026

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

News, Stories, Insights

No new digest content identified.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

PATH [21 Feb 2026]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

PATH leaders recognized at the highest levels of science and global governance

February 18, 2026 by PATH

PATH is pleased to announce two recent milestone appointments:

Dr. Melanie Saville, PATH’s Chief Scientific Officer, has been named Chair of the World Health Organization’s Product Development for Vaccines Advisory Committee (PDVAC), and Prof. Bilal Mateen, PATH’s Chief AI Officer, has been appointed to the United Nations’ first Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence.

These recognitions, spanning vaccine development and artificial intelligence, reflect the breadth and depth of PATH’s scientific leadership and the caliber of expertise the organization brings to the most pressing health challenges of our time...

Sabin Vaccine Institute [21 Feb 2026]

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

Latest News & Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [21 Feb 2026]

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

News, Stories, Updates

Press Release

UNAIDS rallies African leaders to remain united to end AIDS

GENEVA, 17 February 2026—At the 39th African Union summit, UNAIDS urged African leaders to stay united, keep HIV high on the political agenda and move towards sustainable financing for health and development.

UNICEF [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]

Press release 17 February 2026

[Successive cyclones put children at risk in Madagascar](#)

ANTANANARIVO, 17 February 2026 —, At least 6,000 children have been displaced and nearly 29,000 are unable to attend school in the aftermath of Cyclone Gezani, which struck eastern Madagascar on 10 February with winds exceeding 200 km/h. The second cyclone to hit the country in just two weeks, Gezani has affected ...

Unitaid [21 Feb 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

[United Kingdom review reaffirms Unitaid’s impact as a “critical enabler” of global health, awards A+ rating](#)

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Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [21 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Confidence Project [21 Feb 2026]

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

News, Research and Reports

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia [21 Feb 2026]

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

News

[Vaccine Update Newsletter January 2026](#)

Wellcome Trust [21 Feb 2026]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News. Opinion, Reports

Website not responding at inquiry.

The Wistar Institute [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

World Bank [to 21 Feb 2026]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [21 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

[World Health Professions Alliance Calls for Urgent Global Action to Protect Health Personnel from Violence and Persecution](#)

18.02.2026

World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] [21 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases, Statements

No new digest announcements identified.

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [21 Feb 2026]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

BIO [21 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [21 Feb 2026]

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

News; Upcoming events

No new digest announcements identified.

ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [21 Feb 2026]

<https://internationalbiotech.org/>

News

No new digest announcements identified.

IFPMA [21 Feb 2026]

<https://ifpma.org/>

News & Resources

Statement 17 Feb 2026

Ensuring harmonized approaches to life cycle assessment of health products

The global innovative pharmaceutical industry recognizes the increasing interest from health systems, procurers, and policymakers in understanding the environmental footprint of medicines and vaccines. As conversations evolve around product-level life cycle assessment (LCA), it is vital that any emerging frameworks support clarity, methodological consistency, and insights that enable companies to improve their own environmental performance....

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [21 Feb 2026]

<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 [21 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases

February 18, 2026

Merck's Robert Davis Becomes New Chair of PhRMA Board

February 17, 2026

PhRMA Launches Campaign Highlighting the Importance of America's Global Leadership in Medicine Development

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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

Bavarian Nordic Receives USD 22.5 Million Contract for its Mpx and Smallpox Vaccine from the Government of Canada

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, February 18, 2026 – Bavarian Nordic A/S (OMX: BAVA) today announced a new order valued at USD 22.5 million from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) for the Company's mpx and smallpox vaccine, MVA-BN®.

This order, awarded under the existing 10-year contract framework established with PHAC in 2022, will ensure manufacturing of bulk vaccine product in 2026, with filling and supply of the final drug product to occur later...

BioCubaFarma – Cuba

Últimas Noticias

[BioCubaFarma: Nuevos candidatos vacunales antineumocócicos avanzan en ensayos clínicos en Cuba](#)

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Biological E

News

[Biological E. Receives Phase II WHO Pre-Qualification for nOPV2](#)

:: Phase II WHO Pre-Qualification covers both drug substance and drug product for nOPV2

:: Biological E. has already supplied 700 million doses for global stockpile and outbreak response use

:: Integrated WHO-qualified manufacturing strengthens supply availability for cVDPV2 outbreak control
Hyderabad, February 12, 2026

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 Seqirus

News Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Curevac

News - Website now directs to BioNTech site

Daiichi Sankyo

Press Releases

February 20, 2026 Corporate

[Daiichi Sankyo Appoints John Tsai, MD as Global Head of R&D](#)

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

[GSK's Arexvy associated with reductions in certain RSV-related risks including heart attack, stroke and severe flare-ups of COPD and asthma, real world study shows](#)

:: Reduction observed in RSV-related hospitalisations in adults aged ≥60 years¹

:: An observed reduction in major adverse cardiovascular events* in adults aged ≥60 years‡2 during RSV-related hospitalisation

:: Risk reduction observed against severe flare-ups of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma‡2 during RSV-related hospitalisation

17 February 2026

GSK plc (LSE/NYSE: GSK) today announced new effectiveness data for its adjuvanted recombinant respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine at RSVW'26, the 9th Conference of the Respiratory Syncytial Virus Foundation (ReSViNET) in Rome, Italy...

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

[Merck Announces Positive New Data for ENFLONZIA™ \(clesrovimab\) for Infants and Children Under 2 Years of Age at Increased Risk for Severe Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) Disease Over Two RSV Seasons](#)

February 19, 2026

[Merck and Mayo Clinic Announce New Research and Development Collaboration to Support AI-Enabled Drug Discovery and Precision Medicine](#)

Strategic collaboration brings together Mayo Clinic's extensive clinical insights, genomic data and Platform architecture with Merck's artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) research capabilities

February 18, 2026

Moderna

News and Blog Posts

February 18, 2026

[Moderna Announces the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will Initiate the Review of Its Investigational Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Submission](#)

:: Following a Type A meeting, the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research has notified Moderna that its biologics license application for mRNA-1010 will proceed to review

:: Moderna has received a Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) goal date of August 5, 2026

February 17, 2026

[Moderna Receives European Commission Marketing Authorization for COVID-19 Vaccine mNEXSPIKE](#)

:: mNEXSPIKE is the third Moderna vaccine authorized in the European Union, strengthening the Company's respiratory vaccine portfolio in Europe

CAMBRIDGE, MA / February 17, 2026 / Moderna, Inc. (NASDAQ:MRNA) today announced that the European Commission (EC) has granted marketing authorization for mNEXSPIKE® (mRNA-1283), a

new COVID vaccine, for active immunization to prevent COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 in individuals aged 12 years and old...

Nanogen

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novartis

News - No new digest announcements identified.

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 - No new digest announcements identified.

Sanofi Pasteur

Press Releases

February 16, 2026

[Press Release: Beyfortus study published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases shows benefit for infants beyond first RSV season](#)

:: First study showing that infants immunized against RSV in their first season had fewer RSV hospitalizations in their second season

:: The study also showed a reduction of 85.9% in RSV-related lower respiratory tract infection hospitalizations in the first season

Serum Institute

News & Announcements - No new digest announcements identified.

Sinopharm/WIBPBIBP

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Sinovac

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

SK Biosciences

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Takeda

Newsroom - No new digest announcements identified.

Valneva

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

WestVac Biopharma

Media - No new digest announcements identified.

Zhifei Longcom, China
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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>
[Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 27, Number 12: E823-875 December 2025
<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/aging-bad-you>
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.

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David M. Higgins MD, MPH

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[**Rethinking expertise in artificial intelligence ethics for global health**](#)

Bilal Irfan and Roberto Sirvent

Abstract

Debates on AI ethics in global health often privilege professionalized authority over those most exposed to harm. We argue for the need to consider redistributing ethical authority to affected communities, particularly in low- and middle-income countries, potentially through participatory councils with decision power over evaluation metrics, equity constraints, and deployment. Centering lived experience can strengthen safety, accountability, and decolonial governance, may aid in addressing algorithmic bias and financial toxicity, and could align with WHO guidance for public-interest AI. We offer potential practical mechanisms to co-lead design, trials, and post-deployment monitoring so AI advances health and rights rather than simply reproducing inequities.

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Angela L. Rasmussen

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The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines were introduced in Kenya in March, 2021. Effective deployment arrangements are crucial to vaccine access. This study aimed to examine the implementation experiences of the COVID-19 deployment process and their influence on access to inform future pandemic responses.

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[Adoption and use of the 7-1-7 target for timely outbreak detection, notification and early response in the human and animal sectors in humanitarian crisis-affected South Sudan: A mixed-methods study during 2025](#)

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Globally, the 7-1-7 target (detect within 7 days, notify within 1 day, respond within 7 days) was introduced to improve outbreak response. South Sudan adopted the 7-1-7 framework in August 2023. This study aimed to describe the process and challenges of adopting the 7-1-7 framework, assess the performance of outbreaks in the animal and human sector against the 7-1-7 target, and explore the challenges for 7-1-7 adoption in humanitarian settings.

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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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