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this edition – 29 August 2026 – following the Editor’s annual leave.***

Milestones, Perspectives

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Ebola – Bundibugyo virus disease (BVD) – PHEIC/PHECS

WHO

Second meeting of the IHR Emergency Committee on the epidemic of Ebola Bundibugyo virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo – Meeting report

28 August 2026 *Statement*

The Director-General (DG) of the World Health Organization (WHO) is hereby transmitting the report of the second meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) Emergency Committee (Committee) regarding the epidemic of Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus (BVD) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), held on Tuesday, 18 August 2026, from 12:00 to 17:00 CEST.

The DG welcomes the Statement by the Committee, presented at the beginning of its report, and expresses his most sincere gratitude to the Chair, Members, and Advisors of the Committee.

Concurring with the advice expressed by the Committee during the meeting, the DG determined that the BVD epidemic in the DRC continues to meet the criteria of a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC), but not those of a pandemic emergency. Accordingly, on 24 August 2026, the DG, considering the advice offered by the Committee, issued temporary recommendations to States Parties, available [here](#).

Statement by Committee [text bolding from announcement]

The Committee commends the Government of Uganda for the rapid control of BVD transmission, with no new cases detected since 16 July 2026, and recognizes the major efforts being undertaken by the DRC, affected communities, WHO and national and international partners. Nevertheless, **the Committee considers the continuing rapid growth and geographic expansion of the epidemic in the DRC to be of grave concern, requiring urgent, intensified and sustained action...**

The Committee emphasizes that communities must be at the center of the response.

Erosion of trust in authorities and responders, insufficient community ownership, insecurity and operational and coordination weaknesses are major impediments to effective control. These challenges cannot be addressed through public health interventions alone. The response must be built with affected communities and supported by trusted local leaders and organizations, with transparent communication, meaningful participation and mechanisms through which community concerns rapidly influence response operations...

The Committee is deeply concerned that implementation of core essential public health response interventions has not yet consistently achieved the coverage and performance required to interrupt BVD transmission. An immediate and drastic operational intensification and scale-up of response operations is required, potentially with an operational reset. Particular priority needs to be given to ensuring community engagement and community-based surveillance; rapid case detection, investigation and isolation; comprehensive contact identification and follow-up; IPC in BVD isolation and treatment centers, other health-care facilities and communities; safe and dignified management of deaths; timely laboratory diagnosis; and accessible, high-quality clinical care. All these areas require intensification of efforts, and all should be viewed as essential components of an effective response. While none of these areas can afford to be neglected or deprioritized, the Committee identifies below specific areas requiring urgent action and particular focus...

The Committee therefore calls for an immediate, unified and fully resourced intensification of the response, under the leadership of the Government of the DRC and with sustained regional and international support. The temporary recommendations issued by the DG should be translated into **one integrated, time-bound and costed national action plan for the DRC**, serving as the common framework for aligning the efforts and resources of the Government and national and international partners...

The imperative is clear: interrupt BVD transmission rapidly, protect affected communities and health workers, maintain essential health services, prevent further geographic and cross-border spread, and mobilize the political, operational and financial support necessary to bring the epidemic under control...

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WHO and Africa CDC welcome the allocation of Ebola vaccines to the Democratic Republic of the Congo

20 August 2026 News release

Last week, the government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) requested a release of Ervebo vaccines from the global Ebola virus disease vaccine stockpile, managed by the International Coordinating Group on Vaccine Provision (ICG). The request was for use of the vaccine in the current Bundibugyo virus disease outbreak. Ervebo vaccine is licensed and recommended for use in outbreaks of Ebola virus disease (previously called Zaire ebolavirus). **On Monday, the ICG informed the DRC government of an immediate initial release of 70 000 doses.**

The allocation includes 20 000 doses for a Phase 3 clinical trial to understand the impact of the vaccine on the Bundibugyo virus, and 50 000 doses for frontline and health workers in line with the current recommendations of the WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE).

It is not known whether Ervebo may be protective against the Bundibugyo virus in humans. Early laboratory and animal data suggest it may provide some protection. Thus, the clinical trial is expected to provide important new evidence, which is essential for policy-makers to inform future use of the Ervebo vaccine. It is key that the people offered the vaccine, in the trial and otherwise, receive information of the risks, potential benefits and limitations related to the use of the vaccine in an outbreak of Bundibugyo virus and are able to provide informed consent.

The ICG partners are WHO, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Médecins Sans Frontières and UNICEF. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, provides funding for the stockpile. WHO and the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) welcome the allocation of vaccines to the DRC.

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Strengthening the Bundibugyo virus disease response through community evidence

New funding will help integrate community-generated evidence into outbreak intelligence, enabling faster, more informed public health decisions

11 August 2026 Departmental update Geneva, Switzerland

WHO has received a US\$ 3 million grant from Wellcome to strengthen the generation and use of community evidence alongside epidemiological, clinical and laboratory data throughout the response to Bundibugyo virus disease (BVD). The investment will help ensure that operational decisions are also

informed by evidence on how affected communities experience, understand and respond to the outbreak.

At a time when no specific medical countermeasures are available for BVD, understanding community perceptions, behaviours and barriers to care is critical to controlling transmission.

The funding will enable WHO and partners to expand rapid assessments for community protection – a standardized interagency approach that generates real-time social and behavioural evidence to guide outbreak response, helping ensure that response measures are shaped not only by the biology of the disease, but also by evidence on the realities people face on the ground.

"Every outbreak is shaped not only by the pathogen, but also by how people understand risk, access care and respond to public health measures," said Dr Chikwe Ihekweazu, Executive Director of WHO's Health Emergencies Programme. "This investment is about making social analytics part of how outbreak intelligence works in practice. By integrating community-generated evidence throughout the response, we can build a more complete picture of the outbreak and make faster, more effective decisions that ultimately save lives."...

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[Uganda ends Ebola outbreak following completion of 42-day countdown](#)

27 August 2026

Uganda has ended its Ebola outbreak due to Bundibugyo virus after 42 consecutive days without a new confirmed case, WHO and Africa CDC announced, urging sustained preparedness across the region.

[Over 5200 cases recorded as Democratic Republic of the Congo crosses 100 days since Ebola outbreak declaration](#)

24 August 2026

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[The 2026 Bundibugyo virus disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in context: lessons from previous outbreaks](#)

Weekly Epidemiological Record, Volume 101 Issue 33 - Epidemiological Week 33 (10 August – 16 August 2026)

Bundibugyo virus disease (BVD), caused by the Bundibugyo virus (BDBV), is one of the ebolavirus diseases known to cause outbreaks in humans. BDBV was first recognized as a cause of human disease during an outbreak in Bundibugyo District, western Uganda, in 2007. Since then, only two further BVD outbreaks have been documented: an outbreak in the Isiro area of Haut-Uélé, north-eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2012, and the ongoing outbreak declared in May 2026 and centred on Ituri Province, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The current outbreak differs from the two earlier BVD outbreaks in size, spread and the conditions in which the response is operating. A comparison of the three outbreaks demonstrates what progress has made in identification and confirmation and what has not—notably the time taken to recognize and confirm transmission...

[Infection prevention and control considerations for routine immunization activities during the Bundibugyo virus disease outbreak: interim guidance, 21 August 2026](#)

WHO 24 Aug 2026

Overview

This interim guidance document provides infection prevention and control considerations to support the safe planning and implementation of routine immunization activities during an outbreak of Bundibugyo virus disease. It is intended for national immunization programme managers, immunization planners, infection prevention and control focal points, public health authorities, health and care workers,

vaccinators and partners in areas with active Bundibugyo virus disease outbreaks, and those neighbouring countries and areas considered at risk. Annexes 1–5 provide practical tools and operational checklists to support implementation of the recommendations contained in this guidance.

Protecting health care during the Bundibugyo virus disease response in the eastern Democratic Republic...

WHO 17 Aug 2026

Overview

This operational guidance provides practical considerations for integrating protection measures and maintaining the continuity of essential health services during the Bundibugyo virus disease response in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. It outlines a structured approach to embedding risk-informed prevention, mitigation, and adaptation into operational planning, field implementation, and monitoring while preserving humanitarian principles and community participation. All incidents affecting health care should be systematically documented, analyzed, and reported through established organizational mechanisms including through the WHO Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care (SSA) to support evidence-informed decision-making, operational adaptation, and accountability.

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Africa CDC

Uganda ends Ebola outbreak following completion of 42-day countdown

Joint Press Release 27 August 2026

Addis Ababa/Brazzaville/Geneva, 27 August 2026 – The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) today welcomed the end of the Ebola outbreak due to Bundibugyo species in Uganda. This follows 42 consecutive days without a new confirmed case since the country's last patient, an imported case, was discharged from care on 16 July 2026.

The completion of the 42-day period, equivalent to twice the upper limit of the incubation period for Ebola, is a critical step, as it provides an additional safeguard that no chains of transmission associated with the last imported case have been missed. The 42-day countdown is the internationally established benchmark for determining that transmission linked to an Ebola outbreak has ended...

Africa CDC and WHO welcome the allocation of Ebola vaccines to the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Joint Statement 20 August 2026

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INGOs

African Bundibugyo ebolavirus vaccine candidate to be advanced to clinical trials - CEPI

OSLO/CAIRO/BERLIN, 27 Aug 2026 —Leading African biopharmaceutical company Minapharm Group, headquartered in Egypt with subsidiaries in Berlin, will receive up to US\$16.5 million from the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) to advance the development of a Bundibugyo ebolavirus vaccine candidate, strengthening efforts to develop vaccines to combat the fastest-growing and second-largest Ebola outbreak on record affecting the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Minapharm's Bundibugyo vaccine is designed by ProBioGen, a Berlin-based specialist within Minapharm Group, based on their proprietary modified vaccinia Ankara (MVA) vaccine platform, MVA-

CR19. A similar technology underpins a licensed vaccine against smallpox and mpox, and has elicited long-term immunity in a vaccine targeting the related Zaire ebolavirus.

CEPI's funding will advance the Bundibugyo vaccine candidate through preclinical development and into an early-stage clinical trial to assess the immunogenicity and safety of the vaccine candidate. The study in humans, known as a Phase 1 trial, is expected to take place in Africa...

100 days into the Bundibugyo emergency, unprecedented speed is still not enough

CEPI – *Blog by* Dr Nicole Lurie, Executive Director Preparedness & Response and Kate Kelland, Chief Scientific Writer

24 Aug 2026

New studies to test whether existing Ebola vaccines can generate immune responses to Bundibugyo ebolavirus

CEPI-backed studies will analyse blood samples from thousands of people who have already been vaccinated against Zaire ebolavirus, with first results expected within months

19 Aug 2026

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Gavi commits additional funding for Ebola response

20 August 2026

:: Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance will provide US\$ 7 million to fund a shipment of 70,000 doses of the Ervebo vaccine to DRC

:: US\$ 6 million from Gavi's First Response Fund will help countries and partners protect routine immunisation and prepare for future Ebola vaccinations

:: Dr Sania Nishtar, CEO of Gavi: "This new funding will help save lives, keep other deadly diseases at bay and support the rollout of the Ervebo vaccine."

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A hundred days into an Ebola outbreak, the world moved fast. But the gaps that remain should worry us all.

IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat

Opinion by Dr Mona Nemer and Dr Yenew Kebede Tebeje

August 25, 2026

Ebola (Bundibugyo) Day 100 – Tracking Progress on Medical Countermeasures

IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat

August 25, 2026

Key developments since Day 75

...Vaccines

- Moderna's mRNA-1469 Bundibugyo ebolavirus vaccine candidate entered its first human trial, backed by CEPI, with the first participants dosed on 4 August at three sites in Canada.
- Following its third meeting on 31 July, WHO's Technical Advisory Group on Candidate Vaccine Prioritization (TAG-CVP) recommended that ERVEBO® (rVSV-ZEBOV) be prioritised for a Phase 3 trial in the current outbreak, reversing its earlier May position after new data pointed to possible cross-protection against BDBV.
- Africa CDC's Emergency Consultative Group (ECG) reviewed evidence on ERVEBO® efficacy against BDBV (14 August) and, while noting no reliable evidence of clinical efficacy to date, recommended prioritising its use via: (a) a ring vaccination trial protocol for contacts, modelled on Ebola Ça Suffit!; and (b) compassionate use for frontline workers under a clinical study protocol, to generate evidence on impact on disease course and mortality.

- CEPI awarded funding to four studies (UCLA, ITM Antwerp, Oxford, Glasgow) testing potential cross-reactive antibodies induced by existing Ebola vaccines.
- International Coordinating Group released 70,000 ERVEBO® doses to DRC (20,000 for Phase 3 trial; 50,000 for frontline/health workers) from Gavi funded stockpile. First shipment has arrived in DRC.

Note: ERVEBO® is licensed and WHO-prequalified only for prevention of disease caused by Zaire ebolavirus, and is approved in more than 40 markets on that basis. MSD holds no safety or efficacy data on its use against Bundibugyo virus. The decision to deploy ERVEBO® off-label for BDBV is taken independently by relevant health authorities.

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Industry

100 Day milestone of Ebola Bundibugyo outbreak must be a “wake up call” for pandemic preparedness, says pharma industry

IFPMA, BIO Press release 25 Aug 2026

100 days after the Ebola Bundibugyo outbreak was declared in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the global pharmaceutical industry has underlined its track record and commitment to tackling health emergencies and urged that the milestone should provide a “wake up call” to re-focus the Pandemic Agreement negotiations.

Within a matter of days after the announcement of the Ebola Bundibugyo outbreak, biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies mobilized alongside governments, Africa CDC, WHO, CEPI, Gavi and other partners to develop new vaccines and therapeutics and explore cross-activity from existing ones for the current Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak.

This rapid response demonstrates the willingness of companies to voluntarily contribute to collective response efforts and the value of years of prior investment in science, platform technologies, partnerships, and preparedness...

The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA), alongside the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), have underscored that this response is indicative of the industry’s track record and commitment to preparing and responding to health emergencies.

However, both associations see the **outbreak as a “wake up call” for negotiators discussing the final details of the Pandemic Agreement.** Governments continue negotiations on the Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing system (PABS). Some of the current proposals under discussion could add complexity and cost to the response to future pandemics, and delay access to critical samples and information that scientific research relies on to develop and deliver medicines and vaccines. They will do nothing to strengthen the R&D pipeline to improve global preparedness and will likely lead to fewer companies working in these crucial areas of public health during the interpandemic period.

IFPMA and BIO have both called for the PABS system to strengthen the conditions that encourage company engagement in pandemic preparedness and response, including ensuring timely and open sharing of pathogens and data, legal certainty for researchers and manufacturers, predictable rules, and partnerships that allow science to move quickly...

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Polio – PHEIC

Statement of the Forty-fifth Meeting of the Polio IHR Emergency Committee

25 August 2026

Statement Geneva

The 45th meeting of the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (IHR or Regulations) on the international spread of poliovirus was convened by the WHO Director-General on 14 May 2026 via video conference with affected countries, supported by the WHO Secretariat. The Emergency Committee reviewed the latest epidemiological data on wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) and circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses (cVDPV) in the context of the global targets to interrupt endemic WPV1 transmission in 2026 and to stop cVDPV2 outbreaks by 2028 with subsequent certification of WPV1 eradication and cVDPV2 elimination. Technical updates were received about the situation in the following countries: Afghanistan, Malawi, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, and Togo...

Conclusion

1. **The Committee unanimously concluded that the risk of international spread of polioviruses continues to constitute a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)** and recommended extending the Temporary Recommendations for a further three months.
2. The Committee, after a thorough review of the epidemiological and programmatic situation, **unanimously concluded that the event does not constitute a pandemic emergency.**

[Excerpts]

...**The Committee noted that conflict and insecurity continue to affect many countries and sub-national areas experiencing WPV1 and cVDPV outbreaks, disrupting both routine immunization services and supplementary polio vaccination campaigns.** Moreover, concurrent health emergencies and other disease outbreaks in several of these countries compound the difficulties in mounting timely and effective vaccination responses. Recognizing the highly diverse and often complex operating environments at national and sub-national levels, the Committee emphasized the critical importance of tailoring operational strategies and social mobilization efforts to local contexts in order to achieve high-quality campaign implementation and ultimately interrupt transmission. The Committee also underscored the need for a 'bloc approach' and coordinated sub-regional approaches and strengthened cross-border collaboration to address the challenges arising from porous borders and shared operational constraints among polio-affected countries.

The Committee emphasized the urgent need for a comprehensive, 'whole-of-government' and 'whole-of-society' approach in both polio endemic countries as well as critical outbreak affected countries, extending to the district level, to deliver the high-quality activities required for success, and sustain global confidence and support for polio eradication.

The Committee remains concerned that the current financial shortfall estimated at nearly 30% poses a substantial risk to all programme components, including the maintenance of sensitive poliovirus surveillance. These risks are exacerbated by concurrent funding constraints affecting WHO, international partners, and national governments, reflecting broader fiscal pressures in the global health sector. The Committee also recognized that the increasingly complex geopolitical environment continues to affect programme implementation in several countries. The Committee noted that the resulting operational and financial pressures, including rising transportation and fuel costs and broader resource constraints, are placing additional strain on the delivery of essential programme activities. The Committee recommended that WHO and GPEI surveillance teams at global, regional, and national levels ensure robust mechanisms for monitoring surveillance quality, particularly in **priority countries, in order to identify any emerging gaps promptly and facilitate timely remedial action. The Committee further urged donor countries and partner organizations to increase their financial support, underscoring that the consequences of under-funding could be substantial and far-reaching.** The Committee urged national governments to prioritize polio eradication within their domestic financing frameworks to safeguard the gains made and sustain momentum towards global eradication...

The Committee recognized the critical role of mobile and migrant populations in sustaining WPV1 transmission in the two endemic countries, as well as cVDPV transmission in the African Region and elsewhere globally. The Committee urged that vaccination of populations on the move be accorded the highest priority. **The Committee emphasized the need to identify and differentiate the various categories of mobile populations and to reach them through country-specific, tailored strategies, drawing on current guidance from WHO and the GPEI...**

Based on the current situation regarding WPV1 and cVDPVs, and the reports provided by affected countries, the Director-General accepted the Committee's assessment, and on 21 August 2026 determined that the poliovirus situation continues to constitute a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) with respect to WPV1 and cVDPV. He further followed the advice of the Committee that the poliovirus situation does not constitute a pandemic emergency.

The Director-General endorsed the Committee's recommendations for countries meeting the definition for 'States infected with WPV1, cVDPV1 or cVDPV3', 'States infected with cVDPV2' and for 'States previously infected by WPV1 or cVDPV within the last 24 months' and extended the Temporary Recommendations under the IHR to reduce the risk of the international spread of polioviruses, effective, 21 August 2026.

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[Health ministers adopt framework to safeguard Africa's polio gains](#)

27 August 2026

African ministers of health and high-level representatives today adopted a 10-year plan to sustain polio eradication efforts by strengthening national health systems and reaffirmed commitment to protect decades of investment towards a polio-free continent.

[Five African countries end polio outbreaks](#)

19 August 2026

Brazzaville - Following rigorous technical assessments, five African countries have successfully stopped the spread of polio, marking an important milestone in efforts to protect children from this virus and advance...

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[Polio this week](#) [26 Aug 2026]

Headlines [Selected]

:: 'Leading to Zero' – Global Health Matters podcast featuring Jamal Ahmed

'Leading to Zero', an episode of the award-winning Global Health Matters podcast series, features Dr Jamal Ahmed, Director for Polio Eradication and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in WHO's Eastern Mediterranean, speaking about leadership in polio eradication...

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

:: Afghanistan: 18 WPV1-positive environmental samples

:: DR Congo: five cVDPV2 cases

:: Nigeria: two cVDPV2 case

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WHO & Regional Offices [29 Aug 2026]

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

Selected News/Announcements/Statements

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27 August 2026 Departmental update

[WHO appoints 21 leading scientists to Science Council to help shape future health breakthroughs](#)

[No list of appointees identified in announcement or otherwise on who.int]

27 August 2026 Departmental update

[WHO expands global regulatory capacity through new collaborating centre in Republic of Korea](#)

25 August 2026 Departmental update

[People, animals, plants, ecosystems: making the case for investing in One Health](#)

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[Second meeting of the IHR Emergency Committee on the epidemic of Ebola Bundibugyo virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo – Temporary recommendations](#)

24 August 2026 Departmental update

[Mozambique strengthens regulation of medicines and imported vaccines, boosting health protection](#)

21 August 2026 Departmental update

[WHO and Peking University strengthen collaboration to advance health emergency preparedness](#)

20 August 2026 News release

[WHO and Africa CDC welcome the allocation of Ebola vaccines to the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

20 August 2026 Departmental update

New WHO online course strengthens safe and sustainable health-care waste management

18 August 2026 Departmental update

WHO/UNICEF report highlights gaps in health facility sanitation

14 August 2026 Departmental update

Quadripartite collaboration extends the One Health Joint Plan of Action to 2029

12 August 2026 Departmental update

WHO and Doris Mollel Foundation sign memorandum of understanding

11 August 2026 Departmental update

Strengthening the Bundibugyo virus disease response through community evidence

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WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]

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

News

20 August 2026 *News release*

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: 27 August 2026

WHO launches Africa regional health data hub to strengthen health decision-making

WHO's Regional Office for Africa launched the Regional Health Data Hub, a digital platform bringing together fragmented health data into actionable intelligence for all 47 Member States of the African Region.

:: 27 August 2026

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26 August 2026

Securing the future of health in Africa through sustainable financing

African health ministers endorsed a new strategy setting out a roadmap for sustainable health financing, as around 385 million people are pushed into poverty each year by out-of-pocket health spending.

:: 26 August 2026

African countries commit to giving every child the best start in life

The future of Africa is being shaped today. Not in boardrooms or parliaments, but before birth, and in the earliest years of a child's life. By 2050, two out of every five children born globally will be

African. Yet today, up to two thirds of children in sub-Saharan Africa may never reach their full developmental potential.

:: 26 August 2026

[African countries commit to train and retain 3 million more health workers by 2035](#)

African health ministers endorsed the Africa Health Workforce Agenda 2026–2035, committing to plan, educate, employ and retain 3 million additional health workers by 2035 to strengthen health systems.

:: 26 August 2026

[African health ministers, partners agree to accelerate multi-disease elimination](#)

African health ministers, development partners, heads of African Union and regional health institutions today agreed on a renewed continental agenda to accelerate the elimination of multiple diseases in the region, committing to ensuring that disease elimination remains a priority within broader health and development agenda.

:: 26 August 2026

[African health ministers adopt new strategy to bolster medical regulatory systems](#)

Millions of people in Africa rely on medicines, vaccines, diagnostic tests and medical devices without worrying about the systems that ensure they are safe, effective and of good quality. Behind every product that reaches a patient is a regulatory system

:: 24 August 2026

[Over 5200 cases recorded as Democratic Republic of the Congo crosses 100 days since Ebola outbreak declaration](#)

:: 22 August 2026

[First regional review shapes future action on child wasting in Africa](#)

Addis Ababa – Health leaders and partners from eleven countries in the WHO African Region have concluded the first regional review and learning meeting of a three-year initiative aimed at preventing and treating child wa...

:: 19 August 2026

[Five African countries end polio outbreaks](#)

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[WHO Region of the Americas PAHO](#)

:: 27 Aug 2026

[From foot-and-mouth disease to One Health: 75 years of regional cooperation for veterinary public health in the Americas](#)

Established in 1951 to help countries combat foot-and-mouth disease, PAHO's Pan American Center for Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Veterinary Public Health (PANAFTOSA) has spent more than seven decades advancing regional cooperation. Its work has helped drive progress toward the eradication of the disease while strengthening the Americas' response to...

:: 20 Aug 2026

[PAHO/WHO supports Colombia as health response enters next phase following earthquake](#)

Assessing damage, identifying priority needs and maintaining essential health services remain key priorities. Washington, D.C., 20 August 2026 (PAHO) – Just over one week since a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck Colombia on 10 August, the health response is moving into its next phase, with efforts focused on assessing damage levels to health...

:: 8 Aug 2026

[PAHO urges countries to strengthen vaccination and surveillance amid rising measles cases in the Americas](#)

The Region has recorded its highest number of confirmed measles cases in 22 years, while the public health risk associated with measles remains very high due to ongoing outbreaks, immunity gaps, and

increased population mobility. Washington, D.C., 8 August 2026 (PAHO) – In a new Epidemiological Alert, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: 27 August 2026 *News release*

[**Asia-Pacific regional influenza network sharpens focus on avian influenza preparedness**](#)

WHO European Region EURO

:: 19 August 2026 *News release*

[**World Humanitarian Day: The response starts before the emergency**](#)

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [**Building regional expertise to turn antimicrobial resistance plans into practical actions**](#)

24 August 2026, Tunis, Tunisia – The World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean brought together experts from across the Region to strengthen the ability of countries to turn antimicrobial resistance (AMR) national action plans (NAPs) into practical, costed programmes of action. The training-of-trainers (ToT),...

:: [**Call for Experts: Multi-Communicable Disease Elimination Regional Technical Advisory Group \(MCDE RTAG\)**](#)

Issued on: 20 August 2026 Deadline: 05 September 2026 The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking experts to serve as members of the Multi-Communicable Disease Elimination Regional Technical Advisory Group (MCDE RTAG). This "Call for experts" provides information about the advisory group in question, the expert profiles being sought, the process...

:: [**World Humanitarian Day 2026: Protect those who protect humanity**](#)

19 August 2026, Cairo, Egypt –

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: 27 August 2026 *Media release*

[**Asia-Pacific regional influenza network sharpens focus on avian influenza preparedness**](#)

:: 19 August 2026

[**Pacific emergency care leaders gather in Samoa to discuss how to strengthen systems that S...**](#)

:: 18 August 2026 *Media release*

[**Solomon Islands strengthens regulatory system to ensure safer, quality health products**](#)

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

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

No new digest content identified.

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health
[**28 August 2026 | Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus - Democratic Republic of the Congo**](#)

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

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

Volume 101 Issue 33 - Epidemiological Week 33 (10 August – 16 August 2026)

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:: [The 2026 Bundibugyo virus disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in context: lessons from previous outbreaks](#)

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<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record/wer101-32>

:: [Highlighted signals and events](#)

:: [Position paper on typhoid vaccines, 2026](#)

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New WHO Publications

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

Selected

24 August 2026

[Infection prevention and control considerations for routine immunization activities during the Bundibugyo virus disease outbreak: interim guidance, 21 August 2026](#)

Overview

This interim guidance document provides infection prevention and control considerations to support the safe planning and implementation of routine immunization activities during an outbreak of Bundibugyo virus disease. It is intended for national immunization programme managers, immunization planners, infection prevention and control focal points, public health authorities, health and care workers, vaccinators and partners in areas with active Bundibugyo virus disease outbreaks, and those neighbouring countries and areas considered at risk. Annexes 1–5 provide practical tools and operational checklists to support implementation of the recommendations contained in this guidance.

18 August 2026

[WHO position paper on typhoid vaccines, August 2026](#)

Overview

In recent years, there have been important developments in the field of typhoid fever, including updated estimates of disease incidence and burden, new evidence on the effectiveness and population impact of typhoid conjugate vaccines (TCVs) following their introduction in several countries, and data on the duration of protection conferred by a single dose, including how duration of protection varies by age at vaccination and the epidemiological setting.

There are also additional immunogenicity data following booster doses of TCV, and there is additional evidence on the emergence and spread of antimicrobial-resistant *Salmonella Typhi*.

This document replaces the 2018 WHO position paper on typhoid vaccines and, given the new available evidence, focuses primarily on TCVs.

17 August 2026

[Protecting health care during the Bundibugyo virus disease response in the eastern Democratic Republic...](#)

12 August 2026

[17th edition, Epidemiological Bulletin WHO Health Emergencies Programme WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia, 26 August 2026. Reporting period: 10-23 August 2026](#)

12 August 2026

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Africa

Africa CDC [29 Aug 2026]

<https://africacdc.org/>

News & Updates [Selected]

Joint Press Release

[Uganda ends Ebola outbreak following completion of 42-day countdown](#)

27 August 2026

Communiqué

[5th Southern Africa Regional Ministerial Steering Committee \(ReSCO\) Meeting](#)

21 August 2026

Press Releases

[Eastern Africa Health Ministers Agree Regional Action on Health Security as Tanzania Supports DRC Ebola Response](#)

20 August 2026

Joint Statement

[Africa CDC and WHO welcome the allocation of Ebola vaccines to the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

20 August 2026

African Medicines Agency [29 Aug 2026]

<https://au-ama.africa/news-events/>

Latest News & Events

[African Medicines Agency Welcomes Adoption of Medical Products Regulatory Strategy by African Health Ministers](#)

August 26, 2026

The African Medicines Agency (AMA) has welcomed the new strategy by African Ministers of Health to bolster medical products regulatory systems in Africa. The strategy envisages a critical role for AMA towards regulatory harmonisation and health improvement in Africa.

The Regional Strategy on Regulation of Medical Products in the African Region (2026–2035) provides a roadmap for the next decade. Its adoption comes at a critical time as AMA accelerates efforts to advance regulatory harmonisation.

The adoption marks an important step towards expanding equitable access to quality-assured health products across the continent and further advancing the mandate of the AMA...

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China – CDC+

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China [29 Aug 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

National Medical Products Administration – PRC [29 Aug 2026]

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

No new digest content identified.

China CDC

CCDC Weekly Reports: Current Volume (8)

<https://weekly.chinacdc.cn/article/current>

2026 Vol. 8 No. 35 [PDF](#)

:: [Perspectives - Improving Risk Communication and Community Engagement for Public Health Emergencies in China: A State-guided Cooperative Trust Model](#)

Yi Cai, Jie Zhu

:: [Pilot Surveillance Program on Pneumonia with Public Health Risk — Shanghai Municipality, China, 2024–2025](#)

Qiwen Fang, Xiaohuan Gong, Shenghua Mao, Dongsheng Ren, Hongyou Chen, Miao Pan, Xiaoyan Huang, Jian Chen, Xin Chen, Huanyu Wu, Yaxu Zheng

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Europe

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

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

News/Updates/Reports/Publications [Selected]

[World Mosquito Day 2026: Europe must upgrade control tools as disease risks rise](#)

20 August 2026

Surveillance and monitoring

[Communicable disease threats report, 22 - 28 August, week 35](#)

28 August 2026

Surveillance and monitoring

[Seasonal surveillance for chikungunya virus disease in the EU/EEA for 2026](#)

28 August 2026

Surveillance and monitoring

[Seasonal surveillance of West Nile virus infections, weekly report](#)

28 August 2026

European Medicines Agency [EMA]

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

News & Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

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India

National Centre for Disease Control

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

No new H1N1 strain in India, existing vaccines sufficient, says ICMR

Influenza strains currently circulating are well matched with the vaccine strains, and the seasonal flu is self-limiting, ICMR said, adding that people with underlying medical conditions are at risk of complication...

The Hindu, Updated - August 23, 2026 10:06 pm IST - New Delhi

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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

Delivering Gold Standard Childhood Vaccine Recommendations for Americans

Executive Order 14420 August 10, 2026

Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Delivers Gold Standard Childhood Vaccine Recommendations for Americans

Fact Sheets August 10, 2026

Department of State

Press Releases - Selected

No new digest content identified.

HHS

Press Room - Selected

HHS Seeks Public Input on Federal Vaccine Recommendation Categories and Shared Clinical Decision-Making

WASHINGTON, D.C. — AUGUST 21, 2026 — The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced a Request for Information (RFI) seeking public input on the categories used in federal vaccine recommendations and the role of shared clinical decision-making. The RFI advances President Trump's Executive Order Delivering Gold Standard Childhood Vaccine Recommendations for Americans and supports the Task Force on Safer Childhood Vaccines.

Through the RFI, HHS seeks input on whether the three categories currently used in federal vaccine recommendations — routine (universal), risk-based, and shared clinical decision-making, also referred

to as individual-based decision-making — are adequate, clear, and well understood. HHS also seeks input on whether it should adopt additional or different categories.

The RFI invites public input on several considerations that could inform vaccine recommendations and category assignments, including:

- The availability, quality, and strength of evidence;
- The appropriate approach when randomized controlled trial evidence is limited or absent;
- Individual autonomy, informed consent, and religious freedom;
- The legal and programmatic consequences of recommendation categories;
- How shared clinical decision-making is understood and applied in practice, and how the category could be improved; and
- Communication practices necessary to earn and maintain public trust.

More information about the HHS RFI can be found at the [Federal Register](#). **Comment period that ends in 22 days. (09/20/2026)**

NIH [to 29 Aug 2026]

News Releases

[Dr. Wendy Weber to serve as director of the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health](#)

August 24, 2026 — Dr. Weber began her new role on Aug. 23, 2026.

[Pediatric neurologist Dr. John Gaitanis to lead NIH's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development](#)

August 21, 2026 — Dr. Gaitanis is set to begin his role on August 23, 2026.

FDA

Press Announcements

[August 27, 2026 - FDA Issues Emergency Use Authorization for Generic Drug to Prevent New World Screwworm in Cattle](#)

[August 18, 2026 - FDA Seeks Public Feedback to Inform Regulatory Approach for Generative AI-Enabled Medical Devices](#)

[August 13, 2026 - FDA Issues Emergency Use Authorization for Drug to Treat New World Screwworm in Dogs and Puppies](#)

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[What's New for Biologics](#)

- 08/28/2026 [SOPP 8421: Complying with Requirements under the Pediatric Research Equity Act \(PREA\) & Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act \(BPCA\)](#)
- 08/28/2026 [August 5, 2026 Summary Basis for Regulatory Action - MFLUSIVA](#)
- 08/27/2026 [August 27, 2026 Approval Letter - NUVAXOVID](#)
- 08/27/2026 [August 27, 2027 Approval Letter - SPIKEVAX](#)
- 08/27/2026 [August 27, 2026 Approval Letter - MNEXSPIKE](#)
- 08/27/2026 [August 26, 2026 - Approval Letter - DAPTACEL](#)
- [August 26, 2026 - Approval Letter - TENIVAC](#)
- 08/27/2026 [August 26, 2026 - Approval Letter - Adacel](#)
- 08/27/2026 [FDA Scientific Public Workshop: Next-Generation Sequencing for Adventitious Agent Detection in Biologics](#) Updated

08/26/2026 [Leveraging Prior Knowledge in the Development of Human Gene Therapy Products Incorporating Genome Editing; Draft Guidance for Industry](#)
Comment Period Open Through September 1, 2026

08/26/2026 [Potency Assessment of Active Immunotherapy Products; Draft Guidance of Industry](#)
Comment Period Open Through November 18, 2026

08/26/2026 [August 19, 2026 Approval Letter - GENGLYCOS](#)

08/20/2026 [April 29, 2026 Clinical and Clinical Pharmacology Review Memo - ASCENIV](#)

08/19/2026 [Statistical Review - ASCENIV \(125590/190\)](#)

08/19/2026 [August 4, 2026 Approval Letter - ELEVIDYS](#)

08/19/2026 [Frequently Asked Questions — Developing Potential Cellular and Gene Therapy Products; Guidance for Industry](#)

08/19/2026 [June 18, 2026 Clinical Review Memo - CAPVAXIVE](#)

08/18/2026 [June 18, 2026 Statistical Review Memo - CAPVAXIVE](#)

08/18/2026 [August 14, 2026 Approval Letter - DUCORD](#)

08/18/2026 [June 29, 2026 Summary Basis for Regulatory Action - EZPLAZ](#)

08/18/2026 [August 6, 2026 Summary Basis for Regulatory Action - TUDRIQEV](#)

08/18/2026 [Formal Meetings Between the FDA and Sponsors or Applicants of PDUFA Products; Guidance for Industry](#)

08/13/2026 [August 7, 2026 Approval Letter - MRESVIA](#)

FDA VRBPAC [Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee]

Advisory Committee Calendar

No future meeting dates posted.

FDA Pediatric Advisory Committee Meeting

Advisory Committee Calendar

[Pediatric Advisory Committee Meeting Announcement - 09/16/2026](#)

CDC

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

Latest News - Selected

[CDC Statement on Newly Released Kindergarten Vaccination Data](#)

August 17, 2026

Today, CDC released vaccination data for the 2025-2026 school year showing overall vaccination rates among kindergarteners remained high. The latest data show a 0.1 percent decline in vaccination coverage among children entering kindergarten.

CDC continues to encourage parents to discuss vaccination options with their doctors.

[Kindergarten Routine Vaccination Rates Continue to Decline](#)

Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF, Aug 21, 2026 *Issue Brief*

This issue brief provides an update on the latest trends in kindergarten children's routine vaccination and exemption rates. Over three-quarters of states had measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccination rates below the "target" rate of 95% for the 2025-2026 school year

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

- March 18-19 (Due to ongoing litigation, this meeting is cancelled)
- June 24-26 (Due to ongoing litigation, this meeting is cancelled)
- October 21-23

National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC)

<https://www.hhs.gov/programs/national-vaccine-program/nvac/index.html>

Upcoming Meetings/Latest Updates

No new meeting dates posted.

Solicitation of Nominations for Membership on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee

[Due 12 Sep 2026]

A Notice by the Health and Human Services Department on 08/12/2026

SUMMARY:

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) is seeking nominations for membership on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (referred to as NVAC and/or the Committee). The NVAC is a federal advisory committee within the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Management support for the activities of this Committee is the responsibility of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH). The qualified individuals will be nominated by the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for appointment to the NVAC. The ASH serves as Director of the National Vaccine Program (NVP).

Members of the Committee, including the Chair, are appointed by the ASH. Members are invited to serve for overlapping terms of up to four years. The NVAC was established to provide advice and make recommendations to the Director of the NVP on matters related to the Program's responsibilities. The functions of the Committee are solely advisory in nature. A copy of the NVAC charter that describes its structure and functions can be reviewed on the NVAC website at: <https://www.hhs.gov/vaccines/nvac/charter/index.html>.

DATES:

Nominations for membership on the NVAC must be received no later than thirty days from publication. Packages received after this time will not be considered for the current membership cycle. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/08/12/2026-16399/solicitation-of-nominations-for-membership-on-the-national-vaccine-advisory-committee>

Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV)

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

Next ACCV meetings – TBD

Recharter for the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines

A Notice by the Health Resources and Services Administration on 07/21/2026

SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the Department of Health and Human Services is hereby giving notice that the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV) has been rechartered. The effective date of the renewed charter is July 21, 2026. ... A copy of the ACCV charter is available on the ACCV website at <https://www.hrsa.gov/advisory-committees/vaccines/index.html>.

MMWR Weekly

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index2026.html>

August 27, 2026 / No. 33

[PDF of this issue](#)

:: Use of Nowcasting to Estimate Real-Time Transmission Trends During a Measles Outbreak — South Carolina, October 2025–March 2026

August 20, 2026 / No. 32

[PDF of this issue](#)

:: Monkeypox Virus Surveillance — United States, 2024–2025

:: Notes from the Field: Dengue Outbreak — Naoero, 2025

August 13, 2026 / No. 31

[PDF of this issue](#)

:: Southward Expansion of *Ixodes scapularis* (Blacklegged) Tick Pathogens — Western North Carolina, November 2024–August 2025

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National Science Foundation/NSF

News

NSF announces \$1.5B for foundational research to drive scientific breakthroughs for American technological leadership

Funding opportunities prioritize foundational research across the sciences and engineering and advance a new portfolio-based approach to grant-making, offering researchers more flexibility in award periods and reducing administrative burden

August 17, 2026

The U.S. National Science Foundation today released 12 new notices of funding opportunity (NOFOs) providing over \$1.5 billion for foundational research, including basic and use-inspired inquiry across the sciences and engineering..

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**U.S. Congress
House**

No new digest content identified.

Senate

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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, Scientific, 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 29 Aug 2026)

More than 210 Leading Medical, Health and Patient Advocacy Groups Oppose Recent Executive Order on Childhood Vaccines

August 17, 2026

"Our organizations, representing physicians, nurses, medical professionals, scientists, pharmacists, public health, patients and families, are alarmed by the recent White House Executive Order that advises, without evidence, reducing and spacing out recommended childhood vaccines.

"As measles surges across the United States and as respiratory virus season approaches, families deserve clear guidance from federal health officials that is grounded in science and aimed at protecting children's health. Instead, the White House released an Executive Order that undermines confidence in childhood vaccinations and recommends changes that would leave children less protected and families more confused.

"In addition, while the Executive Order does not address autism at all, administration officials' remarks around the release of the order elevated dangerous falsehoods about vaccines and autism. Elevating these debunked claims does nothing to support families of children with autism. In fact, it diverts resources away from promising areas of research.

"Our message for parents and caregivers is clear: if you have questions about vaccines, or any other aspect of your child's health or development, talk with your child's clinician."

Signatories at title link.

Family Physicians: Vaccines Essential to Preventing Serious Illness and Death

August 10, 2026

The AAFP will always champion evidence-based medicine. When children receive all recommended immunizations on time, our whole community benefits and children grow up healthy and strong.

The AAFP's childhood vaccine recommendations reflect the latest medical research, public health guidance and the expertise of family physicians who understand what patients and families are experiencing. Vaccination is an essential tool for preventing serious illness and death.

As we continue to face declining rates of routine immunization and approach respiratory illness season, we urge patients to talk with their family physician and make decisions based on trusted, evidence-based care. Continued efforts to undermine the safety and efficacy of vaccines are incredibly dangerous and will have grave consequences for children and families.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

News

AAP Statement on Measles-Associated Deaths Reported in Pennsylvania

August 25, 2026

Today, Pennsylvania reported two measles-associated deaths. American Academy of Pediatrics President Andrew D. Racine, M.D., Ph.D., FAAP, issued the following statement:

American Academy of Pediatrics Calls for Receiving Newly Arrived Immigrant Children With Humanitarian Protection

August 24, 2026

Child-centered alternatives that prioritize family unity, health care access and well-being should be considered, rather than law enforcement

More than 210 Leading Medical, Health and Patient Advocacy Groups Oppose Recent Executive Order on Childhood Vaccines

August 17, 2026

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American College of Physicians (ACP)

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

More than 210 leading medical, health and patient advocacy groups oppose recent Executive Order on childhood vaccines

08/17/26

American College of Physicians: Executive order directing changes to U.S. vaccine schedule problematic, deeply concerning and creates barriers to access

08/10/26

Statement attributable to: Jan K. Carney, MD, MPH, MACP, President, American College of Physicians

WASHINGTON, August 10, 2026— The American College of Physicians (ACP) says an executive order issued today that would implement significant changes to vaccine production, access, and administration and erode school entry requirements, is problematic and deeply concerning. This executive order is part of a troubling pattern by the administration to attempt to unilaterally change vaccine guidance, particularly for children, rather than relying on the transparent, scientific review that has guided the U.S. childhood vaccine schedule for decades. If implemented, the changes could increase costs to patients and families, including additional copays while also placing a greater burden on families needing to schedule multiple appointments for a multiple-dose MMR vaccine. Children and caregivers deserve better consideration for the downstream impact of these proposed changes.

Vaccines are one of our most effective tools for protecting public health. The evidence clearly shows that vaccines are safe and effective at preventing deaths, hospitalizations, and the spread of disease. Communities with higher rates of unvaccinated individuals are at greater risk of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable illnesses. The success of a vaccine program depends not only on the effectiveness of individual immunizations, but also on public trust in vaccines as a public health tool. ACP strongly supports increasing vaccination rates, opposes non-medical exemptions to vaccine requirements, and strongly objects to unnecessary barriers that impact vaccine access. The changes that this executive order directs falsely cast doubt on the use of vaccines counter to decades of evidence demonstrating their safety and efficacy and could put the health and well-being of children, families, and communities at risk.

ACP asserts that these changes cannot be allowed to move forward. We must employ as many proven evidence-based methods as possible to ensure sufficient access to vaccines to protect precious lives.

America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

News

No new digest content identified.

American Geriatrics Society (AGS)

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

Recent Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

American Medical Association (AMA)

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

Press Releases

[AMA statement on executive order changing childhood vaccine schedule](#)

Aug 10, 2026

Statement attributable to: Willie Underwood, III, MD, MSc, MPH, President, American Medical Association

"Vaccines are among the most thoroughly studied, effective tools we have to protect children from serious vaccine-preventable diseases. Decisions about how and when vaccines are used should be driven by rigorous scientific evidence, patient safety, and independent medical and public health expertise. Altering a proven vaccination schedule without credible evidence risks weakening public confidence and putting children's health at risk.

"It's important to know, the American Academy of Pediatrics childhood immunization schedule continues to recommend immunizations based on specific disease risks and healthcare delivery in the U.S. Extensive evidence from decades of scientific studies shows no link between vaccines and autism. If you have questions about vaccines, talk to your child's physician. Putting our children's health at risk is not an option."

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 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)

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

[Vaccine Disinformation is Hampering the U.S. Response to Control the Deadly Measles Outbreak](#)

August 26, 2026

Recently reported deaths of Americans in the midst of a troubling outbreak of measles across the nation should serve as a stark reminder of the costly impacts of vaccine disinformation and the ways it hinders the U.S. response to slow the spread of the infectious disease.

Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

News

[More than 210 leading medical, health and patient advocacy groups oppose recent executive order on childhood vaccines](#)

News

[IDSA statement on vaccine executive order](#)

The American people deserve childhood vaccine recommendations that are made by qualified experts, through an established, transparent process and based on the best available scientific

evidence. Today's executive order undermines all three of these fundamental standards.

At a time when measles outbreaks are already threatening communities across the country, making vaccination more complicated and burdensome risks further reducing vaccination rates and leaving more children vulnerable to a highly contagious and potentially deadly disease.

This action follows an alarming pattern of government efforts to reduce Americans' access to vaccines and sow unfounded doubt about vaccine safety and effectiveness. Infectious diseases physicians will continue to serve as an objective, reliable and evidence-based source of information for our patients and communities while advocating for vaccine policies grounded in sound science.

— Ronald G. Nahass, MD, MHCM, FIDSA – President, IDSA

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

News and Updates

August 26, 2026

What Vaccines Do College Students Need Before Move-In Day?

Before move-in day, make sure vaccines are checked off the list. See ACHA's college vaccine recommendations ...

August 20, 2026

Vaccines During Pregnancy: How Maternal Immunization Helps Protect Your Newborn

NFID President-Elect Kevin A. Ault, MD, reflects on the importance of immunizing his pregnant patients.

August 17, 2026

NFID Announces Launch of National Respiratory Communications Initiative

NRCI brings together leading immunization, patient advocacy, and public health organizations to make evidence-based prevention guidance easier to find, understand, and use.

August 10, 2026

NFID Statement on Childhood Immunization Schedule

Statement of NFID Medical Director Robert H. Hopkins Jr., MD

Protecting children from preventable infectious diseases must remain a national public health priority. The United States is currently experiencing its largest measles resurgence in more than three decades. The nation is approaching another respiratory season after two severe influenza seasons, including a record-high hospitalization rate in 2024–2025 with one of the highest pediatric death tolls on record and nearly 200 pediatric deaths in 2025–2026.

Vaccines are among the most effective tools available to protect children from serious illness, hospitalization, disability, and death. The vaccines routinely recommended for children have been studied extensively, used safely for many years, and are continually monitored through well-established safety surveillance systems.

In light of the August 10, 2026 Executive Order on childhood vaccine recommendations, the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) strongly reiterates its endorsement of the American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) childhood immunization schedule and reaffirms AAP's evidence-based recommendations to protect children from vaccine-preventable diseases.

NFID shares the goal that unites parents, clinicians, and policymakers alike: keeping children healthy and protected from vaccine-preventable diseases. Reaching that goal depends on grounding vaccine recommendations in evidence. Any change to long-standing childhood vaccine recommendations should be supported by clear scientific evidence that schedule changes will better protect children and should follow rigorous, transparent review by independent experts. Changes made without that evidence risk weakening the protections children have today.

US childhood vaccine recommendations should also reflect the epidemiology and burden of disease within the United States and the needs of our diverse population. Evidence and experience from other countries offer valuable insight, but differences in populations, disease patterns, healthcare systems, and immunization programs must be weighed carefully. A schedule modeled on another country's circumstances will not necessarily provide the same protection for children in the United States. The number of vaccines or doses on a schedule is not a measure of whether that schedule is sound. What matters is whether each recommendation is supported by evidence of its benefits and risks in the context of the diseases children in this country face.

Changes to the childhood immunization schedule must also account for their potential effect on vaccine access. When vaccines become more difficult to obtain, fewer children are protected, increasing the risk that diseases long held in check can re-emerge. At a time when communities across the country are confronting the return of preventable diseases, the nation should be strengthening its ability to protect children, not putting that progress at risk.

NFID remains committed to providing healthcare professionals, families, and the public with objective, evidence-based information to help protect children and communities from preventable infectious diseases. We encourage parents and families with questions to talk with a trusted healthcare professional.

National Medical Association (NMA)

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

News & Announcements

Aug. 26, 2026

[PIDS Statement Regarding Measles Deaths in Pennsylvania](#)

"The Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS) extends its deepest condolences to the families and communities of the two individuals in Pennsylvania who have died during the ongoing measles outbreak.

Aug. 11, 2026

[PIDS Response to 'Delivering Gold Standard Childhood Vaccine Recommendations for Americans' Executive Order](#)

The "Delivering Gold Standard Childhood Vaccine Recommendations for Americans" Executive Order represents a deeply concerning departure from the evidence-based processes that have long guided childhood vaccine policy in the United States. This order was not prompted by new scientific evidence or emerging safety concerns. Instead, it calls into question a childhood immunization schedule built on decades of rigorous research, continuous safety monitoring, and the expertise of physicians, scientists, and public health professionals.

American families deserve vaccine policy grounded in science, transparency and evidence. Statements accompanying the Executive Order repeated anti-vaccine misinformation and unsupported claims that risk eroding confidence in vaccines that have safely protected generations of children. This is especially troubling at a time when the United States is confronting the consequences of declining vaccination rates, including major measles outbreaks, a resurgence of pertussis, and the return of other vaccine-preventable diseases.

Contrary to suggestions that there is little downside to altering the vaccine schedule, delaying, separating, or missing recommended vaccines is not a neutral choice. Doing so can lead to missed immunizations, prolong the periods during which a child is most vulnerable to serious, preventable infections, and jeopardize a family's ability to have immunization visits covered by insurance. It also increases the risk of spreading disease to infants, immunocompromised children, and others who cannot be fully protected through vaccination themselves. When families follow the recommended immunization schedule, they protect not only their own children, but also their families, communities, and our nation.

As pediatric infectious diseases specialists, we have seen first-hand the suffering caused by vaccine-preventable diseases. We have cared for children hospitalized with severe infections, witnessed complications that can result in lifelong disability, and supported families confronting outcomes that vaccines could have prevented. It is heartbreaking to see children suffer from diseases for which we have safe and effective tools of prevention.

We encourage families to continue following the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended vaccine schedule, which PIDS has endorsed, and to seek vaccine information from trusted pediatric health professionals. We also call on policymakers and public health leaders to uphold rigorous, transparent, science-driven processes for vaccine recommendations and to put the health and well-being of children above ideology and misinformation.

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

SHEA and APIC Statement on Executive Order "Delivering Gold Standard Childhood Vaccine Recommendations for Americans"

August 11, 2026

The President's executive order changing childhood vaccine recommendations, signed today and titled "Delivering Gold Standard Childhood Vaccine Recommendations for Americans," does not reflect current scientific evidence and does not represent the "Gold Standard" in vaccine research. This executive order circumvents available expertise and longstanding processes in the United States for compiling and reviewing safety data before adopting vaccines and their administration schedules. Sound scientific evidence and thoughtful recommendations are required to ensure American children and adults are protected from vaccine-preventable illness. Over many years, FDA-approved vaccines have proven overwhelmingly safe and effective. The science about vaccines and their efficacy has not changed.

The measles resurgence shows us the consequences of delayed or incomplete vaccination. Our nation has recorded more than 2,400 measles cases in 2026 alone, surpassing all of last year in just seven months and making this the worst year for measles since 1991. More than nine in ten of those infected were unvaccinated or had unknown vaccination status, and roughly two-thirds were 19 or younger.

This executive order will deny Americans access to life-saving vaccines, increase vaccine hesitancy, and make America's children and adults less healthy.

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

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

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Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [29 Aug 2026]

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

Research, Analysis

Kindergarten Routine Vaccination Rates Continue to Decline

Aug 21, 2026 *Issue Brief*

This issue brief provides an update on the latest trends in kindergarten children's routine vaccination and exemption rates. Over three-quarters of states had measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccination rates below the "target" rate of 95% for the 2025-2026 school year.

State and Local Policies on School Vaccine Requirements: Overview and Current Status

Aug 21, 2026 *Issue Brief*

States and local governments, rather than the federal government, have authority over school vaccination requirements, and while all 50 states and DC require certain vaccines for school attendance, they vary substantially in how exemptions are granted and administered. As the Trump administration has moved away from longstanding federal childhood vaccine recommendations, an increasing number of states are delinking their vaccine policies from CDC/ACIP guidance, while recent state policy changes have generally made non-medical exemptions easier...

The White House Takes Another Shot at Changing U.S. Childhood Vaccine Recommendations

Aug 11, 2026 *Policy Watch*

Examines the White House's latest Executive Order seeking to reshape U.S. childhood vaccine recommendations, including a directive to separate MMR vaccines and use a new HHS task force for federal recommendations. It finds that the order is unlikely to have an immediate or sweeping effect on U.S. vaccine policy given courts blocked earlier, similar administration actions, and states are increasingly decoupling their policies from federal recommendations.

Reliance on Sources Other Than CDC/ACIP for State Childhood Vaccine Recommendations

Aug 11, 2026 *State Health Facts Indicator*

Location	Governor Political Party	Relies on a Source Other Than CDC/ACIP for Recommended Childhood Vaccines
United States	26 Republicans; 25 Democrats (incl. DC)	Yes Total: 30 - All Vaccines: 27 (incl. DC); COVID-19/Hepatitis B: 1; Hepatitis B only: 2

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Vaccine Integrity Project – CIDRAP [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Announcements, Viewpoints

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy - GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.net/>

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Paul Offit, MD – *Beyond the Noise*

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

[Making Sense of Lancaster County's Controversial Coroner](#)

Did a newborn infant in Lancaster County die from measles? The PA Department of Health said yes. The coroner said no. Who was right?
Aug 29, 2026

[RFK, Jr. Secretary of Measlesland](#)

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[Comments on the PA measles outbreak](#)

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Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [29 Aug 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Gates Foundation [29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases & Statements

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CARB-X [29 Aug 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified..

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative [29 Aug 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [29 Aug 2026]

<http://cepi.net/>

News

News

[African Bundibugyo ebolavirus vaccine candidate to be advanced to clinical trials](#)

The research strengthens efforts to develop vaccines to combat the fastest-growing and second-largest Ebola outbreak on record affecting the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

26 Aug 2026

Blog

[100 days into the Bundibugyo emergency, unprecedented speed is still not enough](#)

By Dr Nicole Lurie, Executive Director Preparedness & Response and Kate Kelland, Chief Scientific Writer

24 Aug 2026

News

[New studies to test whether existing Ebola vaccines can generate immune responses to Bundibugyo ebolavirus](#)

CEPI-backed studies will analyse blood samples from thousands of people who have already been vaccinated against Zaire ebolavirus, with first results expected within months

19 Aug 2026

Explainer

[CEPI 3.0 cross-cutting themes explained: Biosecurity](#)

18 Aug 2026

News

[CEPI Board appoints Ibrahim Abubakar as new Chief Executive Officer](#)

13 Aug 2026

:: The Board of CEPI has appointed Professor Ibrahim Abubakar as its next Chief Executive Officer

:: Professor Abubakar, currently Vice-Provost (Health) and Professor of Infectious Disease

Epidemiology at University College London (UCL), will take up the role in April 2027

:: Dr Richard Hatchett, who has led CEPI since its founding in 2017, will remain as CEO until the end of his full term in April 2027, ensuring a smooth transition

[CEPI's Principles for Responding to Outbreaks](#)

10 Aug 2026

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

[Reciprocal Effects of Drugs & the Microbiome – 2nd webinar](#)

Online - October 7, 2026 Webinar Time: 14:00 – 15:30 (UTC+2, CEST)

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [29 Aug 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

DNDI – Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative [29 Aug 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [29 Aug 2026]

<https://dukeghic.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

EDCTP [29 Aug 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 [29 Aug 2026]

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

Vaccine Center News

No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [29 Aug 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Fondation Merieux [29 Aug 2026]

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

Actualités

No new digest content identified.

Gates Medical Research Institute [29 Aug 2026]

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

News: Articles and Publications

[Qualification of a high-throughput luminescence-based serum bactericidal activity assay to assess the functionality of human sera against five Shigella serotypes](#)

August 13, 2026 - *Vaccine*

The role of interferon-gamma release assays in tuberculosis vaccine trials: strengths, limitations, and implications beyond trial design

August 13, 2026 - *Vaccine*

Gavi [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News Releases, VaccinesWork

20 August 2026

Gavi commits additional funding for Ebola response

:: Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance will provide US\$ 7 million to fund a shipment of 70,000 doses of the Ervebo vaccine to DRC

:: US\$ 6 million from Gavi's First Response Fund will help countries and partners protect routine immunisation and prepare for future Ebola vaccinations

:: Dr Sania Nishtar, CEO of Gavi: "This new funding will help save lives, keep other deadly diseases at bay and support the rollout of the Ervebo vaccine."

GE2P2 Global Foundation [29 Aug 2026]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements/Digests

:: **Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review** - Current edition

:: **Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 29 July 2026**

GHIT Fund [29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [29 Aug 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Hilleman Laboratories [29 Aug 2026]

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

News & Insights

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [29 Aug 2026]

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

News & Stories

Featured news

Making Peace, Not War, With Infections

HHMI Investigator Janelle Ayres studies how the body can survive infections by cooperating with pathogens rather than killing them — findings that could transform development of new infectious disease treatments.

August 20, 2026

Human Immunome Project [nee Human Vaccines Project] [29 Aug 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IAVI [29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases, Features

Videos

IAVI's AIDS 2026 reflections

August 11, 2026

The AIDS 2026 conference in Rio de Janeiro put a sharp focus on access to innovation, especially with regard to new long-acting HIV prevention tools and future vaccines. Our team of scientists, communicators, community engagement specialists, and partnership managers all had their own takeaways across a spectrum of topics.

INSERM [29 Aug 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

18 August 2026

Report for the ICMRA workshop on data requirements to support COVID-19 strain updates

ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use] [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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ICRC [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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Website not responding at inquiry.

IFFIm [29 Aug 2026]
<http://www.iffim.org/>
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No new digest content identified.

IFRC [to 29 Aug 2026]
<http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/news/press-releases/>
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Press release 27/08/2026

[IFRC launches CHF 25 million Emergency Appeal in response to devastating Nepal flash floods](#)

Press release 26/08/2026
[Nepal: IFRC releases emergency funds as flash floods leave communities isolated](#)

Press release 14/08/2026
[Three months into DRC Ebola outbreak, community trust remains critical to stopping the spread of the virus](#)

IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat [29 Aug 2026]
<https://ippsecretariat.org/news/>
News
[A hundred days into an Ebola outbreak, the world moved fast. But the gaps that remain should worry us all.](#)
Opinion by Dr Mona Nemer and Dr Yenew Kebede Tebeje
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[Ebola \(Bundibugyo\) Day 100 – Tracking Progress on Medical Countermeasures](#)
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Institut Pasteur [29 Aug 2026]
<https://www.pasteur.fr/en/press-area>
Press Documents
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InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)
<https://www.interacademies.org/news/press-releases>
News
Mon, 10 August 2026
[IAP seeks partners to help build a global initiative on sexual harassment in STEM academia](#)

ISC / International Science Council [to 29 Aug 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, Blogs

Doing ethical research in an ethically constrained political landscape

In this essay, Roberto Abadie and Celia B. Fisher draw on their experiences in public health research to ask what it means to act ethically when the conditions for good science are under attack. Researchers facing authoritarian pressure and funding collapse have a responsibility to maintain community trust, express collective solidarity and use this crisis as an occasion to self-reflect.

Roberto Abadie, Assistant Professor, Department of Kinesiology, University of Wisconsin-Madison; medical anthropologist

Celia B. Fisher, Marie Ward Doty University Chair in Ethics; Director of the Center for Ethics Education; Professor of Psychology, Fordham University

Modern science: geostrategic, technological and societal drivers of change

A resilient scientific enterprise will require new approaches to governance, collaboration and accountability in the age of AI and geopolitical uncertainty.

August 19, 2026

Sir Peter Gluckman, ISC President, Distinguished Professor Emeritus ONZ KNZM FRSNZ FRS

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)

<https://iuis.org/>

News, Resources

No new digest content identified.

IVAC [29 Aug 2026]

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

Updates; Events

August 27, 2026

Amid Ongoing Measles Outbreaks, U.S. Children Remain Vulnerable to Vaccine-Preventable Disease

State-level coverage of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination continues to vary across the U.S., as shown in new coverage rates reported by the CDC. Though the latest data indicate that national coverage estimates for MMR vaccines among U.S. kindergartners during the 2025–26 school year are comparable to the prior year, non-medical exemptions for vaccinations have increased and coverage with other routine childhood vaccines, including those to protect against poliovirus, varicella (chickenpox), and diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough) has declined.

August 26, 2026

IVAC Researchers Inform Global Guidance on COVID-19 Vaccines

... In a project funded by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), IVAC researchers evaluated more than 5,000 studies assessing COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness in different populations, including older adults, immunocompromised individuals, persons with comorbidities, children, healthy adults, and pregnant individuals and infants. "Our team has been tracking global evidence on COVID-19 vaccine performance since early 2021 to inform recommendations along the way," noted Melissa Higdon, MPH, the project's lead investigator. "This position paper focuses on the most recent evidence for the currently available vaccines." The team's findings have been made available in an interactive database to provide public health decision-making authorities, researchers, and industry stakeholders with the latest vaccine effectiveness data.

IVI [29 Aug 2026]

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

IVI News & Announcements

IVI names Prof. Faith Osier inaugural Director of its new Kenya Country Office

At the heart of accelerating chikungunya vaccine development for Africa

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [29 Aug 2026]

<https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom>

Center News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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Cameroon

Communities in Cameroon take an active role in preventing cholera

Project Update 28 Aug 2026

Uganda

Uganda marks end of Ebola disease outbreak

Project Update 27 Aug 2026

Nepal

MSF team arrives in Nepal to assess people's needs following devastating flash floods

Project Update 27 Aug 2026

Bangladesh

Children arrive sicker, later, and harder to save at MSF's Kutupalong hospital in Rohingya camps

Project Update 25 Aug 2026

Nigeria

Caregivers of children with malnutrition need mental health support

Project Update 25 Aug 2026

DRC Ebola outbreaks

100 days of Ebola disease outbreak: Faster and more flexible response needed to curb deadly spread in DRC

Press Release 21 Aug 2026

Gaza-Israel war

Statement on Israeli military's decision to deny a criminal investigation into MSF killings and injuries

Statement 20 Aug 2026

Palestine

Escalating violence and movement restrictions continue to drive medical needs in Hebron

Project Update 20 Aug 2026

Ethiopia

Ethiopia: MSF launches new healthcare programme in Oromia region

Project Update 20 Aug 2026

Haiti

Women risk their lives to reach sexual and reproductive healthcare in Port-au-Prince

Project Update 19 Aug 2026

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News, Stories, Insights

Aug 13, 2026 *Announcement*

Emilie Marcus Appointed as Executive Officer of the National Academy of Medicine

The National Academy of Medicine today announced that Emilie Marcus, PhD, has been appointed as the Leonard D. Schaeffer Executive Officer effective August 24, 2026.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM] - USA [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News

Potential of Emerging Research Institutions To Be Explored at Upcoming National Academies Summit

By Reece Meyhoefer

Last update August 26, 2026

Updating Crisis Standards of Care: Examining Gaps and Opportunities: A Rapid Expert Consultation

Rapid Expert Consultation 2026

... More than a decade after the National Academies published foundational CSC guidance, the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergencies offered a nationwide opportunity to examine how CSC frameworks functioned in practice. This consultation reviews implementation experience and barriers across five domains: recognition of crisis situations: governance, legal, ethical, and accountability; clinical planning: operations and coordination; and workforce. It highlights opportunities to better operationalize CSC across the conventional-contingency-crisis continuum, with future efforts focusing less on redefining CSC and more on practical guidance for recognizing strain, identifying indicators and triggers, and linking changing conditions to proportionate actions.

PATH [29 Aug 2026]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

New typhoid conjugate vaccine from EuBiologics receives WHO prequalification

This important milestone could provide countries with an additional option for typhoid vaccination and can contribute to a sustainable supply of typhoid conjugate vaccines.

August 26, 2026 by PATH

Seattle, United States and Seoul, Republic of Korea – EuTYPH-C Inj.® Multi-dose, a new typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV) manufactured by EuBiologics in the Republic of Korea, has been prequalified

by the World Health Organization (WHO). This brings the total number of WHO-prequalified TCVs to five and represents another important step toward expanding global access to typhoid vaccination...

Rockefeller Foundation [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News and Announcements

Statement From Dr. Rajiv J. Shah, President of The Rockefeller Foundation, on Early Warning Data for Famines

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Sabin Vaccine Institute [29 Aug 2026]

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

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UNAIDS [29 Aug 2026]

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

News, Stories, Updates

Feature Story

Built on trust - Community-led HIV responses in Thailand

26 August 2026

UNICEF [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]

Press release 28 August 2026

Nearly one in thirteen children under five suffer from acute malnutrition in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE/NEW YORK, 28 August 2026 –, Approximately one in thirteen children in Haiti aged between 6 months and 5 years old are suffering from acute malnutrition, according to the preliminary findings by the 2026 National Nutrition SMART Survey released today. The prevalence of global acute malnutrition in ...

Press release 27 August 2026

Flash floods in Nepal leave more than 17,000 children in need of urgent humanitarian assistance

KATHMANDU, 27 August 2026 –, At least 17,000 children have been impacted by the devastating flash floods that tore through Nepal's Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Dhading districts on 26 August. So far, an estimated 332 people have died – including at least 14 children - and-hundreds are still missing. The numbers are expected...

Remarks 25 August 2026

Hospitals overwhelmed as child malnutrition surges across Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 August 2026 –, "Across Afghanistan, 3.7 million children are currently suffering from wasting – they are acutely malnourished, including around 1 million with life-threatening severe acute malnutrition. "It's a crisis which disproportionately affects the youngest and most vulnerable: nearly 40 per cent o...

Press release 24 August 2026

New SMART survey provides updated assessment of child and maternal nutrition in accessible areas of Gaza

AMMAN, 24 August 2026 –, A new population-based nutrition survey conducted in accessible areas of the Gaza Strip shows a complex nutritional picture: relatively low acute malnutrition among children in the accessible population, concerning rates of chronic malnutrition (stunting), maternal malnutrition, very poor...

Remarks 21 August 2026

Hundreds of health and nutrition facilities closed as Somalia's child crisis deepens

MOGADISHU/NAIROBI, 21 Aug 2026 –, "In Somalia today, aid cuts are closing doors to healthcare, shutting down nutrition services, and pushing water, education and protection further out of reach. As ever, children are paying the price. "On the back of unprecedented cuts in humanitarian aid, 205 health and nutrition...

Press release 20 August 2026

Children account for half of suspected mpox cases in Guinea-Bissau

BISSAU/DAKAR, 20 August 2026 –, Children under 15 account for half of all 46 suspected mpox cases in Guinea-Bissau. UNICEF is scaling up its support to the Ministry of Public Health in direct response to the country's first-ever mpox outbreak. "This is the first time mpox cases have been reported in Guinea-Bissau...

Press release 11 August 2026

UNICEF support children and families affected by the earthquake in Chocó and Buenaventura, Colombia

BOGOTA/PANAMA CITY/NEW YORK, 11 August 2026, - Following the 7.4-magnitude earthquake that struck western Colombia, UNICEF is scaling up its response to support affected children and families in the department of Chocó and the city of Buenaventura (on the Pacific coast). Thousands of people, including children, ha...

Unitaid [29 Aug 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

Unitaid invests US\$36 million to support evidence-based scale-up of innovative malaria prevention tools

18 August 2026

New programs will generate evidence alongside the first large-scale deployments of spatial emanators to inform practical guidance and decisions supporting scale-up, while evaluating the effectiveness of insecticide-treated baby wraps.

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [29 Aug 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified. [Last update Jun 30, 2023]

Vaccine Confidence Project [29 Aug 2026]

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

News, Research and Reports

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia [29 Aug 2026]

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

News

Vaccine Update Newsletter August 2026

Wellcome Trust [29 Aug 2026]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News, Opinion, Reports

No new digest announcements identified.

The Wistar Institute [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

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August 19, 2026

The Wistar Institute Recruits Brian Fuglestad, Ph.D., to Study Cell’s “Dual Mode” Proteins

Biophysics & biochemistry expert joins Center for Advanced Therapeutics to study little-understood class of proteins that switch roles inside cell, could translate into future therapies

World Bank [to 29 Aug 2026]

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

News [Selected]

Morocco Leads the Way in Protecting People and Communities from Disasters

The Integrated Disaster Risk Management and Resilience Program helped Morocco move from responding to disasters after they happen to preventing losses before they occur. By 2025, the program had financed over 300 resilience projects, protected millions of people, and established one of the region’s most advanced disaster financing systems.

August 21, 2026|Result Brief | English

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [29 Aug 2026]

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

Blog, Events

The 2025-2026 WFPHA Annual Report

Aug 24, 2026

The 2025-2026 World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) Annual Report is now available

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

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

Press Releases

World Medical Association and CANMA hold first-ever leadership programme for physician leaders in Africa

21.08.2026

World Humanitarian Day: Conflict, funding cuts and violence threaten health professionals worldwide

19.08.2026

World Organisation for Animal Health [WOAH/OIE] [29 Aug 2026]

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

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [29 Aug 2026]

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

Selected Press Releases

[ARM Statement on the Nomination of Dr. Heidi Overton as FDA Commissioner](#)

BIO [29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [29 Aug 2026]

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

News; Upcoming events

August 21, 2026

[DCVMN at India Vaccine Leaders Conclave: Advancing Vaccine Innovation, AI and Supply Resilience](#)

EFPIA – European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations

<https://www.efpia.eu/news-events/>

News & Events

No new digest announcements identified.

ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [29 Aug 2026]

<https://internationalbiotech.org/>

News

No new digest announcements identified.

IFPMA [29 Aug 2026]

<https://ifpma.org/>

News & Resources

Press release 25 Aug 2026

[100 Day milestone of Ebola Bundibugyo outbreak must be a “wake up call” for pandemic preparedness, says pharma industry](#)

To mark the 100 days after the declaration of the Ebola Bundibugyo outbreak, IFPMA and BIO underline the global pharmaceutical industry’s record and commitment to tackling health emergencies.

Statement 26 Aug 2026

76th WHO Regional Committee for Africa: Special update on the ongoing Ebola virus disease outbreak caused by Bundibugyo Virus

On 26 August, IFPMA delivered a statement on the special update on the ongoing Ebola virus disease outbreak caused by Bundibugyo Virus at the 76th session off the WHO Regional Committee for Africa in Addis Ababa. Marking the 100th day after the Bundibugyo outbreak was declared, the global pharmaceutical industry underscores its commitment and track...

Statement 26 Aug 2026

76th WHO Regional Committee for Africa: Regional strategy on regulation of medical products in the African region, 2026-2035

On 26 August 2026, IFPMA delivered a statement on the regional strategy on regulation of medical products in the African region, 2026-2035, during the 76th WHO Regional Committee for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. IFPMA welcomes the proposed Strategy on Regulation of Medical Products, and commends WHO AFRO, Member States, and regional institutions for their...

Statement 26 Aug 2026

AMATA Statement at WHO Regional Committee for Africa: Regional strategy on regulation of medical products in the African Region, 2026-2035

The members of the African Medicines Agency Treaty Alliance (AMATA) welcome and strongly support the Regional Strategy on Regulation of Medical Products in the African Region, 2026–2035. Access to safe, effective, quality-assured medical products depends on a strong regulatory system. However, a truly harmonized and effective regulatory system cannot be achieved without continental coordination and...

Statement 26 Aug 2026

76th WHO Regional Committee for Africa: Strategy for financing the future of health in the WHO African Region, 2026–2035

On 26 August 2026, IFPMA delivered a statement on a strategy for financing the future of health in the WHO African Region, 2026-2036, during the 76th WHO Regional Committee for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. IFPMA welcomes the strategy for financing the future of health in the WHO African Region and its focus on sustainable,...

Statement 25 Aug 2026

76th WHO Regional Committee for Africa – A new era of health for Africa: United action for Vision 2035

On 25 August 2026, IFPMA delivered a statement on united action for Vision 2035 during the 76th WHO Regional Committee for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. IFPMA welcomes the Vision 2035 strategy, including its emphasis on accelerating UHC, health systems resilience, digital transformation, health workforce and leadership transformation, and institutional modernization. Geographical diversification of manufacturing...

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [29 Aug 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

Medicines UK joins IGBA (August 2026)

IGBA, the International Generic and Biosimilar medicines Association, representing global manufacturers of generic and biosimilar medicines, announced today that Medicines UK has joined IGBA

PhRMA [29 Aug 2026]

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

Press Releases

August 10, 2026

PhRMA Statement on Childhood Vaccine Schedule Executive Order

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AUGUST 10, 2026) — Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) Chief Medical Officer Dr. Michael Ybarra issued the following statement in response to today's Executive Order on childhood vaccine recommendations and immunization policy:

"America's childhood immunization schedule is built on decades of rigorous scientific research and public health expertise designed for the U.S. population. Any changes to the childhood vaccine schedule, vaccine formulations and ingredients should be driven by the same high standard of evidence and focused on protecting children from serious and potentially life-threatening diseases. Simply imposing a narrower schedule by importing recommendations from foreign countries wouldn't reflect gold standard science – it would mean accepting a lower bar of protection against diseases that remain serious and, in some cases, life-threatening for children in the United States."

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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 Reports Strong First Half 2026 Results

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, August 21, 2026

BioCubaFarma – Cuba

Últimas Noticias - No new digest announcements identified.

Biological E

News - No new digest announcements identified.

BioNTech

Press Releases

08.27.2026

Pfizer and BioNTech Receive U.S. FDA Approval for XFG-adapted COVID-19 Vaccine

Update on Divestment of JPT Peptide Technologies GmbH as Part of BioNTech's Planned Manufacturing Footprint Consolidation

Statement

Update on Divestment of JPT Peptide Technologies GmbH as Part of BioNTech's Planned Manufacturing Footprint Consolidation

MAINZ, Germany, August 27, 2026 – BioNTech SE as a mother company of BioNTech Group (Nasdaq: BNTX, "BioNTech" or "the Company") is currently exploring divestment options for its manufacturing sites in Idar-Oberstein, Marburg and Singapore as well as its direct and indirect subsidiaries **CureVac SE** ("CureVac") and JPT Peptide Technologies GmbH ("JPT"), following the Company's planned global manufacturing footprint consolidation...

Boehringer

Press Releases

Boehringer Ingelheim expands equine health pipeline with acquisition of Evax AG

Ingelheim, Germany, Tue, 11/08/2026 - 11:00

Boehringer Ingelheim announced today that it has acquired Evax AG, a Swiss biotech company focused on equine health.

Founded more than a decade ago at the University of Zurich, Evax has been exploring the use of **therapeutic vaccines** to address significant unmet needs in horses, particularly for the treatment of allergic skin diseases...

CanSinoBIO

News - Website not responding at inquiry.

CIGB

Latest News - No new digest announcements identified.

CinnaGen – Iran

CinnaGen News - Website not responding at inquiry.

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

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 - No new digest announcements identified.

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 - No new digest announcements identified

Moderna

News and Blog Posts

August 27, 2026

Moderna Receives U.S. FDA Approval for Updated 2026-2027 COVID-19 Vaccines

CAMBRIDGE, MA / ACCESS Newswire / August 27, 2026 / Moderna, Inc. (NASDAQ:MRNA) today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the supplemental Biologics License Applications (sBLA) for the 2026-2027 formulas for Spikevax® (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) and mNEXSPIKE® (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA), containing the JN.1-lineage XFG subvariant of SARS-CoV-2 to help prevent COVID-19...

Nanogen

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novartis

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novavax

Press Releases

Aug 28, 2026

Novavax's Partnership Strategy Continues to Deliver with XFG-adapted Nuvaxovid™ Approvals in the U.S., EU and Japan for 2026-2027 Vaccination Season

CAMBRIDGE, MA / ACCESS Newswire / August 27, 2026 / Moderna, Inc. (NASDAQ:MRNA) today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the supplemental Biologics License Applications (sBLA) for the 2026-2027 formulas for Spikevax® (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) and mNEXSPIKE® (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA), containing the JN.1-lineage XFG subvariant of SARS-CoV-2 to help prevent COVID-19...

Pfizer

Recent Press Releases

08.27.2026

Pfizer and BioNTech Receive U.S. FDA Approval for XFG-adapted COVID-19 Vaccine

08.14.2026

Pfizer and Valneva's Lyme Disease Vaccine Candidate Marketing Authorization Application Validated by European Medicines Agency

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 Advances Development of Next-Generation Infectious Disease Prevention Platform with Global Phase 1b CTA Submission for RSV Preventive Antibody Candidate

2026.08.14

:: Phase 1b study will evaluate safety and pharmacokinetics of RSM01 in approximately 80 infants aged 2 weeks to 8 months

:: Company expands its global portfolio beyond vaccines into antibody-based preventive technologies

:: Growing global R&D network strengthens capabilities in next-generation infectious disease prevention

Takeda

Newsroom - No new digest announcements identified.

Valneva

Press Releases

August 14, 2026

Pfizer and Valneva's Lyme Disease Vaccine Candidate Marketing Authorization Application Validated by European Medicines Agency

[6-valent outer surface protein A (OspA)-based Lyme disease vaccine candidate and will begin its assessment of the application.]

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 17 2026 Issue 3

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

Research Article

[Capturing Perceived Utility from Qualitative Studies of Genomic Sequencing: Translating a Conceptual Model into a Working Codebook](#)

Betty Cohn, Tesla Theorin, Olivia Sommerland, Priyanka Murali, Joon-Ho Yu, Kailyn Anderson, Kirsty McWalter, Britt Johnson, Dan Doherty, Michael J. Bamshad & Katherine E. MacDuffie

Pages: 129-140

Published online: 22 Jul 2026

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

Aug 06, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 8 p1583-1778

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

[This month in The Journal](#)

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Whereas cis-acting regulatory variants are located near their target genes and affect regions such as promoters and enhancers, trans-acting regulatory variants can be located anywhere in the genome and affect expression through a variety of indirect mechanisms. Trans-eQTLs contribute a sizable fraction of gene expression variation, but identifying these variants continues to pose challenges. Indeed, it is thought that mismapping of sequencing reads could lead to spurious results, suggesting the need to revisit the known catalog of trans-eQTLs for mismapping artifacts.

American Journal of Infection Control

August 2026 Volume 54 Issue 8 p829-930

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

August 2026 Volume 71 Issue 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

August 2026 116(8)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 115 (2026): Issue 2 (Aug 2026)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/115/2/tpmd.115.issue-2.xml>

Perspectives

[Operationalizing One Health Surveillance for Tropical Fungal Diseases: Practical Implications of Bioinformatics for Clinical and Epidemiological Practice](#)

Luz Miryam Lozada-Martinez, et al.

Review Article

[Coinfections of Chikungunya, Dengue, and Zika Viruses in India: Rationale for a Unified Triple Surveillance Approach](#)

Prem Prakash Pandey, et al.

Articles

[A Phase 1, Open Label, Safety Study of HBV-002 \(West Nile Recombinant Subunit Vaccine\) in Healthy Adults](#)

Beth-Ann G. Collier, et al.

Annals of Internal Medicine

August 2026 Volume 179, Issue 8

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

Original Research

[Adverse Events After Same-Day COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccination Versus Influenza Vaccination Alone - A Target Trial Emulation](#)

Yan Xie, PhD, Taeyoung Choi, MS and Ziyad Al-Aly, M

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 358 September 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/358/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

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BMC Health Services Research

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

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BMC Infectious Diseases

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BMC Medical Ethics

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BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

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BMC Public Health

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

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[Parental decision-making regarding childhood vaccination in Chile: a qualitative study](#)

Alexis Cruz, Emilie Karafillakis, Alexis M. Kalergis

Research Open access 27 August 2026

[Post-introduction evaluation of COVID-19 vaccine deployment in Ghana: lessons learnt to inform future new vaccine introductions and strengthen public health readiness, 2023](#)

Kwame Amponsa-Achiano, Angela K. Shen, Patrick Kuma-Aboagye

Research Open access 21 August 2026

[COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among reproductive-age women in Ethiopia: a spatial and multilevel analysis](#)

Abiyu Abadi Tareke, Awoke Keleb, Anissa Mohammed

Research Open access 18 August 2026

[Parental and health service-related factors influencing full pentavalent vaccine uptake among children aged 12-23 months in Nigeria: findings from the demographic and health survey](#)

Eyiyemi Toluwase Akeju, Dondo Jagusa Aatsav, Adeleye A. Adeomi
Research Open access 13 August 2026

[Prevalence and factors associated with immunization non-completion among children aged 12–23 months at Kisoro General Hospital, Uganda: a cross-sectional study](#)

Grace Acom, James Nelson Okema, John LR Elioba
Research Open access 12 August 2026

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 29 Aug 2026)

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BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

August 2026 - Volume 31 - 4

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/31/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Global Health

August 2026 - Volume 11 - 8

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/11/8>

Essay

[The arms industry as a commercial determinant of health in the Middle East: a call for research](#) (6 August, 2026)

Jihad Makhoul, Nason Maani, Dima El Hajj, Salsabil Abou Arabi, Razan Masry

Original Research

[Dynamics of global mpox epidemics, 1970–2025: a systematic review and meta-analysis of evolving transmissibility and intervention effects](#) (20 August, 2026)

Yin-Chien Lin, Tzai-Hung Wen, Wei-Liang Shih, Chia-Wei Liao, Sten H Vermund, Chi-Tai Fang

[Determinants of trust among ethnic minority community members towards community-based organisations and leaders during pandemics and other emergencies in Australia](#) (3 August, 2026)

Holly Seale, Pippa McDermid, Danielle H Heinrichs, Helen Bromhead, Katrina Blazek, Michael Camit, Nadia Chaves, Mitchell Smith, Cliff Goddard, Abdullah Masud, Lisa Woodland, Jim Macnamara, Mashreka Sarwar, Harris-Roxas Ben

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - July 2026

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2026-05/>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 104, Number 8, August 2026, 525-584

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

[A model for the epidemiological impact of tuberculosis policy options.](#)

Mandal S, Satyanarayana S, McQuaid F, Dodd PJ, Menzies NA, White RG, Arinaminpathy N, Houben RM, Dowdy DW, Smit M, Sahu S, Pretorius C.
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A controversial change in the sustainable development goal indicator for access to medicines.

Joosse IR, Doblaz Rodriguez de Guzman L, Mantel-Teeuwisse AK, van den Ham HA.
Bull World Health Organ. 2026 May 11;104(8):579-581. doi: 10.2471/BLT.25.294862.
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Identification of unvaccinated children, Madagascar.

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Bull World Health Organ. 2026 May 27;104(8):560-565. doi: 10.2471/BLT.25.295299.
PMCID: PMC13404387

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Aug 06, 2026 Volume 189 Issue 16 p4825-5150
<https://www.cell.com/cell/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Cell and Gene Therapy Insights

February 2026 Issue, Volume 12 Issue 1
<https://www.insights.bio/cell-and-gene-therapy-insights/journal/283/volume-12-issue-1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 52, Issue 5 September 2026
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 120, Issue 2 Pages: 289-562 August 2026
<https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

August 2026 Volume 48 Issue 8 p677-808
<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>

Special Issue on "Advancing Diversity, Racial Equity & Inclusion in Clinical Research - Part II"

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 23 Issue 4, August 2026
<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/CTJ/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>
[Accessed 29 Aug 2026]
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Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 167 August 2026
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/167/suppl/C>
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The CRISPR Journal

Volume 9 Issue 4, August 2026
<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tcja/9/4>
Editorial

Safe Speeding on the Highway of Science

Rodolphe Barrangou

... In the age of CRISPR, synthetic biology, and AI-enabled genome editing, the gap between creative explorers, inventors and scientists tinkering with the human genome and blazing new trails for genome editing on one side, and the public navigating the ethical challenges of rewriting our DNA on the other, can seem daunting. Confusion, uncertainty, and skepticism about how responsibly and safely these technologies are being deployed are understandable. Our imagination, history, and past technological and regulatory shortcomings warrant thoughtful consideration of how we should responsibly navigate the potentially treacherous highway of science. *The CRISPR Journal* has and continues to chronicle the many ethical considerations in play...

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 14, Issue 1 December 2026
<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/13-1>
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Current Medical Research and Opinion

Volume 42, Issue 6, 2026
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/current>
Research Article

RSV disease and vaccination knowledge, attitudes, and practices among US adults: a 2024–2025 RSV season survey

Elizabeth M. La, Kyli Gallington, David Singer, Tsion Fikre, Noha Eltoukhy, Yipin Han, Zaneta Balantac & Donald M. Bushnell

Pages: 1207-1218 Published online: 03 Jul 2026

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

August 2026 - Volume 39 - Issue 4

<https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>
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Current Protocols in Human Genetics

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19348258>
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Cytotherapy

September 2026 Volume 28 Issue 9
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[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 26, Issue 2 Pages: 81-130 June 2026
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>
Special Issue: Military Global Health Engagements
[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 36, 2026 Issue 4
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/36/4?nav=tocList>
[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 44, Issue 5 September 2026
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[New issue; No digest content identified]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 20 - 2026
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 50, Issue 3 July 2026
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

eBioMedicine

Volume 129 July 2026
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ebiomedicine/vol/128/suppl/C>
[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 27, Issue 13 July 2026

<https://link.springer.com/journal/44319/volumes-and-issues/27-13>

[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 32, Number 6—June 2026

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 55 June 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/55/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 154 - 2026

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 48, Issue 4 Pages: 1-45 July–August 2026

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current>

Organ-on-a-chip technology :: Consent and decisional incapacity

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Volume 40 - Issue 1 - Spring 2026

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/ethics-and-international-affairs/latest-issue>

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics, Medicine and Public Health

Volume 33 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ethics-medicine-and-public-health/vol/33/suppl/Cc>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 36, Issue 3, June 2026

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/36/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

Expert Review of Vaccines

Volume 25, 2026 Issue 1
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ierv20/current>
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September/October 2026 Volume 105, Number 5
<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2026/105/5>
Essays

AI and the New Age of Bioweapons

Preparing for a World of Synthetic Pathogens
Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall

Democracies Need Creative Destruction

How to Make Government Work Again
Jennifer Pahlka and Andrew Greenway

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 53, 2026 - Issue 1
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>

The Rebirth of the Global South: Geopolitics, Imageries, and Developmental Realities

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Frontiers in Genetics

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/genetics>
[Accessed 29 Aug 2026]

Review Published on 24 Aug 2026

Large language models in bioinformatics: a comprehensive survey

Zhigang Meng, et al.

Review Accepted on 21 Aug 2026

The European Health Data Space and Biobanking in Europe: Synergies, Tensions and the Future Governance of Data-Driven Health Research

Laura Grech, Nikolai Paul Pace

Frontiers in Genome Editing

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/genome-editing>
[Accessed 29 Aug 2026]

Mini Review Accepted on 07 Aug 2026

Emerging CRISPR-Cas Technology: Advances in Therapeutics, Delivery, Diagnostics and Clinical Translation

ANU PRIYA MINHAS, et al.

Frontiers in Medicine

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/medicine/volumes?volume-id=1463>
[Accessed 29 Aug 2026]

[No new digest content identified]

Gene Therapy – Nature

Volume 33 Issue 4, July 2026

<https://www.nature.com/gt/volumes/33/issues/4>

Review Article Open Access 27 Mar 2025

[Organoids – the future of pre-clinical development of AAV gene therapy for CNS disorders](#)

Vivienne M. Kaiser, Anai Gonzalez-Cordero

Genetics in Medicines

Volume 28, Issue 8 August 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/genetics-in-medicine/vol/28/issue/8>

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Genome Medicine

<https://genomemedicine.biomedcentral.com/articles>

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Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

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Global Legal Monitor & Legal Reports – Library of Congress/USA

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/global-legal-monitor/>

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<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-28-issue-1-june-2026/>

Special Section: Children's Right to Health

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

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<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>

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Health Policy and Planning

Volume 41, Issue 7, August 2026

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/41/7>

Original Articles

[**Aid, debt, International Monetary Fund conditionalities and domestic health financing in low- and middle-income countries**](#)

Frederik Federspiel and Josephine Borghi

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 41, Issue 7, August 2026, Pages 1049–1066,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czag070>

[**Participation of civil society organizations and academia in COVID-19 governance: insights from a six country study**](#)

Sumegha Asthana and others

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 41, Issue 7, August 2026, Pages 1154–1164,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czag063>

[**Approximating vaccine delivery costs to reach zero-dose children: a Bayesian meta-regression analysis**](#)

Allison Portnoy and others

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 41, Issue 7, August 2026, Pages 1269–1279,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czag085>

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Volume 37 Issue 13-14, July 2026

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/hgta/37/13-14>

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<https://odihpn.org/>

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Learning, reflection and adaptation in humanitarian research

August 24, 2026

Gemma Carder, Marta Bonsi, Mihaela Swift

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Jul 14, 2026 Volume 59 Issue 7 p1777-2054

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

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<http://www.infectagentscancer.com/>

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[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

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<http://www.idpjournals.com/content>

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[Springer-Nature site down at inquiry]

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Derek C. Angus, MD, MPH; Matthew B. O'Connor, MSJ

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Supported Decision-Making in Clinical Research

The Legal Landscape for Supported Decision-Making in the United States and its Application to Clinical Research

Nina A. Kohn, Megan S. Wright, Robert D. Dinerstein

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Article

Supported decision-making is rapidly gaining attention as an alternative to guardianship and other forms of surrogate decision-making for people with cognitive disabilities. This article provides an overview of the legal status of supported decision-making in the United States, with particular attention to how states are recognizing supported decision-making in different legal contexts. It then explores how the law of supported decision-making applies to clinical research. It explains that although federal research regulations and guidance do not explicitly address formal supported decision-making, individuals may use supported decision-making to make decisions about participating in clinical research and researchers may be required to allow such use under federal laws that protect against disability discrimination. It then concludes by considering legal barriers to greater use of supported decision-making and how these barriers might be overcome.

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Jeremy Farrar to leave WHO

Faith McLellan

The unexpected departure of the Assistant Director-General of Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Care has prompted concerns over leadership at WHO. Faith McLellan reports.

Jeremy Farrar, Assistant Director-General of Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Care at WHO, will leave the agency on Sept 30, 2026. His departure was unexpected.

Farrar, who was previously the second Chief Scientist in the history of WHO, has not given a reason publicly for his departure. An email from WHO's Director-General, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, sent to all staff on Aug 18, 2026, called it a "well-deserved retirement". A WHO spokesperson said that "Dr Farrar is reaching the WHO retirement age and will be retiring end of September." However, WHO staff rules permit the Director-General to override the normal retirement age for Assistant Director-General (ADG) posts and Farrar was appointed until August, 2027, generating scepticism over the official explanation. Farrar is to be succeeded by Bruce Aylward, who has held several senior positions at WHO.

Tedros praised Farrar, saying that he had "helped strengthen WHO's role as a trusted source of science, evidence and innovation, advancing the Organization's capacity to bring the best available knowledge to Member States and partners. He has championed integrated approaches to health promotion, prevention and care, with a consistent focus on equity, preparedness and the people WHO serves. We are grateful that he chose to bring his experience, energy and conviction to WHO". Farrar has been tipped as a candidate for the next Director-General of WHO, but he has repeatedly said he has no intention of running...

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WHO's operational role in emergencies: mandate and evolution

Richard Brennan, Esperanza Martinez, Firass Abiad, Philippe Lazzarini, Richard Peeperkorn

In the context of worsening geopolitical turmoil, attacks on multilateralism, expanding emergency demands, declining financial resources for global health, and a reforming international system, it is timely for WHO to reassess its mandate, priorities, and comparative advantage in emergencies such as outbreaks, natural disasters, conflicts, and technological emergencies. The Accra Reset, UN80, Humanitarian Reset, the growth of regional public health institutions, and review of the global health architecture provide precisely these opportunities.

A renewed debate has emerged over whether WHO should narrow its focus to technical and normative functions and withdraw from its operational role in emergencies, particularly in humanitarian settings.^{1,2} These discussions are unfolding when global emergency demands have never been greater. People in need of humanitarian assistance quadrupled from 77·9 million people in 2015³ to 305·9 million in 2025.⁴ Crises are increasingly convergent: conflict, disease outbreaks, and the impacts of the climate crisis now routinely overlap,⁵ with about 70% of cases of epidemic-prone diseases occurring in conflict settings.⁶ Substantial cuts in official development assistance since 2024 are projected to result in up to 22·6 million additional deaths by 2030.⁷

The proposal that WHO should withdraw from humanitarian operations when public health stakes are so high, especially for the world's populations most affected by the impacts of climate, conflict, and disease outbreaks, therefore raises serious questions...

Suggestions that WHO should now step back from operations would create challenges at a time of great emergency needs when resources are declining across the international system, and partner capacities and mandates are insufficient to fill gaps that would follow a WHO withdrawal.^{33,34} WHO's role in emergency operations has arguably never been more important, given its extensive country presence, trust of governments, wide partner networks, and strong linkages between technical and operational functions...

We propose five priorities. First, WHO's core functions of coordination, surveillance, outbreak control, and health logistics must be maintained. Second, retaining sufficient operational capacity to act as the provider of last resort in the most severe emergencies is essential. Third, WHO should expand collaboration to build the operational readiness of member states and local partners. Fourth, WHO should convene member states, partners, and donors to identify the gaps likely to emerge as WHO adjusts to a constrained resource environment and explore options to address them. Finally, WHO must engage in sustained, evidence-based advocacy for collective action to ensure that priority health gaps are consistently met in the most severe crises.

By pursuing these actions, WHO would adhere to its mandate, work to its comparative advantage, and help to ensure that the world's most vulnerable populations have access to life-saving and life-sustaining health services when they need them most.

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[How to manage AI risks while reaping the benefits](#)

As the world debates how to regulate artificial intelligence, Europe's lawmakers are doing a lot of the heavy lifting.

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[Systems vaccinology and the architecture of human immunity](#)

Bali Pulendran

Abstract

Vaccination is one of the greatest triumphs in human history. Traditionally, vaccines were designed to stimulate antibody responses that block infection, but this overlooks the immune system's complex and multifaceted defence mechanisms. Here we review the current state of the field of systems vaccinology, which has transformed vaccine research by using vaccines as controlled probes of the human immune system and by applying multi-omics and computational approaches to reveal the nature of human immunity. These approaches have identified molecular signatures that predict the magnitude and durability of immune responses and revealed new human biology, including how host genetics, metabolism and the microbiome shape immunity, and demonstrated that host defence

emerges from coordinated immune programs spanning baseline immune state, early response dynamics and tissue-level interactions. Rapid advances in artificial intelligence are beginning to accelerate the distillation of knowledge and understanding from vast multi-omics datasets. These developments position systems vaccinology as a powerful framework for rational vaccine design. However, despite its considerable impact on discovery and human immunology, considerable challenges remain in translating these insights into clinical and regulatory practice. Addressing this translational gap will be essential for realizing the full potential of systems vaccinology to deliver safer, more effective vaccines against existing and emerging infectious threats.

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[A revolutionary stem-cell therapy must proceed responsibly to achieve its full potential](#)

It is 20 years since induced pluripotent stem cells shook biomedicine. Public trust must be retained now that clinical trials are well under way.

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[Safety and security of large language models in healthcare](#)

The Review examines rapid LLM adoption in clinical care, outlining emerging security and safety risks across development stages, key protective layers, clinically relevant threats and current mitigation responsibilities in a single integrated framework.

Jan Clusmann, Oscar Freyer, Jakob Nikolas Kather

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Philip J. Kranzusch

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A framework comprising four dimensions—autonomy, efficacy, goal complexity and generality—is proposed for characterizing AI agents, supporting the construction of agentic profiles for the effective governance of different AI agents.

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Editorial

[A democracy tax in support of science](#)

By John Palfrey 13 Aug 2026

...The scientific enterprise is essential to a functioning democracy in the 21st century. Research advances knowledge from the origins of the Universe to the depths of the sea. It finds cures for diseases, keeps the planet prosperous, and improves the world's infrastructure—but only if researchers are allowed to pursue the truth. Citizens cannot tell the truth if they do not know the truth. Those who believe in free, open, and responsive institutions must recognize how critically linked science is to democracy itself and defend its integrity with every tool at their disposal.

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[Beyond zero-dose: routine immunization retention gaps in the Dominican Republic, 2019–2025](#)

Manuel Colomé-Hidalgo, José Brea

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[A historical overview of the anti-vaccine movement and its public health implications](#)

Jessica Brown, Haley Brennan, Carly Brand Levine, Lisa Gwynn

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[High-Resolution Mapping of DTP1–3 and MCV1 Immunization Coverage and Estimates of Zero-Dose and Under-Vaccinated Children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

Krishnaveni K. Sasi, et al.

Vaccines 2026, 14(9), 754; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14090754> (registering DOI)

28 August 2026

Background/Objectives: Immunization coverage in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) consistently falls short of global standards, placing the country among those with the highest prevalence of unvaccinated or “zero-dose” children....

Article

[Does Migration Affect a Child’s Immunization Coverage? A Cross-Sectional Analytical Study of India](#)

Pawan Kumar, et al.

Vaccines 2026, 14(9), 744; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14090744>

26 August 2026

Introduction: India’s immunization initiatives are among the largest globally, characterized by a substantial birth cohort of 27 million children annually, and have achieved significant progress in increasing coverage through the UIP. However,...

Article

[Zero-Dose Children and Nutrition-Service Gaps: A Case for Integrated Delivery in Low- and Middle-Income Countries](#)

Kevin Tang, et al.

Vaccines 2026, 14(9), 740;<https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14090740>

26 August 2026

Background/Objectives: Zero-dose children, defined as those who have not received any routine vaccines, are a central priority of global immunization equity efforts and are widely considered to be among the most deprived children. This study examined...

Review

Dengue Vaccines in a Changing Epidemiological Landscape: Current Evidence, Unresolved Challenges, and Public Health Considerations

Susanna Esposito and Nicola Principi

Vaccines 2026, 14(9), 729;<https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14090729>

23 August 2026

Background: Dengue has expanded rapidly beyond traditional tropical and subtropical regions, driven by climate change, urbanization, population mobility, and the spread of competent Aedes vectors. Vaccination is an increasingly important component of...

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Scaling Adolescent Immunity: Multi-Age Cohort Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Campaigns in West Africa—Evidence from Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, and Sierra Leone

Ado Mpia Bwaka, et al.

Vaccines 2026, 14(9), 728;<https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14090728>

23 August 2026

Background: Cervical cancer remains a major public health problem, causing approximately 660,000 new cases and 348,000 deaths annually, with more than 90% occurring in low- and middle-income countries. The WHO African Region accounts for approximatel...

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Beyond Hesitancy: Current Multi-Level Polio Vaccine Refusals and Pathways to Acceptance in a High-Risk Region of Pakistan

Farhana Tabassum, et al.

Vaccines 2026, 14(8), 719;<https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14080719>

19 August 2026

Background: Pakistan is one of only two countries where wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) continues to persist. Vaccine refusals challenge efforts to end the virus, especially in high-risk communities. Methods: A qualitative exploratory study took place...

Value in Health

August 2026 Volume 29 Issue 8 p1329-1538

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World Medical Journal – Official Journal of The World Medical Association

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[arXiv:2608.25236](#) [pdf, html, other]

[Rare Diseases, Common Dilemmas: LLMs Prioritize Equal Resource Distribution over Patient Benefit in Decision-Making](#)

[Minda Zhao](#), [Xu Han](#), [Rishabh Goel](#), [Maya Dagan](#), [Noa Dagan](#), [Adithya Madduri](#), [Payal Chandak](#), [Shilpa Nadimpalli Kobren](#), [Isaac S. Kohane](#)

Clinical decision-making often involves prioritizing ethical values, such as beneficence, non-maleficence, respecting a patient's autonomy, and justice. Recent work has begun to assess how large language models (LLMs) make such subjective, value-laden clinical judgments. However, evaluations of LLM decision-making in rare disease care contexts, where ethical tensions are ubiquitous and where scarce prior information likely impacts LLM behavior, are still lacking. Here, we present a benchmark of 208 clinically grounded rare disease vignettes, each of which presents genuine, high-stakes conflicts. When prompting 11 state-of-the-art LLMs to choose between clinically defensible yet ethically conflicting next steps embedded within these vignettes, we found that all evaluated models consistently prioritized justice over other core bioethical principles. Specifically, models overwhelmingly favor equal resource allocation over need-based considerations, indicating LLMs' limited responsiveness to differences in clinical severity or situational context. We also identify a strong authority-framing effect: models favor justice in committee-based contexts and shift toward beneficence and autonomy only when final decisions are framed as being made by clinicians or patients respectively. Our work suggests that institutional pressures surrounding rare disease resource utilization may be silently reflected in LLM-based decision support systems, with finer ethical considerations disregarded.

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[Genomic impact of the second plague pandemic on three human populations](#)

Xiaodong Liu, Kristján Moore, S. Sunna Ebenesersdóttir, Caroline Ahlström Arcini, Gordon Turner-Walker, Sean Dexter Denham, Philip Slavin, Maja Birk Sørensen, Sascha Dreyer Nielsen, Martin R. Ellegaard, Åshild J. Vågane, Ashot Margaryan, Miren Iraeta-Orbegozo, Dorothea Mylopotamitaki, Jason Laffoon, Bente Philippsen, Maria Cinthio, Rimantas Jankauskas, Justina Kozakaitė, Ethel Vol, Ariel Lomes, Shamam Waldman, Shai Carmi, Lars Alfredsson, Gianpiero L. Cavalleri, Hao Shan Chen, Olivia Cheronet, Lea Demetz, Doris Nguemo Emeruem, Daniel Fernandes, Pere Gelabert, Edmund Gilbert, Thomas F. Hansen, Eivind Hovig, Ingrid Kockum, Alejandro Llanos-Lizcano, Victoria Oberreiter, Tomas Olsson, Ron Pinhasi, Elisa Praxmarer, Birgitte Skar, Thomas Werge, James F Wilson, Hans K. Stenøien, Hannes Schroeder, Michael D. Martin, Axel Christophersen, Kári Stefánsson, M Thomas P Gilbert, Shyam Gopalakrishnan, Agnar Helgason, Ida Moltke
bioRxiv 2026.06.29.730585; doi: <https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.06.29.730585>

Abstract

The second plague pandemic (early 14th – early 19th centuries), caused by *Yersinia pestis*, had a profound demographic, socio-economic and cultural impact across Eurasia and North Africa. Many regions in Europe and the Middle East are estimated to have lost 40–60% of their human populations, with some areas suffering even higher mortality. Whether exposure to *Y. pestis* drove strong positive selection on protective genetic variants in the human genome, and how the pandemic shaped migration patterns, remains debated despite several recent studies based on ancient DNA. Here, we analyse a markedly larger, higher-coverage, and geographically diverse whole-genome sequencing dataset from 529 ancient individuals (mean depth 8.8x) dating to either before or after the arrival of the pandemic at three sites in northern Europe: Trondheim (Norway), Lund (Sweden) and Vilnius (Lithuania). Genome-wide scans for selection provide no evidence for strong positive selection acting on specific genetic variants driven by *Y. pestis* exposure: we neither replicate selection signatures reported by previous studies nor identify credible novel genome-wide significant candidates. However, at all three sites, we observe a reduction in long-range immigration, indicated by a drop in the diversity of ancestry that followed the arrival of *Y. pestis* and broadly coincided with the end of the Viking Age, Christianisation and the onset of the Little Ice Age. Our results shed important light on the demographic impact of major sociohistorical changes that occurred during the late Medieval period in Scandinavia and the Baltic region and link Christianisation to increased diversity in ancestry before the pandemic.

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CGD NOTE

AI RCTs Are Booming—To Be Useful, They Must Evolve

Tim Ohlenburg et al.

August 27, 2026

AI RCTs are on the rise, a trend that's set to continue, and is likely to intensify. But randomising a rapidly evolving, increasingly widely adopted, technology poses a distinct set of challenges. So how can we actually garner durable, generalisable and policy relevant insights?

POLICY PAPER

A Thematic Review of the Potential Future Role of the World Bank in Financing Health Systems

Cordelia Kenney et al.

August 13, 2026

Sharp aid cuts in 2025 and the immediate financing crisis they precipitated have brought to the fore calls to address longstanding challenges in the global health aid architecture. While a greater role for multilateral development banks (MDBs) moving forward has been suggested, the feasibility and s...

CASE STUDY

Designing Direct-to-Government Assistance: Three Case Studies in Global Health Financing

Deborah Cook Kaliei and Phillip Palmer

August 10, 2026

In September 2025, the US State Department released the America First Global Health Strategy, announcing a major shift in how the United States programs foreign assistance in one of its largest sectors, representing over \$13 billion in FY 2024. Global health dollars, the strategy states, will now fl...

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Lessons from Covid-19 for Global Health Security

Health access is fundamentally a systems challenge that depends on the interaction between the innovation system, which generates new technologies through research and investment, and the delivery system, which manufactures, distributes, and administers medicines.

Report by Anne Pritchett, Alexander Kersten, and Shruti Sharma — August 27, 2026

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Newsroom

Study Reveals that Atlantic Climate Variability Enables the Prediction of Leishmaniasis Outbreaks in North Africa

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Realising the 100 Days Mission: Accelerating Defence and Health Capabilities for Medical Countermeasures Readiness

This paper examines how the defence and health sectors can collaborate to advance the 100 Days Mission, drawing on capability mapping, stakeholder interviews, and a scenario-based exercise to identify priority joint capabilities.

Research Aug 18, 2026

[Building a Defense-in-Depth Biosecurity Strategy for the AI Era](#)

The authors develop a layered mitigation strategy for responding to the threat of misusing artificial intelligence-enabled biology. They examine mitigations' strengths and weaknesses, describe areas of mutual reinforcement, and propose next steps.

Research Aug 18, 2026

[Personal Protective Equipment Prioritization and Demand: Using Occupational Characteristics to Understand Risk and Benefits](#)

This report presents an occupation-based framework to estimate vital workforce size and personal protective equipment demand during a pandemic. An interactive dashboard supports scenario-based planning at the national, state, and regional levels.

Expert Insights Aug 18, 2026

[Mirror Biology Research: Implications for Operational Governance](#)

The most pressing deficit in the mirror biology research landscape is the gap between its recognition as a governance challenge and the absence of a concerted effort to govern it; the authors develop a preliminary framework to close this gap.

Research Aug 11, 2026

[Testing Large Language Model Agents on the Use of Biological Tools for Nucleic Acid Synthesis Screening Evasion](#)

Large language model agents demonstrate an emerging ability to use biological tools to redesign peptides and proteins for nucleic acid synthesis screening evasion, indicating that agents could lower expertise barriers for hazardous capabilities.

Commentary Aug 10, 2026

[New Models of Health-Defence Collaboration: A Shared Plan to Achieve the 100 Days Mission](#)

Epidemic and pandemic threats are a matter of national, regional, and international security. The evolving risks demand strengthened collaboration across the health and defence communities to bring their unique expertise and resources to bear, to prepare faster and more effectively.

Urban Institute [to 29 Aug 2026]

<https://www.urban.org/research>

New Research Publications - Selected

Research Report

[Anticompetitive Tactics Delaying Generic Drug Entry and Price Competition](#)

A Rapid Review of Market Barriers and Delays, Costs, and Potential Reforms

[Lisa Clemans-Cope](#), [Jessica Banthin](#)

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WMA - Declaration of Taipei Revision Launched [Ongoing]

...The Declaration of Taipei tries to achieve a balance between the rights of individuals giving their tissue or data for research and other purposes based on confidentiality and privacy rules while at the same time recognising that health data has become a very powerful tool for increasing knowledge.

In analysing the scenarios that already exist for the use (and misuse) of health data and biobanks, we came to the conclusion that the major risk scenarios may not result from science, but from the commercial, administrative or political use of such data. Limiting our guidelines to research only would have left us blind to the imminent risk of abuse from outside the field of medicine: commercialization, cost-cutting and potential political abuse.

Therefore, in contrast to the Declaration of Helsinki, this policy aims to address any use of health databases and biobanks excluding individual treatment and is not restricted to research. As physicians are the primary custodians of confidential health information, they feel an obligation towards their patients and other persons who entrust them with their data and specimens...

In April 2025, the WMA appointed a workgroup to initiate the revision process of this document. To encourage as much global participation in the revision process as possible, the WMA is collaborating with its members to host a series of regional meetings...

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