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***Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review resumes publication
with this edition following duty travel by the Editor.***

Milestones, Perspectives

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Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) – October 2026

5 – 8 October 2026

Meeting materials

- Draft agenda
- Declaration of Interest
- SAGE Yellow Book – October 2026
- SAGE Green Book – October 2026

Highlights from the Meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization 5-8 October 2026

Issued 15 October 2026

"The full report will be published in the Weekly Epidemiological Record on 18 December 2026, and only the wording of the full report should be considered final"

[Initial excerpts; Full report text available at title link above]

Session 1

Report from the Department of Immunization, Vaccines, and Biologicals.

- Immunization evidence-informed decisions under threat. Evidence-informed decisions face threats from geopolitical fragmentation and rising nationalism; misinformation; falling public trust as a general social shift; yet resource constraints increase the need for evidence-driven prioritization by governments.
- Greatest risks towards immunization IA2030 goals. The Big Catch-Up reduced serious vaccination backlog across 2019-2024 cohorts, but persisting high numbers of zero-dose children, dropout rates, and uneven vaccination coverage threaten achievement of IA2030 goals.
- Sustaining the gains and maturity of national immunization programmes. SAGE encouraged countries to employ structured decision-making tools, such as the GRADE Evidence-to-Decision frameworks, to systematically inform and transparently document the evidence supporting their policy decisions.
- Safeguarding evidence-informed immunization policy and programme requires dedicated investments to bridge the gap between rapid vaccine development and the evidence needed to drive downstream vaccine policies, access and use.
- Positioning SAGE for the future. SAGE must adapt its processes to meeting evolving evidence, policy needs, and funding environment. Artificial intelligence can support this work, but only with clear standards and human responsibility governing its use.

Report from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

- Important progress with persistent equity gaps: Gavi-eligible country immunization programme performance exceeded the strategy period targets for number of children immunized and breadth of protection; over 95 million girls receiving HPV vaccine by end-2025, surpassing the 86 million target. However, targets for reducing zero-dose1
- 1 Children who have not received the first dose of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis containing vaccines. children and achieving coverage with three doses of diphtheria tetanus and pertussis containing vaccines (DTP3) were not met.
- Gavi funding shortfalls will require vaccine prioritization and optimization: There is a significant shortfall in covering the cost of the Gavi 2026-2030 strategy (Gavi 6.0) requiring countries

- to prioritize within allocated Gavi funding budgets. SAGE expressed concern about the separation between guaranteed and discretionary budgets for vaccines. Noting the important role of National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NITAG) in making decisions underpinning country Gavi applications, SAGE emphasized the need to ensure adequate funding of NITAGs to enable evidence-informed prioritization decisions.
- Risks to existing immunization programmes and achieved gains: SAGE noted that currently available Gavi funding is insufficient to maintain use of vaccines currently included in national immunization programmes, which jeopardizes country gains achieved to date and may undermine trust in vaccine programmes. SAGE recommended that the upcoming Gavi Board 'Upcalibration' exercise include maintaining existing vaccine programmes in countries as a priority principle for allocation of additional funding.
- Acceleration of introduction of diphtheria-containing vaccine booster doses as part of national immunization programmes. SAGE urged Gavi to explore options to support the introduction and scale up of diphtheria-containing vaccine booster doses in eligible countries in the Gavi 6.0 period to mitigate the risk of disruptive outbreaks and reduce the need for outbreak response vaccination...

Sessions: [*highlights [text at title link above](#)*]

Session 2 - Ebola vaccines

Session 3 - Yellow fever vaccines

Session 4 - Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines

Session 5 - Mpox vaccines

Session 6 - Diphtheria-containing vaccines for outbreak prevention and response

Session 7 - Poliomyelitis

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UN General Assembly – Political declaration on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (PPPR)

[General Assembly: 19th plenary meeting, 81st session](#)

Production Date: 12 Oct 2026 Video Length: 01:53:22

[Debate on the political declaration on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response begins at about 50:00]

- Global health and foreign policy - Item 129: Draft resolution (A/81/L.6)

153 in Favour; 3 Against [Argentina, Israel, USA]; 2 Abstentions: 2 [New Zealand, Paraguay]

[WHO welcomes adoption of United Nations political declaration on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response](#)

12 October 2026 *News release*

The World Health Organization (WHO) welcomes today's adoption by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) of the Political declaration on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (PPPR).

The Declaration provides a strong reaffirmation of the global solidarity and commitment needed to protect future generations from the devastating impacts of pandemics.

"WHO welcomes this strong commitment by UN Member States to continue working together on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response," said **Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General**. **"The world has come a long way since COVID-19. We urge countries to**

now fulfil the commitments they have made – especially to finalize negotiations on the Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing system (PABS) annex, so the WHO Pandemic Agreement can be opened for signature, begin the process of ratification and enter into force as international law.”

Member States considered the Declaration during the second UNGA High-level Meeting on PPPR on 25 September 2026 and referred it to the full General Assembly for today's adoption...

The Declaration underscores the need for a holistic approach that treats pandemic preparedness as a health issue, development, economic and security imperative requiring coordinated action across sectors.

Members States particularly highlighted the urgent need to conclude negotiations on the PABS Annex as a key component of the WHO Pandemic Agreement. The outcome of the PABS negotiations will be considered at the next World Health Assembly in May 2027 or earlier through a special session of the Assembly. Its adoption would enable the Pandemic Agreement to enter into force and help deliver a more equitable, coordinated and effective global response to future pandemic threats.

The UNGA Political Declaration sets out a clear agenda to strengthen global health security. Key priorities include enhancing monitoring systems, investing in national capacities, and implementing the amended International Health Regulations (2005).

The Declaration also calls for empowering communities, ensuring timely access to pathogens and equitable benefit-sharing, expanding local and regional manufacturing and research and development capacity, and securing sustainable financing. These actions combined will inevitably bolster international cooperation and result in greater solidarity and equity.

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PABS Annex

[Intergovernmental Working Group \[IGWG\] on the WHO Pandemic Agreement – Next Meeting 02-13 November 2026](#)

The IGWG serves as a platform for countries to collaboratively shape the operational details of the WHO Pandemic Agreement. The Group's work includes the development of an annex on Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS) – a system designed to ensure transparent and equitable sharing of pathogen samples and genetic sequence data.

[No agenda or other meeting materials posted as yet]

[Member States advance negotiations on pathogen access and benefit-sharing ahead of UN General Assembly meeting on pandemics](#)

WHO News Release 18 September 2026

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WHO Pandemic Hub

[WHO Pandemic Hub sets ambitious goal to detect new outbreaks within 24 hours](#)

News release, 12 October 2026 Berlin

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** launched a new **five-year strategy** for its **Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence**, charting a path towards a world where every country can detect and understand emerging health threats within 24 hours of their appearance by 2030.

Strengthening rapid detection is a cornerstone of global health security, helping countries contain outbreaks before they escalate into larger epidemics or spread internationally.

The Hub's strategy aims to equip every country with the capabilities needed to rapidly identify and understand emerging health threats, thus supporting them in developing the systems, capacities and partnerships necessary to prevent outbreaks from escalating into epidemics or pandemics.

Speaking at the opening of the World Health Summit in Berlin, in the presence of Germany's Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Health, Georg Kippels, WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus reflected on the Hub's achievements in the five years since its creation. "Five years after its establishment, the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence has become an integral part of the global health security system," he said. "Its new strategy charts a clear path towards 2030, uniting governments and partners around a shared goal: a world in which every country can rapidly respond to health threats before they turn into major crises."

The WHO Hub was created in 2021 with foundational support from the German Government in response to the critical gaps exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, it has worked with 160 WHO Member States, 190 partner organizations, and thousands of scientists and policymakers to detect new epidemic threats, sequence and identify pathogens, and support rapid action to protect communities around the world.

Under the next five-year strategy, the Hub will build on the achievements and deliver its work through five priority initiatives:

- **Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS)** uses artificial intelligence to scan thousands of publicly available sources in real time each day to identify signals of potential health threats. It brings together a global community of over 4000 experts and is being used by over 125 Member States and 30 regional and international organizations.
- **The International Pathogen Surveillance Network (IPSN)** strengthens capacities in genomic sequencing and bioinformatics to identify and understand emerging pathogens. This helps accelerate the development of tests, treatments and vaccines.
- **The Collaboratory** connects more than 2000 experts in modelling and data science who can be rapidly mobilized when new threats emerge.
- **The Collaborative Surveillance Initiative**, which is being implemented in more than 83 countries, supports national institutions, systems and workforces to detect health threats through a One Health approach.
- **The Digital Enablers for Public Health Intelligence Initiative**, a new programme, will develop secure digital systems that enable countries and partners to share, analyze and use data while supporting the responsible adoption of artificial intelligence.

The Hub is a critical pillar of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme and of our collective ability to respond to emergencies. It acts as a convener of partners, a catalyst for innovation, and a mobilizer of expertise and resources. Achieving the ambition of the strategy will require sustained investment, trusted partnerships, and strong cooperation across sectors, disciplines, and borders.

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Vector-Borne Disease

WOAH calls for stronger surveillance and preparedness as reported vector-borne disease events are on the rise

Statement - World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)

Published on 9 October 2026

WOAH calls on its Members to strengthen surveillance, early warning and preparedness for vector-borne diseases (VBDs)...**Analysis of official reports submitted through the World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS) shows a steady increase of the frequency (incidence) of some of these VBDs and the overall number of countries reporting these diseases.**

Vector-borne diseases are currently showing a marked change in global distribution, with **climate change acting as an important driver, alongside anthropogenic factors, vectors ecology, ecological disruption, higher mobility of animals and humans.**

Analysis of official information reported through WAHIS indicates **a marked increase in reported exceptional epidemiological events for several VBDs with important implications for animal health, biodiversity conservation, food security, livelihoods and the resilience of Veterinary Services worldwide.**

A marked rise since 2023

Data reported through WAHIS reveal a marked rise in VBDs notified to WOAH through WAHIS from 2023 onward, concentrated in a small number of diseases and countries. **Bluetongue accounts for the largest amount of this increase**, with an average of 38 exceptional epidemiological events per year recorded in 2023–2025 compared with an average of 9.1 events per year between 2015 and 2022 — driven mainly by the incursion of the BTV-3 serotype into north-western Europe beginning in autumn 2023.

West Nile fever (a zoonosis that can cause encephalitis in humans) events increased substantially from 8.0 per year on average to 55 per year. Equine infectious anemia showed more moderate increase, led by an increase in reporting of cases in countries in the Americas. By contrast, other listed vector-borne diseases, including lumpy skin disease, have generally remained close to their historical baseline in term of number of exceptional epidemiological events, but have significantly increased their geographic range from Africa to Middle East, Europe and Asia...

The observed trends are consistent with the demonstrated relationship between climate change and vector ecology highlighted in WOAH's 2025 State of the World's Animal Health report...

Other factors—including ecological change, unregulated animal movements and trade, and changes in wildlife–livestock–human interactions—can also influence VBD emergence and spread. Many of the vectors involved pathogens that affect both animals and humans, reinforcing the need for surveillance and response that spans the animal–human–environment interface...

WOAH's international standards — including the Terrestrial Code recommendations on surveillance for arthropod vectors — provide the scientific foundation for Members to assess vector presence, distribution and abundance, and to design surveillance strategies proportionate to risk...

WOAH calls on its Members to:

- **Strengthen integrated surveillance and early warning**, combining vector, disease and environmental data to detect changes in distribution, abundance and transmission risk at an early stage before they escalate;
- **Report vector-borne disease events promptly and transparently** through the World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS), including relevant information on serotypes and strains where available;
- **Invest in entomological, laboratory and diagnostic capacity**, including within national Veterinary Services and in collaboration with WOA Reference Centres, to sustain vector monitoring and disease surveillance over the long term;
- **Adopt risk-based, science-based control measures**, including timely vaccination with quality-assured and epidemiologically appropriate vaccines, vector control and movement management, adapted to the local ecology and epidemiological situation;
- **Strengthen cross-sectoral and cross-border collaboration**, including through regional networks and initiatives such as PROVNA, GF-TADs, VectorNet, MediLabSecure among others and the Quadripartite One Health activities, to anticipate and respond to vectors that do not recognise national boundaries; and
- **Facilitate safe trade through science-based measures**, ensuring that import risk management measures are proportionate to the identified risk and consistent with WOA International Standards...

WOAH remains committed to supporting its Members through its international standards, expert networks, data systems and scientific collaboration to anticipate, prevent and respond to vector-borne disease evolving threat.

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National Vaccine Schedules: Science, Evidence

Diseases we almost defeated could return, WMA warns over childhood vaccine schedule changes

World Medical Association [WMA]

Press Releases, 14.10.2026

The World Medical Association (WMA) has warned that changes to childhood vaccination schedules that are not evidence-based could bring back diseases that were close to elimination. Such changes would compromise global health and threaten the future of children worldwide.

At its 77th General Assembly in Rotterdam, the WMA adopted, as amended, its Resolution on Childhood Vaccination Schedules.

The resolution recognises each country's independence in health matters. It notes, however, that history has repeatedly shown how decisions on epidemiological matters can affect the entire world, especially in today's globalised context. An outbreak of measles or meningitis endangers the most vulnerable populations and can spread to neighbouring countries, particularly those with very limited capacity to respond.

"Vaccine schedules save children's lives because they are built on rigorous science," said Dr Jung Yul Park, President of the WMA. "When they are changed without evidence, the consequences do not stop at national borders. Diseases we had almost defeated can return, and children everywhere pay the price. Decisions on childhood vaccination must be guided by evidence and by the best interests of children."

The WMA calls for rapid and timely evidence on vaccinations in the case of emerging infections and variants. It also reaffirms its commitment to universal vaccination as a cornerstone of progress in a globalised world.

In line with the amended resolution, **the WMA calls for research across the globe to be conducted in accordance with the ethical principles of the Declaration of Helsinki.**

Individuals, teams and organisations conducting research must give particular consideration to research participants in situations of vulnerability. Children can be in a situation of greater vulnerability as research participants, and vaccination research with children in situations of particular vulnerability is only justified if it responds to their health needs and priorities.

WMA Resolution on Childhood Vaccination Schedules

*Adopted by the 232nd WMA Council session, Belgrade, Serbia, April 2026
and adopted as a WMA Resolution, as amended, by the 77th WMA General Assembly,
Rotterdam, the Netherlands, October 2026*

PREAMBLE

The World Medical Association is concerned by changes to childhood vaccination schedules that are not evidence-based.

Although we recognise each country's independence in health matters, history has shown us time and again how decisions on epidemiological matters can affect the entire world, and even more so in today's globalised context.

Changes to childhood vaccination schedules that are not evidence-based can lead to the resurgence of diseases previously on the verge of extinction, compromising global health and threatening the future of the children worldwide. An outbreak of measles or meningitis endangers the most vulnerable populations and can spread to other nearby countries, especially those with very limited response capacity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recalling its Statement on the Priority of Immunisation, the WMA warns against changes to childhood vaccination schedules that are not evidence-based. The WMA also calls for rapid and timely evidence for vaccinations in the case of emerging infections and variants. The WMA emphasises its commitment to universal vaccination and its importance as a cornerstone of progress in a globalised world.
2. Recalling the Declaration of Helsinki, the WMA calls upon all individuals, teams, and organizations involved in medical research on vaccination efficacy and schedules to uphold its ethical guidance, including its guidance on vulnerability. Children can be in a situation of more vulnerability as research participants. Vaccination research with children in situations of particular vulnerability is only justified if it is responsive to their health needs and priorities.

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

WHO

Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus - Democratic Republic of the Congo

Disease Outbreak News – 8 October 2026

Situation at a glance

On 5 October 2026, WHO was informed about a laboratory-confirmed imported case of Bundibugyo virus disease (BVD) in Kenya with travel history from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The patient travelled from the Democratic Republic of the Congo to Kenya through Uganda. The patient was hospitalized and treated in Kenya but subsequently died on 5 October.

Public health response measures have been initiated in Kenya and Uganda, including contact tracing. Since the last Disease Outbreak News was published on 25 September 2026, the Bundibugyo virus outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has expanded to one additional health zone, Alimbongo health zone in North Kivu, adding to the geographic footprint of an outbreak that remains concentrated in the eastern part of the country. As of 6 October 2026, the country has recorded 8728 confirmed cases and 4205 confirmed deaths, corresponding to a crude case fatality ratio (CFR) of 48.2%. The cases have been reported from 64 health zones across seven provinces out of 26 provinces of the country: Bas-Uélé, Haut-Uélé, Ituri, North Kivu, South Kivu, Sud Ubangi and Tshopo. At the national level, transmission remains intense, although the burden is unevenly distributed. In some areas, there are clear signs that the epidemic is slowing down, although in others it continues to grow. Over the past three completed epidemiological weeks, new weekly cases nationwide have increased by 2.5% from 475 to 487, while new weekly deaths remain stable at 224 compared to 222. The persistently high mortality, together with the large number of deaths occurring outside treatment centres, continues to point to delays in identifying illness and reaching appropriate care.

Since the last Disease Outbreak News, 264 of the 372 reported deaths occurred in communities and 108 in treatment centres. On 1 October, the Netherlands reported the medical evacuation of a healthcare worker who tested positive by PCR for Bundibugyo virus (BDBV) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. At the time of reporting, the patient has been undergoing treatment in the Netherlands.

Kenya confirms first imported Bundibugyo virus disease case; WHO supports control efforts

WHO African Region, 6 October 2026 | *News Release*

Public health advice on Bundibugyo virus disease for internally displaced people, refugees and migrants living in camps or camp-like settings

WHO 5 October 2026 | Guidance (normative)

Overview

This public health advice addresses the need for tailored measures to help prevent and control the spread of Bundibugyo virus (BVD) among people living in camps and camp-like settings. It outlines practical context-specific advice on nine themes: BVD transmission; access to treatment; infection prevention and control measures; access to water, sanitation and hygiene; communication, engagement and support; safe and dignified burials; protection and support for the most vulnerable; protecting the health workforce; stigma, discrimination and exclusion; and mental health and psychosocial support.

The advice is intended for authorities, service providers, outbreak responders and others working with internally displaced people, refugees and migrants. It should be adapted to local circumstances in consultation with camp authorities, displaced populations and host communities. Meaningful engagement with affected populations is essential for identifying acceptable and workable solutions, understanding local concerns and establishing effective feedback mechanisms.

This publication is based on current evidence and good public health practices and is intended to complement guidance from national health authorities and humanitarian partners.

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Africa CDC

Africa CDC Reaffirms Support to Kenya Following Confirmation of Four Additional Ebola Cases

17 October 2026

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) acknowledges the announcement by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kenya confirming four additional cases of Ebola Virus

Disease (Bundibugyo virus), bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the country to seven, including one death.

According to the Ministry of Health, all four new cases were detected among individuals already under quarantine following exposure to the initial case. They include three healthcare workers and one family member. All four individuals are receiving supportive care at a designated treatment facility. Their early identification demonstrates the critical role of contact tracing, surveillance and timely isolation in interrupting transmission and protecting communities.

Africa CDC commends the Government of Kenya, through its Ministry of Health and national public health institutions, for its leadership, swift public health measures and transparent communication throughout the response...

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Regions / Nation States

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UN System/Multilateral Institutions

World Bank Group Expands Ongoing Support for Ebola Response in DRC and the Region

October 13, 2026 | *Press Release*

The World Bank Group is expanding its support for ongoing government and regional led efforts to contain the Ebola outbreak, protect frontline health workers and affected communities, sustain essential health services, and save lives.

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INGOs, CSOs

MSF -Children are being left behind in the current Ebola disease outbreak response

DRC Ebola outbreaks

Press Release 15 Oct 2026

:: The Ebola disease outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo is disproportionately impacting children, with the youngest children facing the highest risk of death.

:: Children are also being left behind in the research of innovative medical tools.

:: Ongoing and future studies on Bundibugyo virus, the virus driving this outbreak, must include children.

MSF - Ebola disease outbreak spreads like a megafire in North Kivu as new hotspots multiply

MSF - DRC Ebola outbreaks

Project Update 5 Oct 2026

WMA Deeply Concerned by Bundibugyo Ebola Outbreak, Slow International Response and Escalating Violence

World Medical Association [WMA]

October 8, 2026

The World Medical Association (WMA) is **deeply concerned by the scale of the Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak, the slow, inadequate international response, and escalating violence.**

Declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on 17 May 2026, the outbreak has become an expanding epidemic with sustained transmission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

As fatalities rise, attacks on healthcare facilities and staff persist, and front-line health workers risk their lives without pay.

This week, one death from Ebola occurred in Nairobi with a travel history from the DRC, through Uganda and into Kenya highlighting the fragile and highly dynamic nature of the outbreak.

Recalling its Statement on Epidemics and Pandemics, the WMA calls for an immediate increase in funding and global solidarity to support surveillance, contact tracing and treatment, as well as ensuring that health personnel have access to personal protective equipment, adequate training and remuneration.

The WMA also urges the recognition of the importance of community engagement in supporting infection control measures, including safe and dignified burials of people who have died from the virus.

The WMA urges WHO and its partners to ensure that any clinical trials and specimen collection conducted follow the ethical principles outlined in the WMA Declaration of Helsinki and Declaration of Taipei.

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Polio – PHEIC

Polio this week [14 Oct 2026]

Headlines [Selected]

:: SAGE recommends stronger polio vaccination to protect more children

At its latest meeting, WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE) recommended strengthening routine polio vaccination by moving to three doses of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), including through accelerated introduction of hexavalent vaccine, particularly in countries at risk of poliovirus transmission. SAGE also recommended considering an additional IPV dose where outbreaks persist despite vaccination efforts. Read the highlights SAGE report.

:: Polio Oversight Board meets in Berlin to review programme priorities and 2027 budget

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative's Polio Oversight Board (POB) met in Berlin on 10 October 2026, together with representatives of donor and country governments and partner organizations, to review programme progress, priorities and financing. The POB approved a 2027 operating budget of approximately US\$778 million, with resources prioritized for interrupting wild poliovirus transmission in Afghanistan and Pakistan and responding to priority outbreaks elsewhere. The programme will continue to review and adapt its strategy and operational plans, based on programmatic and epidemiological developments. More.

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- :: Afghanistan : one WPV1 case and one WPV1-positive environmental sample
- :: Pakistan : one WPV1 case
- :: DR Congo : seven cVDPV2 cases and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- :: Madagascar : two cVDPV1 cases
- :: Mali : two cVDPV2 cases
- :: Nigeria : one cVDPV3 case
- :: Somalia : four cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- :: South Sudan : one cVDPV1 case

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WHO & Regional Offices [17 Oct 2026]

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

Selected News/Announcements/Statements

16 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[WHO and ADVANCE-ID strengthen clinical trial capacity through workshop](#)

16 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[Group of Friends of Traditional Medicine highlights growing global cooperation and priorities](#)

16 October 2026 *Joint News Release*

[INTERPOL and WHO sign agreement to strengthen global health and security protection](#)

15 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[Requests for inclusion of new neglected tropical diseases put on hold pending review of criteria](#)

15 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[WHO formalize partnership with the largest organization for physicians and oncology professionals](#)

13 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[WHO and partners drive improved alignment for effective NTD and supply chain delivery](#)

13 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[WHO launches TB in pregnancy and lactation research toolkit](#)

13 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[WHO invites organizations worldwide to join the Together for Science and Health movement](#)

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[WHO welcomes adoption of United Nations political declaration on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response](#)

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[WHO issues first global guidelines on child and adolescent obesity](#)

7 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[Advancing inclusive pandemic prevention, preparedness and response for migrants, refugees and displaced populations](#)

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WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]

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

News

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: 6 October 2026 | *News Release*

[Kenya confirms first imported Bundibugyo virus disease case; WHO supports control efforts](#)

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 15 Oct 2026

[PAHO Director calls for country ownership and regional solidarity in reshaping global health architecture](#)

Berlin, 15 October 2026 (PAHO) – Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director and WHO Regional Director for the Americas Dr. Jarbas Barbosa called for countries and regional institutions to have a stronger role in shaping ongoing reforms of the global health system during the World Health Summit 2026 in Berlin this week, arguing that...

:: 14 Oct 2026

[Measles and Rubella Elimination Regional Monitoring and Re-Verification Commission to hold sixth annual meeting in November](#)

The meeting will review the regional situation regarding measles, rubella and congenital rubella syndrome in the Americas, as well as evidence submitted by countries on the elimination of these diseases. Washington, D.C., October 14, 2026 (PAHO) – The Measles and Rubella Elimination Regional Monitoring and Re-Verification Commission (RVC) will hold...

:: 10 Oct 2026

[PAHO/WHO coordinates with Ministry of Health to support health response following earthquake in Panama](#)

The Organization is coordinating with national authorities to identify priority areas for technical cooperation in response to health needs resulting from the earthquake. Panama City, October 11, 2026 (PAHO/WHO) – The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) is coordinating with Panama's Ministry of Health (MINSA) to...

:: 9 Oct 2026

[PAHO assesses risk of measles spread as very high ahead of religious mass gatherings in the Americas](#)

Vaccination gaps and increased population movement could facilitate further transmission, underscoring the need for stronger vaccination and surveillance efforts Washington, D.C., 9 October 2026 (PAHO) — With several religious mass gatherings in South America expected to increase national and international travel across the Americas in the...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

:: 12 October 2026 *News release*

[Albania and Armenia achieve hepatitis B control milestone, strengthening the WHO European Region's path to elimination](#)

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

Website not responding at inquiry.

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

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

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health

[15 October 2026 | Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia](#)

[10 October 2026 | Pneumonia of undetermined etiology - Russian Federation](#)

[8 October 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 41 Epidemiological Week 41 (5 October – 11 October 2026)

<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record/wer101-41>

- Highlighted signals and events
- Global respiratory virus activity: weekly update
- Bundibugyo virus disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: continued transmission and risk of further spread
- Recommended composition of influenza virus vaccines for use in the 2027 southern hemisphere influenza season

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New WHO Publications

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

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14 October 2026

[WHO Academy quality standards: leading lifelong learning for a healthier world](#)

13 October 2026

Philippines–WHO country cooperation strategy 2025–2028

12 October 2026

Funding a tuberculosis-free future: an investment case for screening and preventive treatment, second...

10 October 2026

Public health intelligence for a safer world: WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence strategy...

9 October 2026

Surveillance, case investigation and contact tracing in filovirus disease outbreaks

9 October 2026

Progress in eliminating onchocerciasis in the WHO Region of the Americas: report from the XXXV Inter-American...

9 October 2026

Elimination of human onchocerciasis: progress report, 2025–2026

9 October 2026

Global dengue update

9 October 2026

Supporting the transition to community-based mental health and social care

8 October 2026

Universal social protection inclusive of people with tuberculosis: monitoring and evaluation framework

7 October 2026

Gender, climate change and health: pathways to action in the Western Pacific Region

6 October 2026

Target product profiles for diagnostic tests for Taenia solium taeniasis in humans, and cysticercosis...

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Annual Regional Meeting on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Partnership Contribution (PC) and WHO's...

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Prevalence of intimate partner violence and non-partner sexual violence against adolescent girls aged...

5 October 2026

Public health advice on Bundibugyo virus disease for internally displaced people, refugees and migrants...

5 October 2026

Civil–military health security mapping tool: user manual

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[Assistive technology progress assessment questionnaire: tracking progress on access to assistive technology](#)

5 October 2026

[Target product profiles for diagnostic tests for Echinococcus granulosus in humans, dogs and sheep](#)

5 October 2026

[WHO global water, sanitation and hygiene: Annual report 2025](#)

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Africa

Africa CDC [17 Oct 2026]

<https://africacdc.org/>

News & Updates [Selected]

[Africa CDC Reaffirms Support to Kenya Following Confirmation of Four Additional Ebola Cases](#)

17 October 2026

African Medicines Agency [17 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News & Events

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China – CDC+

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China [17 Oct 2026]

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

News

Website not responding at inquiry.

National Medical Products Administration – PRC [17 Oct 2026]

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

Website not responding at inquiry.

China CDC

CCDC Weekly Reports: Current Volume (8)

2026 Vol. 8 No. 42 [PDF](#)

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

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Europe

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

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

News/Updates/Reports/Publications [Selected]

[Record-high West Nile virus infections reported amid spread to new parts of Europe](#)

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[ECDC closely monitoring situation following case of pneumonia of unknown origin in Russia](#)

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Surveillance and monitoring

[Seasonal surveillance of dengue in the EU/EEA](#)

16 October 2026

Surveillance and monitoring

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

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European Medicines Agency [EMA]

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

News & Press Releases

[Meeting highlights from the Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee \(PRAC\) 28 September - 1 October](#)

PRAC carried out its broad range of responsibilities for managing the safety of medicines

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[EMA Management Board: highlights of September 2026 meeting](#)

Mid-year report and new pharmaceutical legislation among key topics

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[Global regulators call for advancing alternatives to animal testing across the medicine lifecycle](#)

International harmonisation is a key pillar of EMA's 3Rs strategy

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India

National Centre for Disease Control

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

Announcements

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Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Press Releases

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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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

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

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

Presidential Actions – Executive Orders; Memoranda; Proclamations

No new digest content identified.

Department of State

Press Releases - Selected

Press Statements

United States and Zambia Sign Five-Year Global Health Partnership Under the Trump Administration's America First Global Health Strategy

October 8, 2026

The United States and the Republic of Zambia today signed a five-year bilateral Health Cooperation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) under the Trump Administration's America First Global Health Strategy (AFGHS), a new model of health partnership built around greater Zambian investment, stronger accountability, and a clear path toward self-reliance.

Building on more than 50 years of U.S. health assistance to Zambia, this MOU represents a \$2.49 billion partnership of \$1.52 billion in planned U.S. health assistance and a commitment from Zambia to invest \$975 million in new funding in its own health system over five years. Under this MOU, the United States also plans to provide more than \$13 million in Global Health Security funding to strengthen Zambia's ability to detect and respond to infectious disease threats...

The America First Global Health Strategy Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) signed to date represent more than \$27.2 billion in new health funding, including more than \$16.1 billion in U.S. assistance alongside more than \$11.1 billion in co-investment from recipient countries, building on decades of progress fighting HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases around the world.

As of October 8, the State Department has signed 36 bilateral global health MOUs with Angola, Bolivia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam, and Zambia.

HHS

Press Room - Selected

FDA Launches the Rare Disease Framework Initiative to Develop a Holistic, Fit-For-Purpose Framework for Rare Disease Drug Development

WASHINGTON, D.C.—OCTOBER 14, 2026—The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, a division within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), today announced the Rare Disease Framework Initiative to reimagine the development of drugs and biologics for rare diseases. As outlined in a new [white paper](#), the Initiative will develop an optimized, fit-for-purpose framework that reflects the realities of rare disease drug development by considering the nuances of each disease, patient needs, product type and the evidence that can be realistically generated in small patient populations.

To solicit feedback on the Rare Disease Framework Initiative from patients and disease advocates, industry, and others, the FDA will host an [October 28 meeting](#) at the FDA's White Oak campus. The meeting will be facilitated by the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA...

HHS Launches Agency-Wide Actions to Strengthen Vaccine Injury Research, Reporting, and Patient Care

WASHINGTON, D.C.—OCTOBER 8, 2026— The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) this week launched a series of actions to strengthen how the federal government identifies, documents, investigates, and responds to health problems reported following vaccination, with a focus on improving patient care and generating better evidence about potential vaccine-related injuries.

To address health problems Americans report after vaccinations, HHS:

- **Opened a new National Institutes of Health (NIH) clinic** dedicated to studying and caring for patients experiencing health problems following vaccination;
- **Proposed reimbursing physicians for reporting suspected vaccine-related injuries to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)** through a new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) policy, bringing vaccine reporting in Medicare in line with typical Medicare reimbursement policies;
- **Will require electronic health records to capture vaccine-related adverse events** so that information can follow patients across the health care system; and
- **Is modernizing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) VAERS to make reporting simpler and improve the tools available** to researchers and medical professionals investigating potential safety signals.

"We must listen to patients and families who report vaccine injuries—not dismiss or gaslight them," said HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. "President Trump and I are building a health system that takes them seriously, follows the evidence, and uses what we learn to make vaccines safer. This is how we earn back trust in our public health institutions."...

NIH

News Releases

NIH announces record number of grants to support early career investigators, launches new recruitment initiative for intramural research

October 8, 2026 — NIH highlights actions to strengthen American biomedical science at White House Science: A New Golden Age Summit.

Human lung organoids with a built-in immune system could transform respiratory disease research

October 7, 2026 — In NIH-funded study, the models orchestrated adaptive immune responses to viral infection.

NIH joins effort to build SI-ready data for predictive models of human biology

October 7, 2026 — NIH-led Bio Genesis Mission will leverage existing biomedical data resources to accelerate SI-enabled discovery and improve human health.

FDA

Press Announcements

October 14, 2026 - FDA Launches the Rare Disease Framework Initiative to Develop a Holistic, Fit-For-Purpose Framework for Rare Disease Drug Development

FDA CBER

What's New for Biologics

No new digest content identified.

FDA VRBPAC [Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee]

Advisory Committee Calendar

No new committee meeting announcements identified.

FDA Pediatric Advisory Committee Meeting

Advisory Committee Calendar

No new committee meeting announcements identified.

CDC

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

Latest News - Selected

No new digest content identified.

CDC – Immunization Safety Office (ISO)

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

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

ACIP

2026 Meetings Schedule *[as posted]*

- 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 (Due to ongoing litigation, this meeting is cancelled)**

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.

Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV)

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

Next ACCV meetings – TBD

MMWR Weekly

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

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[PDF of this issue](#)

:: Effectiveness of Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine in Children Aged 6 Months–6 Years During a Statewide Pertussis Outbreak — Alaska, May–November 2024

:: Notes from the Field: Dengue Outbreak — U.S. Virgin Islands, January 2024–June 2025

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National Science Foundation/NSF

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U.S. Congress

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No new digest content identified.

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Supreme Court, Federal & Appellate Courts

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

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

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U.S. Medical, 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 17 Oct 2026)

No new digest content identified.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

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

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No new digest content identified.

American College of Physicians (ACP)

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

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America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

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

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American Geriatrics Society (AGS)

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

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Recent Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

American Medical Association (AMA)

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

(Accessed 17 Oct 2026)

Press Releases

AMA statement on Federal Vaccine Injury Initiative

Oct 8, 2026

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

"The AMA strongly supports legitimate, ongoing vaccine safety monitoring, as well as research grounded in sound science. Investigating potential adverse events is an essential part of protecting patients and maintaining public trust. Research is key to advancing our understanding of this issue, but it must be conducted objectively, transparently, and free from political influence. It should follow strict scientific standards and allow the evidence—rather than predetermined conclusions—to guide the outcomes.

"We are already witnessing the rise in vaccine-preventable diseases due to declines in immunization rates across the U.S. Continuing to undermine confidence in established vaccination practices will further lower immunization rates and fuel the return of preventable diseases. If you have questions about vaccines, talk to your physician."

Vaccines remain among the most extensively studied advances in modern medicine. The AMA continues to support vaccine recommendations grounded in credible scientific evidence and the expertise of independent physicians and public health researchers. Vaccines dramatically reduce illness, disability, and death from infectious diseases."

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

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

(Accessed 17 Oct 2026)

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

American Public Health Association (APHA)

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

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(Accessed 17 Oct 2026)

American Public Health Association and Epstein Becker Green to Launch a Comprehensive 50-State Assessment of U.S. Immunization Laws and Policies

New Immunization Law Compendium Will Provide Public Health Practitioners, Advocates, and Policymakers with Searchable Database of Law and Regulations Related to Immunization

October 13, 2026

The American Public Health Association (APHA) and Epstein Becker Green announced the upcoming launch of The Legal Epidemiology of U.S. Immunization Law, a comprehensive project to assess and document state-level immunization law across the United States.

As state laws and policies governing immunization access grow more fragmented, the goal of this initiative is to give public health practitioners, advocacy groups and other vaccine stakeholders a current picture of what the law requires in every state. That information is the foundation for sound policy and advocacy decisions, from drafting new legislation to identifying where state law creates unnecessary barriers to access.

"To protect our health, we need improved access to vaccines. This project will provide a roadmap to understanding the impact of state laws and policies on immunization and help identify opportunities to improve access in communities," said Georges C. Benjamin, MD, CEO of APHA. "This new resource will be another powerful tool for decisionmakers as they work to improve community health."...

AJPH Study Examines Political Differences in Perceptions of Vaccine Safety and Effectiveness

Respondents perceived the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine as the safest and most effective and the COVID-19 vaccine as the least safe and effective

October 07, 2026

A national survey study examined how political affiliation and perceptions of science and scientists relate to perceived safety and effectiveness of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), influenza, and COVID-19 vaccines. The findings suggest that vaccine communication may benefit from addressing specific perceptions of science and scientists, including whether science is viewed as beneficial, credible, unbiased, and prudent.

American Journal of Public Health (ajph)

November 2026 [Accepted: April 28, 2026 Published Online: October 07, 2026]

The Relationship Between Political Affiliation, Perceptions of Science and Scientists, and Perceived Safety and Effectiveness of the MMR, Flu, and COVID-19 Vaccines: United States, 2024

Dror Walter PhD, Yotam Ophir PhD, Patrick E. Jamieson PhD, and Kathleen Hall-Jamieson PhD

Abstract

Objectives. To examine the associations between political party identification, perceptions of science and scientists, and perceived safety and effectiveness of the measles, mumps, and rubella, flu, and COVID-19 vaccines.

Methods. We used multiple regression analyses to examine survey data collected in November 2024 from a national probability sample of 1763 US adults. We measured perceptions of science and scientists using the Factors Assessing Science's Self-Presentation (FASS) scale, which assesses beliefs that scientists are credible, prudent, and unbiased and that science is beneficial and self-correcting.

Results. Respondents perceived the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine as the safest and most effective (mean safety score = 3.54 [SD = 0.71]; mean effectiveness score = 3.63 [SD = 0.68]) and the COVID-19 vaccine as the least safe and effective (mean safety score = 2.98 [SD = 1.07]; mean effectiveness score = 2.81 [SD = 1.02]). After adjustment for FASS factors, political party identification was associated only with perceptions of the COVID-19 vaccine ($P < .001$). Associations between political party identification and FASS factors varied by vaccine type. Perceiving science as beneficial was the factor most consistently associated with vaccine evaluations.

Conclusions. Republicans are more concerned about the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, with politicization most evident for the COVID-19 vaccine.

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News
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National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)

<https://www.nfid.org/news-updates/>
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News and Updates
October 6, 2026

[Pennsylvania Measles Outbreak: 3 Lessons for the US](#)

The Measles Collaborative launches a new website to help clinicians respond to ongoing outbreaks

National Medical Association (NMA)

<https://nmanet.org/blog/>
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Latest News
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Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)

<https://pids.org/news-announcements/>
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Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)

<https://shea-online.org/news/>
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Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)

<https://www.smfm.org/>
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Civil Society – Individuals, Organizations, Institutions *[Selected]*

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Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [17 Oct 2026]

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

[How Is The Federal Government Counting Measles Deaths?](#)

Oct 15, 2026 *Policy Watch*

Recently Secretary of HHS Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., changed how the federal government tracks deaths in its official measles tally, after Pennsylvania reported four deaths. This Policy Watch reviews the two roles, strengths, and weaknesses of the two public health surveillance systems at the center of this change: the Nationally Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) and the National Vital Statistics System (NVSS).

U.S. Foreign Aid Freeze & Dissolution of USAID: Timeline of Events

Oct 7, 2026 *Feature*

This timeline provides a detailed overview of actions, including counter-actions, related to the administration's efforts to freeze all U.S. foreign aid and dissolve the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Overview of President Trump's Executive Actions on Global Health

Oct 7, 2026 *Fact Sheet*

This guide provides an overview of executive orders and other executive actions made by the Trump Administration since January 21, 2025 that directly address or affect U.S. global health efforts. This resource identifies each executive action, describes its purpose and actions taken, and outlines the implications and what happens next for each. The resource will be updated as needed.

Midterm Election Update: Vaccines

Oct 6, 2026 *Fact Sheet*

Federal vaccine policy has shifted toward fewer recommended routine childhood vaccinations, more emphasis on individual decision-making, and greater skepticism about the safety and efficacy of some vaccines. The changes coincide with declining childhood vaccination rates, rising exemptions from school vaccine requirements, and a major measles resurgence.

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Vaccine Integrity Project – CIDRAP [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

Announcements, Viewpoints

Viewpoint: When trust is gone, show your work

Vaccine Integrity Project Staff and Advisers October 9, 2026

The nation's highest-ranking health official is expanding an effort that he claims is reexamining the safety of vaccines. Americans should insist on seeing exactly how that work is done.

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has described an expansive research agenda spanning the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and other federal agencies. He says researchers are examining vaccine timing and sequencing, aluminum adjuvants, vaccination during pregnancy, autoimmune disease, neurodevelopmental disorders and autism. Federal health data, including Medicaid records, the Vaccine Safety Datalink and FDA surveillance systems, are being marshaled for these efforts, according to the secretary.

It cannot be overstated just how poorly positioned Kennedy is to mount a credible effort to examine or improve vaccine safety. He spent years as one of the nation's most prominent anti-vaccine advocates, and he has a long history of making inaccurate or misleading claims about vaccine testing, the preservative thimerosal, the MMR vaccine, vaccine adverse-event reporting and autism.

In a September speech to Children's Health Defense, the organization he once led, Kennedy again suggested that vaccines could be responsible for a range of chronic diseases and said federal researchers were examining vaccines and autism, even though decades of research involving millions of children have found no credible evidence that vaccines cause autism.

This week, Kennedy announced additional initiatives: an NIH clinic to study and care for people who believe they have experienced vaccine injuries, along with a proposal to reimburse clinicians for reporting suspected injuries...

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Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy - GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 17 Oct 2026]

<https://centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.net/>

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Paul Offit, MD – *Beyond the Noise*

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

RFK Jr., AI, and "Medical Experts"

RFK Jr. claims that AI frees us from trusting medical experts.

Oct 12, 2026

Irreligious Acts

Are religious exemptions to vaccination religious?

Oct 05, 2026

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Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [17 Oct 2026]

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

News

First-of-its-kind stem cell and developmental biology symposium brought more than just science

Aspiring researchers learned that what happens outside the lab can be just as important as what happens within it

October 12, 2026

Gates Foundation [17 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases & Statements

Gates Foundation and Wellcome Leap Commit \$100 Million to Reduce Global Stillbirth Rates

Press release Oct 12, 2026

Key Points

:: Stillbirth affects families everywhere, but the burden is not shared equally: Of the nearly 2 million babies stillborn each year, almost half occur in sub-Saharan Africa
:: New investment will focus on advancing innovations with the potential to cut stillbirth rates by half in select countries through a new program called Uzima
:: Joint commitment will begin with partners in sub-Saharan Africa advancing promising new tools and creating a blueprint for reducing stillbirths globally, with additional partners and funding coming later

CARB-X [17 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative [17 Oct 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [17 Oct 2026]

<http://cepi.net/>

News

Blog

[CEPI and World Bank Group partner to strengthen sustainable vaccine manufacturing in ASEAN](#)

CEPI and the World Bank Group (WBG), together with AVPN and others, have launched a partnership to strengthen vaccine manufacturing across ASEAN, supporting the ASEAN Vaccine Security and Self-Reliance Initiative (AVSSR).

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Statement

[Final preparations underway for pivotal Phase 2/3 Bundibugyo vaccine trial](#)

12 Oct 2026

:: Tumaini, a pivotal Phase 2/3 clinical trial, will evaluate vaccine candidates including Ervebo as part of the DRC's outbreak response.

:: There is currently no approved vaccine against Bundibugyo virus. Tumaini aims to close that gap.

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 17 Oct 2026]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

No new digest content identified.

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [17 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

DNDI – Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative [17 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

[Ghana's KNUST and DNDI partner to accelerate drug discovery for neglected diseases in Africa](#)

Kumasi, Ghana / Geneva, Switzerland — 6 Oct 2026

:: Collaboration will help establish Ghana's first laboratory with capacity to test around 100 molecules against schistosomiasis

:: It also aims to expand the continent's growing drug discovery capacity

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [17 Oct 2026]

<https://dukeghic.org/>

News

[Marking 15 years: Duke Global Health Innovations Center and Innovations in Healthcare celebrate!](#)

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EDCTP [17 Oct 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 [17 Oct 2026]

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

Vaccine Center News

No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [17 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Fondation Merieux [17 Oct 2026]

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

Actualités

No new digest content identified.

Gates Medical Research Institute [17 Oct 2026]

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

News: Articles and Publications

Advancing Global Health Solutions through a Networked Model: A Nimble Approach with CRDMOs and Commercial Partners

October 5, 2026 *PHARMAnetwork Magazine*

Gavi [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

News Releases, VaccinesWork

16 October 2026

President Bio visits Gavi to advance immunisation and Gavi Leap reform

:: President Bio of Sierra Leone and Gavi CEO Dr Sania Nishtar discuss immunisation progress, sustainable health financing and global health reform.

:: President Bio: "When we invest in immunisation, we are investing in the lives and livelihoods of children, and in the economic progress of a country."

:: Dr Sania Nishtar: "President Bio has been a stalwart champion of immunisation and we look forward to deepening our partnership as Sierra Leone advances its national health priorities."

7 October 2026

Vaccines deliver over US\$ 30 billion in economic benefits for lower-income countries in 2025

:: Gavi-supported immunisation generated more than US\$ 30 billion in economic benefits in 2025, through lower healthcare costs and healthier, more productive populations

:: Recognising the value of immunisation, countries invested a record US\$ 301 million in co-financing of Gavi-supported vaccines in 2025

:: Dr Sania Nishtar, Gavi CEO: "When it comes to immunisation we know that the return on investment extends far beyond health to supporting sustainable, inclusive economic growth."

GE2P2 Global Foundation [17 Oct 2026]

www.ge2p2.org

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:: **The Sentinel – Health :: Human Rights :: Humanitarian Action :: Peace ::**

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GHIT Fund [17 Oct 2026]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

News Releases

07 October 2026

Islamic Development Bank and Global Fund Strengthen Partnership to Advance Sustainable Health Financing

GENEVA/JEDDAH – The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) signed on 6 October a new Partnership Agreement to strengthen collaboration and accelerate investments in health across low- and middle-income countries...

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [17 Oct 2026]

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

News & Event

No new digest content identified.

Hilleman Laboratories [17 Oct 2026]

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

News & Insights

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [17 Oct 2026]

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

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Human Immunome Project [nee Human Vaccines Project] [17 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IAVI [17 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases, Features

Features

[Advancing preparedness for future epidemics](#)

October 14, 2026

New Sudan virus vaccine results published in *The Lancet Microbe*.

INSERM [17 Oct 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

Update: 14 October 2026

[ICH Technology Task Force: Exploring a Digital Platform to Accelerate Harmonisation](#)

We are pleased to inform the Pharmaceutical Quality Knowledge Management (PQKM) community of the activities of the International Council for Harmonisation (ICH) Technology Task Force, formerly known as the PQKM Task Force. The ICH Task Force is exploring the functional and technical requirements for a secure document-sharing and collaboration platform designed to accelerate global regulatory harmonisation.

ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use] [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

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6 October 2026

ICH Training Library Sees Addition of New Materials Covering 11 Harmonised Guidelines

ICH has published newly developed training materials for four ICH harmonised guidelines, a two-guideline Q&A, and the principles and concepts governing a group of five ICH Quality Guidelines.

ICRC [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

Latest press releases and statements

Nigeria: ICRC-supported health facilities see 18 per cent rise in malnutrition cases

News release 16-10-2026

International Humanitarian Law Bibliography

Article 16-10-2026

Statement on universal jurisdiction to the UN General Assembly's Sixth Committee

Statement 15-10-2026

Statement to the UN General Assembly's First Committee

Statement 14-10-2026

IFFIm [17 Oct 2026]

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

No new digest content identified.

IFRC [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

Press releases

Panama earthquake: Red Cross Society of Panama and IFRC mobilise to deliver humanitarian assistance

10/10/2026 | *Press release*

IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat [17 Oct 2026]

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

News

100 Days Mission Goal Recognised in UN Political Declaration, Strengthening the Foundation for Global Implementation

October 13, 2026

The International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat (IPPS) welcomes the adoption of the United Nations Political Declaration on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response and its recognition of the importance of making diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines available within the first 100 days of a future pandemic threat. This reflects growing international recognition that investments made before a crisis occurs in research, manufacturing and preparedness systems are essential to enabling the rapid development and deployment of medical countermeasures during future health emergencies...

Institut Pasteur [17 Oct 2026]

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

Press Documents

Communiqué de presse Lecture 4 min

[Ebola Bundibugyo : lancement de l'étude TAMBUA à Mongbwalu pour identifier des infections passées](#)

Publié le 15 octobre 2026

Le 14 octobre 2026, l'INRB, l'IRD, l'Institut de médecine tropicale d'Anvers et l'Institut Pasteur lancent conjointement une étude destinée à identifier, parmi les personnels de santé et les habitants de Mongbwalu (Ituri, République démocratique du Congo), des personnes ayant été infectées par le virus Ebola Bundibugyo sans avoir été diagnostiquées pour les orienter vers un suivi médical approprié.

InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)

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

News

Fri, 16 October 2026

[60 science educators from around the world gather in Erice, Italy, to chart a strategy for a changing world](#)

IAP's Science Education Programme brings academies and educators together on inquiry, trust in science and AI in the classroom.

ISC / International Science Council [to 17 Oct 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

16 October 2026 - 10 min read

[Call for input: Inform the next cycle of the ISC-UNDP Human Development Reports | deadline: 20 November 2026](#)

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)

<https://iuis.org/>

News, Resources

No new digest content identified.

IVAC [17 Oct 2026]

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

Updates; Events

No new digest content identified.

IVI [17 Oct 2026]

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

IVI News & Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [17 Oct 2026]

<https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom>

Center News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

DRC Ebola outbreaks

[Children are being left behind in the current Ebola disease outbreak response](#)

Press Release 15 Oct 2026

Greece

[People seeking safety in Greece are trapped in uncertainty](#)

Project Update 9 Oct 2026

Yemen

[Five things to know about the situation in the south of Yemen today](#)

Project Update 8 Oct 2026

Gaza-Israel war

[MSF urges release of detained Palestinian medics in Israel as World Medical Association begins General...](#)

Opinion 6 Oct 2026

Conflict in Sudan

[Why we could not stop cholera in Sudan](#)

Opinion 6 Oct 2026

DRC Ebola outbreaks

[Ebola disease outbreak spreads like a megafire in North Kivu as new hotspots multiply](#)

Project Update 5 Oct 2026

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

News, Stories, Insights

Oct 16, 2026 *Announcement*

[NAM and NAS Respond to RFI on Proposed Changes to Reporting Outcomes from NIH Peer Review](#)

On October 13, 2026, the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) and the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) jointly submitted a response to the National Institutes of Health's (NIH's) [Request for](#)

Information (RFI) on Proposed Changes to Reporting Outcomes from NIH Peer Review (Notice Number: NOT-OD-26-088).

:: Read the NAM/NAS response here.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM] - USA [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

News

Announcement

On Being a Scientist in a Disrupted Research Landscape

A new publication aims to train young scientists to act responsibly and ethically, be good stewards of public funding and trust, and navigate the broader responsibilities that come with being a scientist in this rapidly shifting landscape.

Oct 15, 2026

NAE Annual Meeting Spotlights DOE's New Genesis Project and Other AI Initiatives Aimed at Advancing Discovery

Feature Story

At the National Academy of Engineering's recent annual meeting, Darío Gil, undersecretary for science at the Department of Energy and director of the Genesis Mission, discussed how the effort will employ artificial intelligence to tackle national science and technology challenges.

Oct 15, 2026

National Academy of Medicine Annual Meeting

Announcement

Taking place Oct. 18-19, the National Academy of Medicine's 2026 annual meeting features a daylong scientific symposium, "Harnessing Science, Prevention, and Innovation in Chronic Disease," as well as NAM President Monica Bertagnoli's inaugural address, a President's Forum with the NAM, NAS, and NAM presidents, and more.

PATH [17 Oct 2026]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

Bio Farma receives marketing authorization for new rotavirus vaccine

October 15, 2026 by PATH

PATH's Sustaining Vaccine Manufacturing program supported Bio Farma in reaching this crucial milestone, which can expand rotavirus protection for young children across Indonesia.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

News and Announcements

Rockefeller Foundation, OpenAI Foundation Announce \$50 Million Partnership To Help Cities Improve Public Services Through AI

Press Releases Published Date October 14, 2026

:: Global open call invites proposals from city partners to use frontier AI solutions to advance public services across public health, economic mobility, environmental resilience, and civic engagement

ONE Data Launches AI Platform That Transforms International Development Sector

Press Releases Published Date October 14, 2026

:: The Development Finance Observatory, supported by The Rockefeller Foundation and Google.org, launches during the World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings
:: The new platform will give governments, journalists, think tanks and the public free, rapid access to global aid, lending and debt data for the first time

Rockefeller Foundation Proposes "Growth and Investment Reset" to Move Developing Countries From Debt to Development

Press Releases Published Date October 07, 2026

:: Proposal outlines a low-cost plan for IMF, World Bank, and G20 creditors to surge affordable financing to up to about 40 countries

[Read the Report](#)

Sabin Vaccine Institute [17 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News & Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [17 Oct 2026]

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

News, Stories, Updates

Feature Story

UNAIDS at the World Health Summit 2026

09 October 2026

This year's World Health Summit will be held in Berlin, Germany from 11 to 13 October under the theme: From Crisis to Resilience: Innovating for Health. At the Summit UNAIDS will share its knowledge and expertise in the future of the HIV response, global health financing, pandemic preparedness and inequalities that are preventing progress.

UNICEF [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

Press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [17 Oct 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [17 Oct 2026]

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

News

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

Vaccine Confidence Project [17 Oct 2026]

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

News, Research and Reports

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia [17 Oct 2026]

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

News

[Vaccine Update Newsletter September 2026](#)

Wellcome Trust [17 Oct 2026]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News. Opinion, Reports

Report

[Wellcome Global Monitor 2026: Trust in science under pressure](#)

The Wellcome Global Monitor is the world's largest study of how people think and feel about science and health. The 2026 edition draws on surveys of more than 140,000 people in 140 countries, making it a uniquely rich and globally comparable data set on public trust in science.

The Wistar Institute [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

October 8, 2026

[Wistar Scientists Uncover Two-Pronged Strategy to Overcome Glioblastoma’s Resistance to Immunotherapy](#)

Potential next steps toward clinical testing

October 6, 2026

[The Wistar Institute Names Internationally Recognized Cancer Researcher Ronny Drapkin as President & CEO](#)

Appointment follows major Wistar growth in faculty, research programs and scientific centers

World Bank [to 17 Oct 2026]

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

News [Selected]

[Health Works: From Vaccines to Health Budgets, World Bank Group Backs Proven Solutions to Reach 1.5 Billion People](#)

World Bank Group mobilizes millions for Southeast Asia vaccine manufacturing and expands Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Knowledge Hub to seven more countries

October 16, 2026| *Statement*

[World Bank Group Expands Ongoing Support for Ebola Response in DRC and the Region](#)

The World Bank Group is expanding its support for ongoing government and regional led efforts to contain the Ebola outbreak, protect frontline health workers and affected communities, sustain essential health services, and save lives.

October 13, 2026| *Press Release*

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [17 Oct 2026]

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

Blog, Events

No new digest announcements identified.

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

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

Press Releases

World Medical Association urges Nicaragua to restore its national medical association and stop silencing physicians

15.10.2026

Diseases we almost defeated could return, WMA warns over childhood vaccine schedule changes

14.10.2026

Climate Change Threatens the Health of Future Generations, Physicians Warn

13.10.2026

World Medical Association urges Russia to be fully transparent over laboratory worker's death

12.10.2026

Global Physicians Demand Accountability for Attacks on Healthcare

10.10.2026

New WMA President Pledges to Protect Physicians, Strengthen Primary Healthcare and Set Ethical Standards for the Digital Era

09.10.2026

WMA Deeply Concerned by Bundibugyo Ebola Outbreak, Slow International Response and Escalating Violence

08.10.2026

World Organisation for Animal Health [WOAH/OIE] [17 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News

Statement

WOAH calls for stronger surveillance and preparedness as reported vector-borne disease events are on the rise

Published on 9 October 2026

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [17 Oct 2026]

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

Selected Press Releases

Press Releases

ARM Applauds the FDA's Rare Disease Framework Initiative

BIO [17 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

BIO Statement on the FDA's 'Fit-for-Purpose Rare Disease Framework Initiative.'

October 14, 2026

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [17 Oct 2026]

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

News, Events

October 13, 2026

DCVMN at the 2026 World Health Summit: Member Recognition, Outbreak-Ready Manufacturing, and Partnerships for Africa

EFPIA – European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations

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

News & Events

Towards a Single Regulatory Pathway for AI-Enabled Medical Technologies

15.10.26

We, the undersigned organisations representing healthcare professionals, researchers, innovators and industry across Europe, recognise the growing role that artificial intelligence (AI) can play in improving patient care and supporting the sustainability of healthcare systems.

As Europe faces ageing populations, growing workforce shortages and rising healthcare demand, AI-enabled medical devices and diagnostics can help support earlier diagnosis, more personalised treatment, improved clinical decision-making and more efficient care delivery. When appropriately designed, clinically validated, including by involving clinicians in their development, and responsibly deployed, AI can provide valuable support to patients and healthcare professionals across screening, medical imaging, laboratory medicine and patient monitoring (1) by identifying clinically relevant patterns, improving workflows and supporting more timely and informed clinical decisions. AI-enabled medical technologies should function reliably and be user-friendly in clinical work environments, so that they support rather than hamper clinical workflows. Realising these benefits, however, requires public and professional trust and a regulatory framework that is both safe and workable, enabling timely access to innovative healthcare technologies.

References:

[1] European Commission: Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, PwC, EEIG and Open Evidence, [Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, PwC, EEIG, Open Evidence], Study on the deployment of AI in healthcare – Final report, Publications Office of the European Union, 2025, <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2875/2169577>

ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [17 Oct 2026]

<https://internationalbiotech.org/>

News

No new digest announcements identified.

IFPMA [17 Oct 2026]

<https://ifpma.org/>

News & Resources

Statement 13 Oct 2026

Adoption of the Political Declaration on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (PPPR)

On the occasion of the adoption of the Political Declaration on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response, Dr. David Reddy, Director General, IFPMA, said:

"The global pharmaceutical industry urges governments to seize the opportunity of the Political Declaration on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (PPPR), and accelerate practical commitments that strengthen preparedness for future health crises.

"Medicines and vaccines will remain a cornerstone of pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response. As governments put the Political Declaration into practice, they should ensure intellectual property frameworks that enable the development of life-saving products and foster voluntary partnerships remain stable, predictable and robust. We also call on governments to adopt policies that strengthen the systems needed to deliver medicines and vaccines rapidly. Preparedness does not begin when a crisis hits. It is built through the choices countries make every day to value innovation and invest in resilient health systems.

"The pharmaceutical industry remains committed to partnering with governments, research institutions, international organizations, and civil society to strengthen preparedness and build a safer, more resilient world for all."

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [17 Oct 2026]

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

Press and media [Selected]

[IAPO at 73rd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean](#)

Press and media

Thursday, 15 October 2026

International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association [IGBA]

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

News

No new digest announcements identified.

PhRMA [17 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

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Vaccines/Therapeutics/Medicines – Selected Developer/Manufacturer Announcements

We recognize that this listing is indicative but certainly not exhaustive. We invite nomination of other vaccine developers for potential addition to those monitored below.

AstraZeneca

Press Releases

[AstraZeneca opens new global strategic R&D centre in Kendall Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts](#)

05 October 2026

Bavarian Nordic

Latest News - No new digest announcements identified.

BioCubaFarma – Cuba

Últimas Noticias - No new digest announcements identified.

Biological E

News - No new digest announcements identified.

BioNTech

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Boehringer

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

CanSinoBIO

News - Website not responding at inquiry.

CIGB

Latest News - No new digest announcements identified.

CinnaGen – Iran

CinnaGen News - No new digest announcements identified.

Clover Biopharmaceuticals – China

News - No new digest announcements identified.

CSL Seqirus

News Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Curevac

News - Website now directs to BioNTech site

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

Merck Inaugurates State-of-the-Art ADVANCE Bioanalytical Facility on West Point, Pennsylvania, Campus

October 14, 2026 12:03 pm EDT

:: Merck's \$550 million regional investment reinforces ongoing commitment to U.S. R&D while strengthening its long-standing footprint in Pennsylvania

Moderna

News and Blog Posts - No new digest announcements identified

Nanogen

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novartis

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novavax

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Pfizer

Recent Press Releases

Pfizer Showcases Clinical Advancements Across Infectious Diseases at IDWeek 2026

October 14, 2026

Data from 57 abstracts will highlight Pfizer's scientific progress targeting infectious diseases, including pneumococcal disease and RSV

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

Wednesday, October 07, 2026

Uganda launches Phase I clinical study of Bundibugyo virus disease vaccine

Sinopharm/WIBPBIBP

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Sinovac

Press Releases

SINOVAC and CAS Institute of Biophysics Receive Clinical Trial Clearance for RSV Antibody SNA01 in China

2026-10-15

SK Biosciences

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Takeda

Newsroom - No new digest announcements identified

Valneva

Press Releases

Valneva Provides Update on IXCHIQ® in the United Kingdom

Lyon (France), October 07, 2026 – Valneva SE (Nasdaq: VALN; Euronext Paris: VLA), a specialty vaccine company, today announced that, following a further benefit-risk assessment of IXCHIQ® for travelers by the United Kingdom's (UK) Commission on Human Medicines (CHM), the UK marketing authorization for IXCHIQ® has been revoked by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). The decision was based on a review of previous safety data and was not associated with any newly identified safety signal. It does not affect the product licenses for IXCHIQ® in the EU, Canada, Brazil, or other territories where IXCHIQ® is currently marketed.

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Human Genetics

Oct 01, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 10 p2023-2204

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

This month in *The Journal*

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Large structural variants (SVs) impact a higher percentage of individual human genomes than SNVs or indels. Despite growing evidence that links them to a variety of phenotypes, SVs have received less attention during investigations into the genetic architecture of diseases, including Alzheimer disease (AD). While some population-based studies have been performed, few individual SVs, or genes repeatedly impacted by SVs, have been robustly identified. In this issue, Quenez et al. set out to expand the catalog of SVs associated with AD risk by using exome sequencing to identify copy-number variants (CNVs) in a large case-control AD cohort.

Perspective

International experiences of genomic newborn screening: Lessons from over 10,800 newborns

Zornitza Stark, et al.

This perspective summarizes early experiences from genomic newborn screening studies, totaling over 10,800 infants from the US, Belgium, and Australia. While these provide data on technical feasibility and likely volumes of screen-positive results, many important questions around scalability, equity, long-term outcomes, and cost-effectiveness remain to be answered.

American Journal of Infection Control

October 2026 Volume 54 Issue 10 p1045-1142

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

November 2026 Volume 71 Issue 5

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

What About Vaccine-Experienced Younger Adults? Cost-Effectiveness of PCV21 Use in Vaccine-Experienced US Adults Aged 19–64 Years with Underlying Medical Conditions

Zinan Yi, Elamin H. Elbasha, Kwame Owusu-Edusei

Published online: October 17, 2025

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American Journal of Public Health

October 2026 116(10)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 115 (2026): Issue 3 (Sep 2026)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/115/2/tpmd.115.issue-3.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

September 2026 Volume 179, Issue 9

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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/>

(Accessed 17 Oct 2026)

[**Cost-effectiveness of maternal Tdap immunisation in Sabah, Malaysia: a historical evaluation of the 2018 birth cohort**](#)

Abraham Chiu En Loong, Mohd Yusof Ibrahim, Riswandy Wasir

Research Open access 07 October 2026

[**Public health and economic impact of transitioning to a 20-valent pneumococcal vaccine in Kazakhstan's pediatric national immunization program**](#)

Thea Paoula Nassar, Kamila Tuyakbayeva, Liping Huang

Research Open access 01 October 2026

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 17 Oct 2026]

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 17 Oct 2026)

[**Effects of vaccination programmes on antibiotic consumption and antimicrobial resistance: a global scoping review**](#)

Vivian Ibienebakabobo Promise, Ebinyo Rebecca Aseibai, Sylvester Chibueze Izah

Research Open access 17 October 2026

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 17 Oct 2026)

[**Ethical analysis of the public's perception towards human fetal and embryological collections**](#)

Joyce El-Haddad, Nalini Pather

Research Open access 16 October 2026 Article: 220

[**Australian professionals' understandings and experiences of broad consent for the future research use of paediatric genomic data**](#)

Yingyi Luo, Louise Keogh, Jane Nielsen

Research Open access 15 October 2026

Cognition, attitudes, and willingness toward biobank donation among the older adults: a cross-sectional survey of 1,143 participants in China

Chunhua Zhou, Guoyun Cheng, Junrong Liu
Research Open access 05 October 2026

BMC Medicine

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content>
(Accessed 17 Oct 2026)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content>
(Accessed 17 Oct 2026)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>
(Accessed 17 Oct 2026)

Decision-making process and support needs regarding the human papillomavirus vaccine in Japan: a qualitative interview study with mothers

Tomomi Funaki, Izumi Kusuki
Research Open access 15 October 2026

Determinants of influenza vaccination during the 2021/2022 influenza season in the United States: interactive roles of immunosuppression, cancer diagnosis, and healthcare access barriers

Oluwatobi Emmanuel Adegbile, Kehinde Kazeem Kanmodi, Billy Brooks
Research Open access 15 October 2026

Assessing knowledge, attitudes and practices towards HPV vaccination among male healthcare professionals and students in Delhi National Capital Region: a mixed-method study

Karuna Nidhi Kaur, Dhruva Nandi, Shazina Saeed
Research Open access 08 October 2026

BMC Research Notes

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content>
(Accessed 17 Oct 2026)
[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

October 2026 - Volume 31 - 5
<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/31/5>
[Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Global Health

September 2026 - Volume 11 - 9
<https://gh.bmj.com/content/11/9>
[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - July 2026
<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2026-05/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 104, Number 9, September 2026, 585-
<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/bulletin>
Articles
[Reviewed earlier]

Cell

Sep 17, 2026 Volume 189 Issue 19 p5825-6208
<https://www.cell.com/cell/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Cell and Gene Therapy Insights

September 2026 Issue Volume 12 Issue 8
<https://www.insights.bio/cell-and-gene-therapy-insights/journal/283/volume-12-issue-8>
[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 4 Pages: 817-1148 October 2026
<https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

September 2026 Volume 48 Issue 9 p809-920
<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>

***Special Issue on "Cannabis Research and Policy: A Joint Exploration of Past and Future
Therapeutic Agency - Part II"***

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 23 Issue 5, October 2026

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/CTJ/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>
[Accessed 17 Oct 2026]
[No digest content identified]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 169 October 2026
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/169/suppl/C>
Clinical Trial Management and Optimization
[Reviewed earlier]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 9 Issue 4, August 2026
<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tcja/9/4>
[Reviewed earlier]

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 14, Issue 1 December 2026
<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/13-1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Current Medical Research and Opinion

Volume 42, Issue 6, 2026
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

October 2026 - Volume 39 - Issue 5
<https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>
[Reviewed earlier]

Current Protocols in Human Genetics

<https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19348258>
[Accessed 17 Oct 2026]
[No new digest content identified]

Cytotherapy

September 2026 Volume 28 Issue 9
<https://www.isct-cytotherapy.org/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

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[Rethinking threats to human survival](#)

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Much health advocacy is driven by single-issue activism. Communities with a common interest—from AIDS to child health, climate to tobacco control—focus intensely on their own domain. And understandably so. Important progress has been made through often courageous direct action. But this sharply competitive approach is, according to a new Lancet Commission on 21st Century Global Threats to Health, dangerously flawed. Indeed, perhaps the most important contribution of this Commission is to move global health beyond the consideration of individual harms. The Commission expands, quantifies, and legitimises a far broader range of interconnected dangers to humanity. The unpleasant reality is that the threats we face are multiple, complex, and difficult.

The Commission, composed of 37 experts in health, economics, security, and technology, uses a foresight-driven, health-focused approach to identify 17 priority threats to human health. But, despite the Commission's title, this work is not only about health: it is also about human survival. The Commission assesses threats by calculating the expected cumulative disease burden—measured as amenable disability-adjusted life-years from 2025 to 2100—that can be reasonably altered through policy intervention. Two of these major catastrophic threats have extinction potential: nuclear conflict and the malicious use of artificial intelligence (AI). Although the likelihood of both dangers remains low, the scale of harm, should they be realised, would inflict an apocalypse on humanity. Additional threats include air pollution, antimicrobial resistance, childhood malnutrition, climate change, conventional conflict, declining development assistance for health, high alcohol use, high blood pressure, income inequality, low educational attainment, naturally occurring pandemics, obesity, poor mental health, smoking, and unhealthy ageing.

It is important to be clear about what this Commission is and what it is not. The Commission does not present a fixed ranking of threats or policy priorities. On the contrary, the report emphasises that its analysis should be seen as a dynamic process—its findings will probably change as new evidence and data are accrued. Uncertainty is the hallmark of any attempt to predict future global threats to health, especially when the endpoint is as far away as 2100. And, as the authors note, “no single measure can capture all components of lost [human] well-being”.

A good example of the challenge facing the Commission is the assessment of the impact of climate change. The Commission's analysis substantially expanded the number of pathways through which climate change could affect health. Partly as a result, the estimated deaths this century from climate change are far higher than comparable figures. Climate change does not act alone to damage health. It is also a threat multiplier, worsening existing social and economic causes of poor health. Its effects will hit poor and vulnerable communities the hardest, especially in sub-Saharan Africa. And extreme heat and pollution from wildfires will worsen many non-communicable conditions, such as heart disease and respiratory disease. Still, despite these alarming forecasts, the Commission acknowledges important limitations in its assessment of climate change's future impacts on health. Climate change will harm lives through non-health means (such as agriculture losses). There are tipping points that have not been possible to model. The analysis could not include the possible health effects of diminished nutrition and water insecurity, including drought. And the impacts of climate change across the century will not be uniform: they will increase as the century proceeds. Recognising these facts and uncertainties, the Commission draws a crucial conclusion: “climate change...could escalate into an extinction threat in subsequent centuries if emissions are not curtailed”. The findings of this Commission are therefore entirely aligned with the key messages from The Lancet's Countdown on Health and Climate Change.

What actions follow from the Commission's findings? First, build readiness: create and fund threat-ready health systems and capabilities for preparedness and protection. Second, back breakthroughs: increase investment in science and innovation. And finally, track threats: together with the Commission, The Lancet will establish a joint Monitor of 21st Century Global Threats to Health to assess current and emerging dangers to human health and survival. We believe this Commission can catalyse international, regional, and national actions to protect and strengthen the future of health and humanity. Doing so will require all of us to think much more broadly about where the biggest threats lie.

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The Lancet Commission on 21st century global threats to health

Christopher J L Murray, et al.

This report from the Lancet Commission on 21st century global threats to health lays out a foresight-driven, health-focused approach to identifying and prioritising major threats to global health over the remainder of the century. We argue that recent global shocks (including COVID-19, Ebola Bundibugyo virus disease, major geopolitical conflict, accelerating climate impacts, rapid shifts in development assistance, and the emergence of powerful artificial intelligence [AI] systems) show how quickly assumptions about stability can be overturned—and why governments and multilateral institutions must counter short-termism and localism with systematic, repeatable risk assessment and preparedness planning.

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Our decisions today can support or threaten future human health. Insofar as we protect the planet or invest in fruitful research on pandemic countermeasures, we promote future wellbeing and health, sometimes at the present generation's expense. As we warm the planet, accelerate antibiotic resistance, or consume finite natural resources, we might serve present-day wellbeing or health at the expense of future generations. To decide which such trade-offs are legitimate or advisable, we need to know how to balance the health interests of future generations against each other and against our own. Should concerns for future health be confined to the 21st century as per the stated mission of the Lancet Commission on 21st century global threats to health? If not, how far into the future should they extend, and why? Population ethics is a branch of ethics that considers future populations' wellbeing. This Review, a part of the Lancet Commission on 21st century global threats to health, applies general insights from population ethics to future populations' health, and shows why that application is more complex than meets the eye.

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Prevention is better than cure

BY Mark E. J. Woolhouse

14 Oct 2026

Wider access to clean water and sanitation is needed in the battle to combat bacterial diseases.

Viewpoint

From code to cure: Harnessing AI for antibiotic discovery and design

BY Aarti Krishnan

14 Oct 2026

AI is accelerating antibiotic discovery, but clinical translation requires standardized data, safety optimization, and new regulatory frameworks.

Innovative roadmaps for sustainable antimicrobial resistance interventions

BY Gianmarco Gasperini, et al

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The global threat of antimicrobial resistance necessitates an integrated roadmap to accelerate development and equitable use of effective treatments.

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Parental Attitudes Toward Childhood and Adolescent Vaccination in Poland in 2026: Vaccination Uptake and Retrospectively Reported Changes Since the Pre-COVID-19 Period

Magdalena Konieczny, et al.

Vaccines 2026, 14(10), 906; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14100906> (registering DOI)

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Background/Objectives: Parental attitudes toward vaccination influence the timely and complete immunization of children, including uptake of recommended vaccines. This study assessed self-reported compliance with mandatory vaccination, use of recomme...

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Case Study on Formulating a Multidose Lyophilized Measles-Rubella (MR) Vaccine Candidate for Local Manufacturing in Africa: Lab-Scale Results and Lessons Learned for Future Technology Transfer

Kathryn Secrist, et al.

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Background/Objectives: Local manufacturing of Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccines is part of a multifaceted approach to improve vaccine accessibility in Africa, yet process development and technology transfer challenges remain for large-scale production of...

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Vaccines Against Hantavirus Infections: A Systematic Literature Review

Giovanni Cioni, et al.

Vaccines 2026, 14(10), 898; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14100898>

12 October 2026

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Factors Associated with Intention to Receive the TAK-003 Dengue Vaccine Among Adults in Endemic Regions of Peru: A Cross-Sectional Study

Jose Armando Gonzales-Zamora, et al.

Vaccines 2026, 14(10), 894; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14100894>

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Background: Dengue vaccination is a promising preventive strategy. Peru introduced the TAK-003 vaccine in November 2024 for children aged 10–16 years and expanded it in January 2026 to individuals aged 10–20 years and selected priority ad...

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Timothy B Hallett, Steve Kretschmer, Mark Dybul

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Characterizing multi-criteria decision analysis, risk stratification, and hotspot analysis methods to optimise health policymaking and evidence translation for medicines in low- and middle-income countries: A scoping review

Luke E. Norris, Tessa Rose Cornell, Patricia N. Okorie, Lily-May Hudson, Louise A. Kelly-Hope

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Long-acting injectables for global health: drug development considerations and applications in malaria and tuberculosis

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REVISED - Perspectives on public health interventions in the management of the COVID-19 pandemic in Thailand

[version 4; peer review: 2 approved]

Wirichada Pan-ngum, et al.

Abstract

Background

Any government needs to react quickly to a pandemic and make decisions on healthcare interventions locally and internationally with little information regarding the perceptions of people and the reactions they may receive during the implementation of restrictions.

Open Letter Open Access

REVISED - Reflections on an experiment in research culture change

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

Annamaria Carusi, et al.

Abstract

Recognising that scientific research cannot be divorced from the research culture that produces it, Wellcome's funding of PhD programmes in 2019 emphasised its role, and made positive research culture an equal criterion of evaluation to scientific excellence. The Emerging Research Cultures project was funded to establish a community of practice to support and facilitate shared learnings and practices on improving research culture among the 23 funded programmes. This Open Letter is my own reflection on the main learnings I gleaned from working closely with the community; learnings about making research culture a priority in doctoral training, and about the terms of engagement in a community of practice in its relationship to the funding context.

Plain Language summary

In September 2019, 23 Wellcome funded PhD programmes were launched. These programmes had been funded in a call that for the first time put positive research culture on a par with scientific excellence. This was a bold and experimental intervention in the research system, especially because the term 'research culture' has different, and sometimes contested, definitions. Aware of this fact,

Wellcome also commissioned Emerging Research Cultures to establish and support a community of practice consisting of staff and students of the doctoral programmes. The aim of this community was to facilitate shared learnings and practices through which to come to a better shared understanding of what research culture comprises and how it can be acted on and, where necessary, improved. The reflections of the community have been described in many reports. In this Open Letter, I talk about my own learnings from working so closely with the community.

Study Protocol Open Access

Protocol: Systematic mapping of recent global research on health system financing using machine learning

[version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

Pierre Marion, et al.

Abstract

Health systems worldwide are facing critical pressures that threaten access to and quality of healthcare, with profound long-term social and economic consequences. In high-income countries, population ageing and declining health sector budgets are already leading to deteriorating healthcare, while low- and middle-income countries must meet the needs of rapidly growing populations despite significant declines in development assistance. In this context, governments and private actors urgently need to identify more effective and efficient approaches to financing healthcare.

This systematic evidence map aims to comprehensively document the global empirical literature on health systems financing, published since 2010, examining how resources are raised, pooled, allocated and expended, as well as on more upstream issues linked to capital investment, procurement, and supply chains. Building on Berrang-Ford et al. (2021), we will use machine-learning-assisted screening, prioritization, and data extraction. The resulting systematic evidence map will outline the contours of the current health financing evidence base, providing researchers, funders, and decision-makers with insight into which policy-relevant areas are well studied and which remain underexplored. The primary purpose is to characterize the recent current evidence base to inform research funding allocation decisions. The outputs will include a dynamic filterable evidence map, data visualizations, and an interactive AI-powered chatbot.

Zenodo

<https://zenodo.org/>

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Implementing School-Associated Vaccination Events in Colorado Public Schools: A Statewide Survey of Nurses

We fielded a web-based survey of school nurses that worked in Colorado public schools in Fall 2024 to assess perceived implementation facilitators and barriers.

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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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