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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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Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) - March 2026

9 – 12 March 2026

This meeting for the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) will be held from Monday to Thursday.

:: [Agenda](#)

:: [Declaration of Interest - Draft](#)

:: [SAGE Yellow Book – March 2026](#)

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Europe: Next Gen Flu Vaccines

Commission invests €225 million to deliver next-generation influenza vaccines

Press release Feb 19, 2026

The European Union is committing **€225 million to speed up the development of next-generation flu vaccines that will offer protection across a wider range of influenza variants and quickly adapted if a pandemic strain emerges.**

It marks the **first time the Commission will be using pre-commercial procurement to advance products through clinical trials**, ensuring they meet strict safety, quality and efficacy criteria, while supporting innovations that might otherwise stall without public intervention. The funding will support vaccines designed to be easier to administer via the nose, mouth or skin patches and rapidly scaled up in emergencies...

The contracts signed will run for 98 months, covering clinical development through to market authorisation...

This investment uses a **pre-commercial procurement model, which funds research and development under favourable terms to foster a more inclusive market, particularly for SMEs. It covers three phases of pre-commercial procurement**, including development of clinical trial phases I, II and III, as well as pre-market development, leading to market authorisation.

These actions are **financed by the Commission's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority** from the EU4Health programme, and managed by the European Health and Digital Executive Agency.

The contracts have been signed with Nivi Development P/S, Ethris Gmbh, Statens Serum Institut, Vismederi Srl, Stichting European Clinical Research Alliance On Infectious Diseases, Bavarian Nordic As, Evonik Operations Gmbh, Idt Biologika Gmbh, Sanofi Pasteur Sa And Sclavo Vaccines Association.

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Sudan

Sudan Conflict and Complex Emergency

Date: 06 January 2026

Public Health Situation Analysis (PHSA)

This is the fourth WHO PHSA on the Sudan crisis. This updates the March 2025 version.

Typologies of emergency	Main health threats	WHO grade	Security level (UNDSS) ¹	INFORM (2025) ²
 Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malnutrition • Trauma and injury • Cholera and acute watery diarrhoea • Dengue • Malaria • Measles • Non-communicable diseases • Mental health • Protection (including gender-based violence) 	Grade 3 (IASC System-Wide Scale-Up activated by December 2025)	Substantial (4/6): Darfur, Khartoum, Aj Jazirah, Northern Kordofan & Kosti Moderate (3/6): Northern Sudan, Red Sea, Southeast Sudan, Southern Kordofan	Risk Index (0-10): 7.8 (Very High) Global Ranking (1-191 countries): 1
 Food Security				
 Displacement				
 Epidemics				

https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/documents/emergency-care/phsa-sudan-conflict-and-complex-emergency.pdf?sfvrsn=ffbbd08_1&download=true

[Public Health Situation Analysis - Sudan Conflict and Complex Emergency](#)

25 February 2026

Overview

After more than two and a half years of the conflict, Sudan remains locked in a humanitarian catastrophe of staggering dimensions. In 2026, 33.7 million people require assistance. The humanitarian crisis has led to a substantial health crisis, with 21.0 million people requiring assistance and 6.6 million people primarily targeted for health support.

An estimated 11.5 million people have been forcibly displaced, including 7.2 million newly displaced internally and over 4.2 million refugees, asylum seekers, and returnees who have crossed Sudan's borders into neighbouring countries. In Khartoum and areas in the east in which relative stability is emerging, millions of people are returning to badly damaged cities and towns littered with explosive remnants of war, and in which basic services have been decimated.

Hunger and acute food insecurity have spread during the ongoing lean season. **More than 21.2 million people are experiencing acute food insecurity.** Disruptions to food supply chains and agricultural production, as well as delays and administrative challenges in delivering aid, have resulted in widespread hunger and malnutrition, with some areas, including El Fasher (North Darfur) and Kadugli (South Kordofan), facing conditions of Integrated Phase Classification Phase 5 (IPC Phase 5), the highest level. The latest nutrition survey in Um Baru (North Darfur) recorded a Global Acute Malnutrition rate of 53%, of which 35% were classified as Severe Acute Malnutrition. Coupled with high

rates of malnutrition, an overstretched health system and low immunization coverage, this increases the risk of disease outbreaks and their catastrophic impacts.

Over 40 000 injuries have been reported amid the ongoing conflict. Civilians continue to be killed, injured and displaced in ongoing attacks in the Darfur and Kordofan regions. Sexual violence remains pervasive. Insecurity Insight has identified 671 attacks on Sudan's health care system since fighting started in April 2023. Between 15 April 2023 and 9 December 2025, at least 173 health workers have been killed, and 83 have been arrested. Through WHO’s Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care (SSA), 201 attacks with 1858 deaths and 490 injuries have been formally validated between 15 April 2023 and 31 December 2025, and more than 1600 deaths have been recorded in 2025. Many health facilities have been destroyed, looted, or are functioning with severe shortages of staff, medicines, vaccines, equipment, and supplies.

Multiple disease outbreaks are occurring simultaneously, including cholera, dengue, malaria, measles, hepatitis E, and diphtheria. WHO and its partners have revamped efforts to strengthen surveillance, rapid response capacity, and vaccination campaigns. However, resources remain stretched, both in terms of human capacity and funding. Sudan faces a disrupted health system, and insecurity, displacement, and limited access to health products, with challenges in basic infrastructure, continue to pose enormous challenges to delivering health care across the country. The siege of El Fasher for over 18 months with severe restrictions on movement, access to food, water, and medical care in El Fasher have resulted in civilians, including large numbers of children, experiencing repeated bombardment and deteriorating living conditions, which were compounded by the heavy rainfall and other climatic events, severely disrupting communication and connectivity. Following the capture of the city, massive displacements to nearby areas have led to pressures for the suboptimal resources to areas of displacement. El Fasher has since remained greatly cut off from humanitarian interventions- with conditions expected to have worsened with dire need for humanitarian access...

Vaccination coverage:

Since the outbreak of conflict in April 2023, Sudan’s health infrastructure and immunization programs have faced severe disruption. As a result, vast numbers of children remain unvaccinated, leaving them vulnerable to vaccine-preventable illnesses such as measles and polio. The crisis has been further compounded by the mass displacement of populations, which has intensified the risk of disease transmission. In July 2025, the new WHO/UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage have been published, and key figures are summarized below.

SUDAN VACCINATION DATA in 2024 (WUENIC) ³⁵	
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTP)-containing vaccine, 1st dose	48%
DTP-containing vaccine, 3rd dose	39%
Hib, 3 rd dose	39%
HepB, 3 rd dose	39%
Measles-containing vaccine, 1st dose	46%
Measles-containing vaccine, 2nd dose	36%
Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, 3rd dose	40%
Polio, 3rd dose	40%
Rotavirus, last dose	37%



Health AI Tools Evaluation

[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

NEW DELHI (February 20, 2026) – **The Gates Foundation, Novo Nordisk Foundation, and Wellcome today announced a joint investment of US\$60 million to support locally led evaluations of AI health tools in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).**

The Evidence for AI in Health (EVAH) initiative will help governments and health systems determine which tools work, where they add value, and how they can be used responsibly.

Announced during the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi, EVAH is designed to address a critical gap in evidence on how AI performs in real-world health settings in LMICs. **This new initiative will support the evaluation of health tools that have moved beyond early development**, providing policymakers, providers, and developers in LMICs with the insights needed to make informed decisions about adoption and scale-up. EVAH marks the second investment of the US\$300 million global health research and development partnership launched by these three philanthropic organizations in 2024...

The first request for proposals (RFP), which is now open, funds **evaluations of AI-enabled decision support tools designed to assist frontline workers with clinical tasks—such as triage, diagnosis, and referral—within primary and community health care settings in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia...**

The initiative will be implemented in partnership with the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) and the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC). As delivery partners, J-PAL and APHRC will coordinate the application and review process, provide technical input on study design and evidence synthesis, and work in close partnership with the local research teams co-leading evaluations...

Evaluations will include implementation science studies, randomized controlled trials, economic analyses assessing both the economic value of the AI tools and the feasibility of their implementation at scale, **and assessments of public and professional acceptability and trust in the tools.** All findings will be shared through open access channels to maximize their impact, prioritizing data privacy and principles of safety, ethics, and equity...

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Polio – PHEIC

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

Headlines [Selected]

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

:: Afghanistan: three WPV1 cases and two WPV1-positive environmental samples

:: Pakistan: one WPV1-positive environmental sample

:: Chad: one cVDPV2 case

- :: DR Congo: three cVDPV2 cases
 - :: Nigeria: seven cVDPV2 cases, one cVDPV3 case and two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
 - :: Togo: one cVDPV2 case
 - :: Zambia: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
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WHO & Regional Offices [28 Feb 2026]

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

Selected News/Announcements/Statements

27 February 2026 *Departmental update*

[Santiago de Chile Declaration launched to advance clean air and environmental justice in Latin America](#)

27 February 2026 *News release*

[Recommendations for influenza vaccine composition for the 2026-2027 northern hemisphere season](#)

27 February 2026 *News release*

[Denmark becomes first country in the European Union to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis](#)

27 February 2026 *Departmental update*

[WHO tests a strategy game to improve outbreak response speed](#)

26 February 2026 *Feature story*

[Local voices, local data: how localization can strengthen malaria elimination across Africa](#)

26 February 2026 *Departmental update*

[WHO designates new Collaborating Centre to strengthen evidence and integration of traditional medicine](#)

25 February 2026 *News release*

[WHO Director-General visits Jordan to recognize strong collaboration on health system delivery, emergency relief and advancing mental health](#)

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WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]

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

News

27 February 2026 *News release*

[Recommendations for influenza vaccine composition for the 2026-2027 northern hemisphere season](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: 24 February 2026

[Newly released 2025 scorecard unveils progress and setbacks on health and gender equality across Southern Africa](#)

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 27 Feb 2026

[UN report: Latin America and the Caribbean advances in eradicating hunger for the fourth consecutive year](#)

According to the publication of FAO, IFAD, PAHO, UNICEF and WFP, undernourishment and food insecurity dropped, though concerns remain around the cost of a healthy diet and steep obesity. February 27, 2026, Santiago, Chile --In Latin America and the Caribbean undernourishment decreased for the fourth consecutive year, according to the 2025...

:: 26 Feb 2026

[PAHO Director analyzes the 2026 health landscape of the Americas: post-pandemic progress and persistent challenges](#)

Washington, D.C., February 26, 2026 (PAHO) — In the latest episode of the podcast Let's Talk About Health, the Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, presented an overview of his first three years in office and analyzed health achievement and challenges in the Region of the Americas at the start of 2026."It is...

:: 25 Feb 2026

[New PAHO course strengthens health workers' capacity to deliver oral and long-acting PrEP to reduce HIV infections](#)

Washington, D.C., February 25, 2026 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has launched the course Combined HIV Prevention with Emphasis on Oral and Long-Acting Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), available on the PAHO Virtual Campus for Public Health. The course aims to strengthen the technical capacities of health personnel...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

:: 27 February 2026 *Media release*

[Denmark becomes first country in European Union to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis](#)

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

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

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Public Health Situation Analysis - Sudan Conflict and Complex Emergency

25 February 2026

Public Health Situation Analysis - Flooding across Southeast Africa

24 February 2026

Multi-country outbreak of mpox, External situation report #63 - 24 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

[Reviewed earlier]

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New WHO Publications

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

Selected

No new digest content identified.

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Africa

Africa CDC [28 Feb 2026]

<https://africacdc.org/>

Press Releases, Statements [Selected]

Statement

Africa CDC statement on the outcomes of the 39th ordinary session of the African Union Assembly

23 February 2026 Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The African Union held its 48th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and 39th Ordinary Session of the Assembly from 11–15 February 2026 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. During the sessions, Heads of State and Government adopted landmark decisions that significantly advance Africa's Health Security and Sovereignty Agenda...

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China – CDC+

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China [28 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

National Medical Products Administration – PRC [28 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

China CDC

CCDC Weekly Reports: Current Volume (7)

2026-02-27 / No. 9

[PDF of this issue](#)

:: Notes from the Field: Fatal Human Rabies in an HIV-Infected Migrant Worker with Well-Controlled Viral Load — Zhejiang Province, China, January 2026

[HTML\(489\)](#) [PDF 154KB\(1\)](#)

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Europe

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

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

News/Updates/Reports/Publications [Selected]

[ECDC proposes new EU Reference Laboratories to strengthen Europe's preparedness against infectious diseases](#)

23 February 2026

Operational support

[Establishment of EU Reference Laboratories for public health in Europe](#)

23 February 2026

European Medicines Agency [EMA]

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

News & Press Releases

[First combined COVID-19 and influenza vaccine for people 50 years and older](#)

mCombria helps to protect against both COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 and seasonal influenza
27 February 2026

[Meeting highlights from the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use \(CHMP\) 23-26 February 2026](#)

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

27 February 2026

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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.*

[India To Launch Nationwide HPV Vaccination Programme For Girls Aged 14 To Prevent Cervical Cancer](#)

India Today, Feb 25, 2026

India is set to launch a nationwide human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme to prevent cervical cancer, fulfilling a major women's health promise from Budget 2024. The free vaccination drive will target adolescent girls aged 14 across the country through government health facilities including Ayushman Arogya Mandir, community and district hospitals, and government medical colleges. The programme will be voluntary, with all vaccination sessions conducted under the supervision of trained medical officers...

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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
Press Statement*

[Pursuing Sustainable Health Outcomes Under the Trump Administration's America First Global Health Strategy in the Republic of Guatemala, the Republic of Guinea, and the Republic of El Salvador](#)

Thomas "Tommy" Pigott February 27, 2026

Press Statement

[Bolstering Infectious Disease Outbreak Prevention and Response in Niger and the Dominican Republic Through the America First Global Health Strategy](#)

Thomas "Tommy" Pigott February 27, 2026

Press Statement

[Fostering Health Sovereignty in the Democratic Republic of the Congo Through the America First Global Health Strategy](#)

Thomas "Tommy" Pigott February 26, 2026

Press Statement

[Fortifying Health Systems and Countering Infectious Disease Threats Through the America First Global Health Strategy in Burkina Faso](#)

Thomas "Tommy" Pigott February 25, 2026

Press Statement

[Strengthening Western Hemisphere Health Security Through the America First Global Health Strategy in Panama](#)

Thomas "Tommy" Pigott February 25, 2026

[Africa CDC head cites major concerns over data, pathogen sharing in US health deals](#)

By Anait Miridzhanian and Jennifer Rigby

Reuters, February 26, 2026 12:48 PM EST Updated February 27, 2026

LONDON, Feb 26 (Reuters) - There are big issues in the deals the United States is pursuing with African countries that govern how U.S. global health funding will work from now on, the head of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said on Thursday.

"There are huge concerns regarding data, regarding pathogen sharing," Director-General Jean Kaseya told a virtual press conference.

On Wednesday, Zimbabwe pulled out of talks with the U.S. for its agreement, worth \$367 million over the next five years, raising concerns over sensitive data and saying it was unequal. Zambia's government also said it had pushed back on a section of its deal...

Kaseya said he had initially greeted that strategy with enthusiasm, because it would see African countries get money more directly, while simultaneously requiring them to co-invest. But he said he had rejected an opportunity for Africa CDC to be an observer to the deals, as he respected the sovereignty of individual nations.

However, he said the agency had been supporting countries where requested, and would continue to advise if they wanted to renegotiate with the U.S., as well as supporting them to implement any agreement they do sign.

"I said to all of my countries, you have full support from Africa CDC. Even if you want to renegotiate ... if you want Africa CDC to be there, we'll be there," he said.

HHS

Press Room - Selected

[Secretary Kennedy Appoints Two Physicians to CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#)

February 27, 2026 Press Release

... The two new members are: Sean G. Downing, M.D., physician specializing in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics... Angelina Farella, M.D., pediatrician and owner of A Brighter Tomorrow Family Health and Wellness in Webster, Texas...

The Lancet

Feb 28, 2026 Volume 407 Number 10531 p825-914

Editorial

[Robert F Kennedy Jr: 1 year of failure](#)

The Lancet

...The destruction that Kennedy has wrought in 1 year might take generations to repair, and there is little hope for US health and science while he remains at the helm. Calls for his resignation now number in the thousands. Congress must exercise its duty of oversight and hold Kennedy accountable for his record, or else accept responsibility for endorsing President Trump's decision to let him "run wild on health"...

[See full text [here](#)]

NIH [to 28 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

[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

[Secretary Kennedy Appoints Two Physicians to CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#)

February 27, 2026

[See HHS above]

[Statement on the Resignation of the CDC Principal Deputy Director](#)

February 23, 2026

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced today that Dr. Ralph Abraham has stepped down as Principal Deputy Director, effective immediately.

Dr. Abraham led with clarity and discipline, advancing the CDC's mission to protect the health and safety of the American people. He worked directly with career staff and public health partners to strengthen national preparedness and improve the country's emergency response efforts.

Dr. Abraham chose to step down to address unforeseen family obligations.

"It has been an honor to serve alongside the dedicated public health professionals at the CDC and to support the agency's critical mission," Dr. Abraham said.

CDC leadership thanks Dr. Abraham for his service and his contributions to the agency and to the nation.

CDC – Immunization Safety Office (ISO)

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

No new digest content identified [last updated August 7, 2024]

ACIP

2026 Meetings Schedule

- **February 25-27** [*Cancelled without notice; no agenda content posted*]
- **March 18-19** [*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

Nomination Hearing

[Nomination of Casey Means to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and Surgeon General of the Public Health Service](#)

Date: Wednesday, February 25th, 2026 Time: 10:00am

Location: 430 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Hearing Video: 02:19:55

[Surgeon general nominee Means questioned about vaccines, birth control and financial conflicts](#)

February 25, 2026 1:56 PM ET

National Public Radio, Heard on [All Things Considered](#)

By [Will Stone](#)

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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.

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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 28 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 28 Feb 2026)

News

[Broad Coalition Voices Support for AAP Vaccine Recommendations](#)

February 25, 2026

The 2026 American Academy of Pediatrics Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule was released on Jan. 26, 2026 and **is formally endorsed by 12 medical and healthcare organizations.**

Today, more than 230 organizations issue the following statement in support of AAP's schedule:

"Today, our organizations are coming together to champion the best interests of children in the United States by showing our support for the 2026 American Academy of Pediatrics Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule.

"Vaccines teach children's immune systems to resist contagious diseases, keeping children healthy and active. For nearly a century, AAP vaccine recommendations have served as a guide for pediatricians, clinicians and parents on the optimal timing for routine immunizations to protect children from preventable illnesses. Developed by experts with specialized knowledge and experience in infectious diseases, public health and pediatrics, the recommendations are based on the latest scientific and real-world evidence. Importantly, AAP continues to recommend routine immunization against 18 diseases, including RSV, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rotavirus, influenza, and meningococcal disease.

"We urge parents who have questions about vaccines to talk with their child's pediatrician or clinical care team."

[Organizations endorsing this statement listed [here](#)]

American College of Physicians (ACP)

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

(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)

ACP News

[ACP says adults at increased risk should get an mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccine](#)

02/24/26

The updated 2025-2026 mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccine can protect older adults and others at increased risk from serious illness, hospitalization, or death

PHILADELPHIA, February 24, 2026—The American College of Physicians (ACP) issued updated COVID-19 vaccine practice points for physicians that say adults over age 65 and those aged 18-64 at

increased risk for COVID-19 should receive the updated 2025-2026 mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccine. ACP also suggests that those aged 18-64 who are not at increased risk for COVID-19 may consider receiving the vaccine. ACP did not examine evidence or make recommendations for pregnant women or immunocompromised adults. "[COVID-19 Vaccines for 2025-2026 in Adults Who Are Not Pregnant or Immunocompromised: Rapid Practice Points from the American College of Physicians](#)" is published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*...

America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

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

(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)

News

No new digest content identified.

American Geriatrics Society (AGS)

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

(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)

Recent Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

American Medical Association (AMA)

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

(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

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

(Accessed 28 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 28 Feb 2026)

No new digest content identified.

Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)

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

(Accessed 28 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
No new digest content identified.

National Medical Association (NMA)

<https://nmanet.org/blog/>
(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)

<https://pids.org/news-announcements/>
(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)
News & Announcements
Jan. 26, 2026

[PIDS Supports AAP Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for 2026](#)

The Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society is one of a dozen medical and healthcare organizations to formally endorse the American Academy of Pediatrics' Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for 2026....

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)

<https://shea-online.org/news/>
(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)
No new digest content identified.

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)

<https://www.smfm.org/>
(Accessed 28 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 [28 Feb 2026]

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

[KFF Tracker: America First MOU Bilateral Global Health Agreements](#)

Feb 27, 2026 *Tracker*

This tracker provides up-to-date information on countries with signed bilateral MOU global health agreements with the U.S.

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Vaccine Integrity Project – CIDRAP [to 28 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/>

[What RFK Jr.'s CDC Doesn't Want You to Know](#)

The CDC is withholding critical information about vaccine-preventable diseases from the American public. Why?

Feb 24, 2026

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Christine Bork

Chief Development Officer @ AAP

[LinkedIn Post, 2/24/2026](#)

The [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) published its 2026 childhood vaccine schedule. We have done this every year since 1935, always in coordination with the federal government.

This year, we published it alone. Because the federal government's recommendations are no longer grounded in science.

RFK Jr.'s HHS removed universal vaccine recommendations for six childhood diseases, including influenza, rotavirus, and meningococcal disease. AAP reviewed the evidence, found nothing that justified those changes, and kept every recommendation in place.

The medical community responded. Twelve organizations endorsed AAP's schedule, representing more than one million physicians, nurses, and pharmacists. Twenty-seven states and D.C. committed to following it, including four with Republican governors. Johns Hopkins, Stanford, Dartmouth, and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia did the same. Major insurers confirmed they would continue covering all previously recommended vaccines through 2026.

And children keep getting protected from diseases that, without vaccination, still hospitalize and kill. Influenza caused 560,000 hospitalizations and 38,000 deaths last season. Rotavirus used to put 55,000 kids in the hospital every year before vaccination brought that down by 80 percent.

I work at AAP. I am proud of what this organization stands for. When the federal government walked away from children's health, AAP stepped forward, and the country followed...

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Organization Announcements

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [28 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gates Foundation [28 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

CARB-X [28 Feb 2026]

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

News

02.26.2026 |

[CARB-X launches 2026 funding round to address global burden of AMR](#)

CARB-X announced today a funding solicitation targeting the global burden of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Seeking therapeutics, preventatives, and diagnostic projects in four distinct product themes targeting drug-resistant infections worldwide

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative [28 Feb 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [28 Feb 2026]

<http://cepi.net/>

CEPI News, Blog

No new digest content identified.

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 28 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.] [28 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

DNDI – Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative [28 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases

[Acoziborole Winthrop, developed by DNDi and Sanofi, receives European Medicines Agency positive opinion as three-tablet, single-dose treatment for most common form of sleeping sickness](#)

Kinshasa / Paris / Geneva / Amsterdam — 27 Feb 2026

:: Recommendation based on Phase II/III study demonstrating up to 96 per cent success rates at 18 months across both early and advanced stages of T.b. gambiense, the most common form of sleeping sickness

:: The therapy, given as a single dose of three tablets, could offer a simpler alternative to longer, more complex regimens and help support the World Health Organization's (WHO) goal of eliminating the disease by 2030

:: Sanofi will donate the medicine to WHO through its philanthropic arm Foundation S

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [28 Feb 2026]

<https://dukeghic.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

EDCTP [28 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 [28 Feb 2026]

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

Vaccine Center News

No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [28 Feb 2026]

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

News

[Assessing multi-stage malaria vaccines: New clinical trials begin in Burkina Faso](#)

The University of Oxford, the Clinical Research Unit of Nanoro and EVI have launched two new clinical trials to test a next-generation multi-stage malaria vaccine designed to target two stages together two in the Plasmodium falciparum lifecycle.

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Fondation Merieux [28 Feb 2026]

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

Actualités

No new digest content identified.

Gates Medical Research Institute [28 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 28 Feb 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global Foundation [28 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 [28 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 28 Feb 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [28 Feb 2026]

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

News & Events

No new digest content identified.

Hilleman Laboratories [28 Feb 2026]

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

News & Insights
No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [28 Feb 2026]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Human Immunome Project [nee Human Vaccines Project] [28 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IAVI [28 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases, Features

Features

[IAVI announces enrollment of cohort of people without tuberculosis \(TB\) infection in Phase 2b trial of TB vaccine candidate MTBVAC](#)

February 23, 2026

Additional enrollment of 1,200 participants could ultimately enable a fast track to licensure

INSERM [28 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 28 Feb 2026]

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

23 February 2026

[Final training module issued for ICH guideline E2B\(R3\)](#)

ICH has published the final training module, "Implementation Guide for Electronic Transmission of Individual Case Safety Reports, Module III" for Guideline E2B(R3), one of several related guidelines on Clinical Safety Data Management.

Ongoing Public Consultations 

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

> [M4Q\(R2\) EWG](#) [Revision of M4Q\(R1\)](#)

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

ICRC [to 28 Feb 2026]

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

Latest press releases and statements

No new digest content identified.

IFFIm [28 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases/Announcements

No new digest content identified.

IFRC [to 28 Feb 2026]

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

Press releases

[**As conflict enters fifth year, humanitarian needs in Ukraine intensify amid deepening energy crisis and funding shortfall**](#)

23/02/2026 | Press release

IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat [28 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Institut Pasteur [28 Feb 2026]

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

Press Documents

No new digest content identified.

ISC / International Science Council [to 28 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

[**The Science Diplomat Podcast: Sir Peter Gluckman on Science advice, trust, and the limits of evidence**](#)

Sir Peter Gluckman reflects on how science informs political choices amid global tension, emphasizing why humility and transparency will be central to brokering science policy.

Publishing date: February 26, 2026

Listening time: 44 minutes

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)

<https://iuis.org/>

News, Resources

No new digest content identified.

IVAC [28 Feb 2026]

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

Updates; Events

No new digest content identified.

IVI [28 Feb 2026]

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

IVI News & Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [28 Feb 2026]

<https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom>

Center News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 28 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 28 Feb 2026]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Gaza-Israel war

[**Huge influx of aid urgently needed amid catastrophic conditions in Gaza**](#)

Press Release 27 Feb 2026

About MSF

[**Laura Leyser appointed new MSF International Secretary General**](#)

Press Release 25 Feb 2026

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 28 Feb 2026]

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

News, Stories, Insights

No new digest content identified.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA [to 28 Feb 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

PATH [28 Feb 2026]

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

Sabin Vaccine Institute [28 Feb 2026]
<https://www.sabin.org/press/>
Latest News & Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [28 Feb 2026]
<http://www.unaids.org/en>
News, Stories, Updates
Feature Story

[Ukraine: Keeping people in care](#)

23 February 2026

Fifth year of war in Ukraine: deepening humanitarian needs and impact on the HIV response

UNICEF [to 28 Feb 2026]
<https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases>
Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [28 Feb 2026]
<https://unitaid.org/>
News releases

[TB diagnosis to become more accessible and cost-effective through innovative approaches](#)

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News releases

[New Unitaid-backed project to pilot next-generation oxygen technologies and sustainable delivery models](#)

26 February 2026

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [28 Feb 2026]
<https://vaccineequitycooperative.org/news/>
News
No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Confidence Project [28 Feb 2026]
<http://www.vaccineconfidence.org/>
News, Research and Reports
No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia [28 Feb 2026]
<http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center>

News

Vaccine Update Newsletter February 2026

Wellcome Trust [28 Feb 2026]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News, Opinion, Reports

Website not responding at inquiry.

The Wistar Institute [to 28 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

World Bank [to 28 Feb 2026]

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

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [28 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] [28 Feb 2026]

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

Press Releases, Statements

News

WOAH launches Ambassadors' Dialogue Series to strengthen political engagement on animal health

Published on 24 February 2026

The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) launched its new Ambassadors' Dialogue Series, bringing together diplomats to place animal health firmly on the global political agenda and to promote investment in prevention as a strategic priority. Hosted on 11 February 2026 in Paris, the inaugural meeting marked the first in a planned series of high-level diplomatic dialogues aimed at strengthening links between animal health and major global policy debates on health security, food systems, trade, climate resilience and sustainable development.

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [28 Feb 2026]

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

BIO [28 Feb 2026]
<https://www.bio.org/press-releases>
Press Releases
No new digest announcements identified.

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [28 Feb 2026]
<http://www.dcvmn.org/>
News; Upcoming events
February 23, 2026
[**DCVMN Launches the 7th Edition of its Technology Transfer Training**](#)

ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [28 Feb 2026]
<https://internationalbiotech.org/>
News
No new digest announcements identified.

IFPMA [28 Feb 2026]
<https://ifpma.org/>
News & Resources
External study 27 Feb 2026
[**Why orphan medicines remain out of reach in low- and middle-income countries – and what can be done**](#)

Rare diseases, comprised of more than 7,000 conditions, are a major global health challenge, affecting over 300 million people worldwide. In low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), the burden is substantial and likely underestimated due to underdiagnosis, weak surveillance, and limited access to early diagnosis and preventive care. Even where treatments exist, access to orphan medicines..

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [28 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 [28 Feb 2026]
<http://www.phrma.org/>
Press Releases
[**PhRMA Statement on President Trump's State of the Union Address**](#)

February 24, 2026

"Government-imposed Most Favored Nation policies would undermine U.S. competitiveness while doing nothing to address insurance practices that deny care and raise costs for patients."

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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

Ultimas Noticias - No new digest announcements identified.11/02/2026 –

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 - Website not responding at inquiry.

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

Dailchi 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

26 February 2026

[Bepirovirsen accepted for regulatory review in Japan as a potential first-in-class treatment for chronic hepatitis B](#)

25 February 2026

[ViiV Healthcare presents pipeline data for two investigational HIV treatment therapies with potential for twice-yearly dosing](#)

EuBiologics, S Korea

News - No new digest announcements identified.

HIPRA

Press releases - No new digest announcements identified.

JNJ Innovative Medicine [Janssen]

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Merck

News releases

[Merck Announces Late-Breaking Data from Three Phase 3 Trials Evaluating Doravirine/Islatravir \(DOR/ISL\), an Investigational, Once-Daily, Two-Drug Regimen for the Treatment of Adults Living with HIV-1 at CROI 2026](#)

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[Merck Evolves Human Health Operating Structure to Support Portfolio Execution](#)

February 23, 2026

... Merck is organizing its Human Health business into an Oncology Business Unit and a Specialty, Pharma & Infectious Diseases Business Unit. This structure will enable Merck to sustain long-term leadership in oncology, while maintaining a sharp focus in support of a growing number of launches across an increasingly broad and diverse portfolio....

...Brian Foard will join the company as executive vice president and president, Specialty, Pharma & Infectious Diseases, effective March 2. Foard most recently served as executive vice president and head of Specialty Care Business Unit at Sanofi. In this role, he oversaw a diverse portfolio of products spanning immunology, neurology, oncology and rare diseases.

Moderna

News and Blog Posts

February 27, 2026

[European Medicines Agency's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use Adopts Positive Opinion Recommending Marketing Authorization of mCOMBRIAX, Moderna's mRNA Combination Vaccine](#) Against Influenza and COVID-19

:: mCOMBRIAX is the world's first flu plus COVID combination vaccine to receive a positive CHMP opinion recommending marketing authorization and represents Moderna's fourth vaccine to receive a positive CHMP opinion

:: mCOMBRIAX will be made available in the European Union, subject to final European Commission authorization and national regulatory and access procedures

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 - No new digest announcements identified.

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

[SK bioscience, IDT Biologika and Vaxxas Selected for Next-Generation Influenza Vaccine development Financed by the European Union](#)

2026.02.26

:: SK-IDT-Vaxxas consortium establishes strategic entry point for high-density microarray patch (HD-MAP) vaccines in Europe to improve vaccine performance and access.

:: Parallel development of high-immunogenicity HD-MAP vaccines for seasonal and pandemic influenza threats

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

[Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biologic Pharmacy Co., Ltd.]

Website [No News/Announcements page identified]



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Journal Watch

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

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

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.

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.

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Infection Control

March 2026 Volume 54 Issue 3 p241-368

<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

March 2026 Volume 70 Issue 3

<https://www.ajpmonline.org/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

March 2026 116(3)

<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 114 (2026): Issue 2 (Feb 2026)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/114/2/tpmd.114.issue-2.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

February 2026 Volume 179, Issue 2

<https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 351 February 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/351/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>

(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Health Services Research

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content>

(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>

(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)

[Determinants of Mpox vaccine uptake and hesitancy among healthcare workers in Port Harcourt, Nigeria](#)

Moore Ikechi Mike-Ogburja, Chiziyara Orluibna Obunwo, Charles Henry Esukpa
Research Open access 26 February 2026

[Vaccine-preventable viral hepatitis in men living with HIV/AIDS – immunity and associated factors](#)

Larissa Gerin, Andrey Oeiras Pedroso, Renata Karina Reis
Research Open access 24 February 2026

BMC Medical Ethics

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>

(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)

[Strengthening research oversight in Ghana: a descriptive analysis of ethical and regulatory capacity gaps and opportunities](#)

Pamela Emefa Selormey, Zaid Haruna, Mike Yaw Osei-Atweneboana
Research Open access 28 February 2026

BMC Medicine

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content>

(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content>

(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

<http://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>

(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)

Articles

[Availability and affordability of essential medicines in African low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review and meta-analysis \(2014–2025\)](#)

Hamad A. Albagir

Systematic Review Open access 26 February 2026

[Hesitancy towards the COVID-19 booster vaccination: a thematic analysis from a focus group study in Spain](#)

Ángela Prieto-Campo, Ana López-Durán, Maruxa Zapata-Cachafeiro
Research Open access 25 February 2026

[HPV vaccination willingness and its determinants among male university students post-approval of male-specific HPV vaccines in China: a large-scale cross-sectional study](#)

Wan-Xue Zhang, Juan Du, Qing-Bin Lu
Research Open access 23 February 2026

BMC Research Notes

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content>

(Accessed 28 Feb 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

February 2026 - Volume 31 - 1

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/31/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Global Health

February 2026 - Volume 11 - 2

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/11/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - January 2026

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2026-01/>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 104, Number 2, February 2026, 61-136

[Reviewed earlier]

Cell

Feb 19, 2026 Volume 189 Issue 4 p993-1262

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Cell and Gene Therapy Insights

May 2025 Issue Volume 11 Issue 4

<https://www.insights.bio/cell-and-gene-therapy-insights/journal/250/volume-11-issue-4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 52, Issue 1 January 2026

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

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Editorial

[Robert F Kennedy Jr: 1 year of failure](#)

The Lancet

In his first speech as Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Robert F Kennedy Jr laid out a plan to restore trust. The COVID-19 pandemic saw public faith in Federal health and science plummet—between April, 2020, and September, 2023, the percentage of polling respondents who trusted coronavirus and vaccine information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) “a great deal” or “a fair amount”, fell from 83% to 63%—and the HHS employees to whom he was speaking were facing devastating mass lay-offs and funding cuts. Although Kennedy did

not mince words about the likely fate of staff resistant to his ambitions, he promised open and honest engagement with everyone willing to work towards making the USA healthy again. To the Senate committee who confirmed his nomination, Kennedy promised a receptive and collaborative relationship, and to the public from whom he claims his mandate, he promised a new era of unbiased science without hidden conflicts of interest, secrecy, or profiteering. Radical transparency, gold-standard science, ethics, compassion, competency, and pride would restore to HHS the unimpeachable authority that the USA needs and deserves. Politicians are known to break promises, but Kennedy's record, 1 year in, has been a failure by most measures, especially his own.

10 days after his speech about trust and openness, HHS rescinded a 54-year-old policy of soliciting public comments for new rules and regulations, silencing the voices of many of the stakeholders he pledged to serve. Kennedy has summarily dismissed advisers and experts, communicated policy changes on pay-walled media, fired a whistleblower, and overseen the revisions of guidelines and recommendations, contradicting decades of established science, often to the benefit of industries he formerly condemned. Under Kennedy's leadership, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) shuttered programmes studying the health effects of air pollution, HHS withheld a report linking alcohol consumption to cancer, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) withdrew warnings of potential harm from consuming products (such as raw milk and chlorine dioxide) falsely marketed as treatments for autism. His changes at CDC have driven 26 states to reject official guidance on vaccine policy, and in December the CDC awarded an unsolicited \$1.6 million grant to conduct a vaccine study in Guinea-Bissau that raised so many ethical concerns—the design would have risked exposing thousands of unvaccinated children to hepatitis B—that it has been compared to the infamous Untreated Syphilis Study at Tuskegee.

HHS under Kennedy has made a habit of throwing good money after bad science. Amid the Trump administration's cuts to research funding and personnel there has been a harmful shift in priorities. Cutting-edge discoveries and clinical investigations—on subjects ranging from mRNA vaccines to diabetes and dementia—are denied crucial resources while junk science and fringe beliefs are elevated without justifiable explanation. Under Kennedy's leadership, politicisation at the NIH, FDA, and CDC is imperilling the future of US science and innovation and throttling the public health enterprise that keeps the country safe today.

The mechanisms maintained by the Federal Government to monitor and report health concerns such as drug overdoses, maternal mortality, and food security have been as beleaguered as the doctors and scientists who rely on them; thousands of datasets are no longer publicly available, leaving Americans—and the world—unprepared to respond to future crises. And crises are looming: in November, 2025, the first human infection (and death) from the H5N5 strain of avian flu was recorded in Washington state; pertussis, which killed 13 people in the USA in 2025, continues to spread across the country; and the measles outbreak that began in January of last year now threatens the elimination status of the USA and Mexico.

Despite these developments, Kennedy has continued to spread misinformation and push politicised agendas at the expense of the country's most vulnerable. When called to account for his decisions by Congress, he has been evasive and combative. The destruction that Kennedy has wrought in 1 year might take generations to repair, and there is little hope for US health and science while he remains at the helm. Calls for his resignation now number in the thousands. Congress must exercise its duty of oversight and hold Kennedy accountable for his record, or else accept responsibility for endorsing President Trump's decision to let him “run wild on health”.

Comment

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Over a decade has elapsed since the *Lancet*-University of Oslo Commission on Global Governance for Health published its report in 2014.¹ At that time, progress towards the Millennium Development Goals had been made, the Sustainable Development Goals were in the offing, and global health was advancing, albeit largely in prioritised health security domains and substantially contingent on financing from high-income countries and philanthropies.² Anchored in a commitment to health equity and an understanding of health as determined significantly by political factors and forces beyond the health sector, the 2014 Commission identified five governance dysfunctions that sustain and exacerbate health inequities: democratic deficit, weak accountability, institutional stickiness, missing institutions, and inadequate policy space for health. In its recommendations, the 2014 Commission asserted health equity as a cross-sectoral mandate and encouraged more effective cooperation between extant governance organisations and stakeholders, proposing a UN multistakeholder platform and an independent scientific monitoring panel on the social and political determinants of health.¹

Viewpoint

The paradox of trust in health care in the age of social media

Marcello Ienca, Celine Gounder, Ezekiel J Emanuel

Summary

Health systems worldwide face two fundamental and connected challenges: pervasive misinformation and disinformation and eroding public trust. This erosion reveals a paradox at the heart of contemporary science–society relations: the more science succeeds in solving complex problems through rigour and institutional coordination, the more it alienates a public that values immediacy, authenticity, emotional resonance, and personal connection. Consequently, those most committed to scientific rigour—scientists, health-care institutions, professional societies, and public health agencies—are increasingly distrusted, whereas those least accountable—untrained influencers, unqualified individuals with financial motives or political agendas, and artificial intelligence bots—are deemed credible. This so-called trust paradox is amplified by engagement-driven social media environments that reward disinformation, immediacy, group identity, and authenticity over factual truth. The consequences are harmful health outcomes and misguided policy decisions. Addressing this paradox requires not only technical accuracy but also co-production from the outset, overarching horizontal communication, infrastructures for transparency and emotional resonance, and regulatory reforms for algorithms and digital environments.

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Abstract

Following decades of progress, recent years have seen a resurgence of cholera. This has led to unprecedented demand for vaccines from the global emergency stockpile of oral cholera vaccines (OCVs), for outbreak and humanitarian use. As a consequence of chronic supply shortages, preventive vaccination has been suspended since 2022. Although strategic demand scenarios have been published for OCV, models that integrate OCV supply and demand across long time horizons are lacking. Therefore, a quantitative system dynamics model is presented to simulate OCV market dynamics between 2013–2035. The model considers the evolving OCV supply landscape as well as the impact of preventive efforts. Building on stakeholder-driven scenario design, simulations help identify leverage points to improve OCV market health and assess the individual and combined effect of interventions on accelerating cholera control. Specifically, country adoption of preventive vaccination programs and complementary investments in water and sanitation infrastructure are critical to reduce the risk of cholera. Although more resource-intensive, re-vaccination of at-risk populations helps sustain outbreak prevention. It also offers potential benefits such as increasing long-term demand predictability and the overall market size. These serve as important incentives to maintain supplier diversity, thus improving

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[Layout Types and Efficiency Improvement Strategies for Open Points of Dispensing in Vaccine and Antibiotic Distribution: A Scoping Review](#)

Jin Ju Park, Sun Hee Na, Hyejin Park, Jacob Lee, Yubin Seo

Published online by Cambridge University Press:

19 February 2026, e1

Regarding pandemics or bioterrorism incidents, prompt and secure distribution of vaccines and prophylactic antibiotics is crucial. Open Points of Dispensing (PODs) are established to serve the public, and their effectiveness depends on the internal spatial layout and operational workflow design. However, studies on systematic classifications of open POD configurations and comprehensive syntheses of strategies for enhancing operational efficiency are lacking...

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Research Article

[Public Perspectives on Sharing Profits with Biospecimen Donors](#)

Aaron Eli Segal; Xiaobai Li; David Wendler

Abstract

Introduction: In current practice, individuals rarely share in the profits of research using their biospecimens. Many commentators defend this practice on the grounds that the contributions donors make are not important enough to merit a share of the profits. Others argue that if researchers and sponsors profit, donors should too. Despite the importance of this debate, there are no data on the public's views.

Methods: Online survey of US adults selected to approximate the 2020 US census on age, gender, race, ethnicity, and geographic region. Respondents were asked whether biospecimen donors should share in the profits or receive payments across six scenarios, differing on whether the research yields a profit and which other parties share in the profits.

Results: A total of 77.2% of respondents indicated that donors should share in the profits when researchers profit and 78.9% when sponsors profit. Support for profit sharing was strong across all groups assessed, although respondents who were older, white, and wealthier were less likely to think donors should share in the profits.

Conclusion: A significant majority of a sample of the US public thinks individuals who donate their biospecimens should share in the profits of research that uses their samples. These findings offer compelling reason to reconsider current practice of not sharing profits with biospecimen donors.

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[**Sustained increase in measles cases prompts the Americas to strengthen surveillance, rapid response and vaccination efforts**](#)

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Many legislative efforts do not adequately address public concerns of genetic discrimination in insurance

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BY Noemia S. Lima. Et al.

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The magnitude and quality of the B cell response to a SARS-CoV-2 vaccine boost depend on the primary series vaccine platform.

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[Advancing the use of vaccine impact modeling for immunization decisions in low- and middle-income countries](#)

So Yoon Sim, Sheetal Silal, Raymond CW Hutubessy, Naor Bar-Zeev, ... Philipp Lambach

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Vaccine impact modeling plays a critical role in guiding immunization strategies and policies worldwide [1,2]. As simplified representation of complex real-world systems, mathematical models provide immunization decision-makers with a systematic framework to evaluate policy options and their trade-offs in terms of health and economic outcomes, which is essential for designing and implementing impactful and effective immunization programs. These models can simulate disease transmission dynamics...

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[Strategies, interventions, and uptake of catch-up vaccination among adolescent and adult migrants, refugees, and internally displaced persons \(IDPs\) in low- and middle-income countries \(LMICs\): A systematic review](#)

Darlington David Fajue, Oumnia Bouaddi, Kathryn Mackey, Anna Deal, ... Sally Hargreaves
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Catch-up vaccination helps close immunity gaps among migrants, refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Despite immunisation life-course policies and global guidelines promoting catch-up vaccination of arriving migrants, vaccination strategies for adolescent and adult populations are poorly described. We synthesised evidence on catch-up vaccination strategies and interventions, delivery platforms, uptake and coverage, and contextual barriers and enablers in LMICs.

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[Exploring Parental Hesitancy and Acceptance of HPV Vaccination in a Saudi Population](#)

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Vaccines 2026, 14(3), 229; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14030229> (registering DOI) - 28 Feb 2026
Abstract

Background: Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination is a major concern and highly effective strategy for preventing cervical cancer and other related diseases. Despite the inclusion of the HPV vaccine in the Saudi national immunization program and recent school-based initiatives, vaccine uptake remains suboptimal, mainly [.]

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Background: Influenza imposes a substantial burden on Argentina, particularly among adults aged 50–64 with comorbidities and those aged ≥ 65 . The adjuvanted trivalent influenza vaccine (aTIV) has shown superior effectiveness compared with non-adjuvanted vaccines; however, its cost-effectiveness and budget impact in the 50–64 high-risk [..]

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[REVISED - Did the emergence of the Omicron variant impact the COVID-19 vaccine acceptance in the Arab world? A Twitter-based sentiment analysis](#)

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Nada Dimashkieh Chehab

Abstract

Background

Low vaccine acceptance constitutes a major obstacle for achieving herd immunity against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Data on COVID-19 show a significant rise in the number of cumulative cases in Arab countries where vaccine uptake is lower than the uptake at the global level for the 2021-2022 period. The aim of this study is to analyze sentiments related to vaccine acceptance before and after the emergence of the COVID-19 Omicron variant in the Arab-speaking world.

Methods

Tweets were collected before and after the Omicron emergence period in the Arab-speaking world using Python-enabled CAMEL Tools (Arabic Natural Language Processing toolkit) libraries. A sentiment analysis on COVID-19 vaccines using Arabic hashtags and a sentiment analysis by city were conducted. Results

Two data sets pre-Omicron and post-Omicron tweets exhibited a difference in sentiments marking a shift towards less negativity and more neutrality. Sentiments by city showed most tweets in both periods coming from Riyadh and Jeddah in Saudi-Arabia, and from Salt in Jordan.

Conclusions

Despite the limitations of the study, the change in sentiments detected by the study may suggest more vaccine acceptance which raises some hope and perhaps a higher vaccine uptake in the future. The sentiments by city findings may help in the design of future research.

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This document lists strategies to strengthen the process of sharing and applying emerging knowledge on patient care before and during public health emergencies, focusing on strategies for emergency department clinicians with digital media platforms.

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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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