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Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review

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This weekly digest targets news, events, announcements, articles and research in the vaccine and global health ethics and policy space and is aggregated from key governmental, NGO, international organization and industry sources, key peer-reviewed journals, and other media channels. This summary proceeds from the broad base of themes and issues monitored by the Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy in its work: it is not intended to be exhaustive in its coverage.

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Milestones, Perspectives

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PABS Annex

A/IGWG/9 - Intergovernmental Working Group [IGWG] on the WHO Pandemic Agreement – 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.
:: A/IGWG/9/1 - Provisional agenda
:: A/IGWG/9/2 - Draft programme of work

> **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 DG

Announcement of candidates for the position of WHO Director-General
WHO 29 October 2026 *Note for Media*

Seven candidates have been proposed by Member States of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the position of WHO Director-General:

- **Dr Hanan Mohammed Al-Kuwari**
- **Dr Hanan Balkhy**
- **Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge**
- **Dr María P. Neira**
- **Mr Budi Gunadi Sadikin**
- **Dr Li Song**
- **Dr Gevorg Tamamyan.**

The candidates' curricula vitae are available in all official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The candidates will engage with Member States and Associate Members on 18–19 November 2026 at the first candidates' forum at WHO Headquarters in Geneva. The forum will be publicly webcast on the WHO website in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

At its 160th session **in early 2027, the WHO's Executive Board will decide on a shortlist of five candidates.** Executive Board members will then interview these candidates and nominate up to three to go forward for consideration by the World Health Assembly.

A second candidates' forum with candidates nominated by the Executive Board will take place on 15 March 2027 and will also be publicly available on the WHO website in all official languages.

At its 80th session in May 2027, the World Health Assembly will appoint the new Director-General. The new Director-General will take office on 16 August 2027.

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Global Fund

Global Fund Board Appoints Mark Dybul as Next Executive Director

28 October 2026

GENEVA – Today at the 56th Board Meeting of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund), the Board appointed Dr. Mark Dybul as the organization's next Executive Director. He will begin his four-year term in early 2027.

Dybul, a medical doctor, has extensive experience in global health and development including as former Executive Director of the Global Fund from 2013 to 2017. Earlier in his career, Dybul was instrumental in the development of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), a long-time partner of the Global Fund. He held various roles, including leading the initiative as the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator from 2006 to 2009...

Global Fund and World Bank Group Join Forces to Help Countries Access High-Quality Lifesaving Health Products at Better Value

Joint statement by Peter Sands, Executive Director, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and Paschal Donohoe, Managing Director and Chief Knowledge Officer, World Bank Group

29 October 2026

GENEVA/WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) and the World Bank Group yesterday **signed a Letter of Intent that will enable countries to use World Bank financing to buy quality-assured health products through wambo.org, the Global Fund's online pooled procurement platform.**

The agreement builds on a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the two institutions in December 2025 to mobilize at least US$2 billion in aligned financing over three years and improve access to quality-assured health products. It also marks a further step in expanding access to wambo.org beyond Global Fund grants.

The Global Fund first introduced non-Global Fund-financed procurement in 2017, and its Board mainstreamed the mechanism in 2022. In July 2026, the Board approved a new policy [download in English] to expand its use, helping countries transition toward greater self-reliance while sustaining access to affordable, quality-assured health products.

As resources become increasingly constrained and countries take on a greater share of the financing of their health programs, they need procurement solutions that offer competitive prices, quality assurance and dependable supply. This collaboration responds directly to that need. Use of the platform will be a choice made by each country, adding a procurement option alongside national procurement systems and other existing channels.

Pooled procurement combines orders from many buyers to obtain better prices and more reliable delivery from quality-assured suppliers. Each additional buyer increases the pooled volume, providing opportunities for improved prices and supply security for all users.

In 2025, the Global Fund managed around US$1.2 billion in procurement, including more than US$1 billion through its pooled mechanism for programs in more than 80 countries.

World Bank borrowers will be able to place orders through a streamlined process that meets the World Bank's fiduciary requirements…

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HIV

Barbados eliminates mother-to-child transmission of HIV
30 October 2026
News release Geneva / Washington, D.C. / Bridgetown
Barbados has eliminated mother-to-child transmission of HIV as a public health problem, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced, marking **a major public health milestone resulting from years of sustained efforts to ensure babies are born free of HIV.**

"I congratulate Barbados on protecting a generation of children from HIV," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. **"Barbados has shown what universal health coverage looks like in practice: free services for every pregnant woman, regardless of nationality, and care that respects her rights and privacy. With 15 countries and territories in the Americas now recognized, the region continues to show the world the way."**

Barbados now joins a group of 26 countries and territories worldwide recognized by WHO for eliminating mother-to-child transmission (EMTCT) of HIV, syphilis or hepatitis B, or for being on track to achieve it. Fifteen are in the Americas, making the region the global leader in these achievements.

Certification by WHO follows an independent assessment confirming that Barbados met the global targets on elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. From 2022 to 2024, no new HIV infections resulting from mother-to-child transmission were reported among infants born in Barbados…

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

WHO
Public health advice on gender considerations during Ebola disease outbreaks
WHO 28 October 2026 | *Guidance (normative)*
Overview
This public health advice addresses the need to integrate gender considerations into Ebola outbreak preparedness and response measures. It outlines practical actions to identify and act on gender-specific differences in risks, needs and barriers. There is particular emphasis on risk communication and community engagement, equitable access to services, protection and participation. The activities are presented in seven themes: gender analyses; cross-pillar response; protection for pregnant and breastfeeding women; engagement with caregivers; protection risks including gender-based violence and sexual misconduct; and cultural acceptance.
The advice is intended for government departments; national, subnational and local authorities; health and social service providers; and response personnel, including those working at the community level.
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.

See WHO Africa Region/AFRO coverage here.

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Africa

Africa CDC
Africa CDC Commends Kenya's Decisive Leadership and Strengthens Joint Efforts to Contain Ebola
27 October 2026
H.E. Dr Jean Kaseya, Director-General of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), met with Hon. Aden Duale, Cabinet Secretary for Health of the Republic of Kenya, to commend Kenya's decisive leadership and swift response to the Ebola outbreak, and reaffirm Africa CDC's commitment to supporting the country's containment efforts and safeguarding continental health security…

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UN System/Multilateral Institutions/Economic Development Alliances

G20 Chair's Statement G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting
October 31, 2026
[Excerpt]
…***Ebola***
11. As Ministers noted, international cooperation is key to combating Ebola. The $2 billion raised to fight the outbreak at the September event in New York, held during the U.S. presidency, has catalyzed a more aggressive response to this deadly disease. The G20 commends the communities and the frontline responders for their tireless efforts.

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Regions / Nation States

Europe
ECDC to deploy experts as Ebola cases emerge in Kenya and Nigeria
27 October 2026

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INGOs, CSOs

MSF – DRC Ebola outbreaks
Providing mental health support to Ebola disease patients and their loved ones
Project Update 28 Oct 2026

IAVI awarded $36 million from BARDA for Bundibugyo virus vaccine development
Press Releases
October 28, 2026
Initial award funds process development, manufacturing, and clinical evaluation of a single-dose vaccine candidate through strategic partnerships with Hilleman Laboratories, SK bioscience, and IDT Biologika

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Polio – PHEIC

Polio this week [21 Oct 2026]
Headlines [Selected]
:: From the Arctic to Somalia: World Polio Day brings the world together
From the Arctic Ocean to Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean and Europe, communities marked World Polio Day 2026 with extraordinary energy, creativity and a shared determination to finish the job of polio eradication. More.
:: What does it take to eradicate a disease? A conversation with new WHO polio director Chris Wolff
In this episode of @Rotary Voices, Chris Wolff, the new WHO polio eradication director, shares why the final push toward a polio-free world is so important and why he remains optimistic that we will end polio for good.
:: Polio eradication through regional partnerships in Eastern Mediterranean
Two drops of vaccine are often used as a symbol for polio eradication. Yet protecting a child from poliovirus depends on far more than vaccination. It requires interconnected public health systems that can detect the virus, respond rapidly, reach every child and continuously adapt to changing risks. Regional partnerships are key. Learn more here.

Summary of new polioviruses this week:
:: Pakistan : one WPV1 case
:: DR Congo : seven cVDPV2 cases
:: Niger : one cVDPV3 case
:: Nigeria : one cVDPV3 case
:: Somalia : one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample

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International Health
Published: 07 October 2026 https://doi.org/10.1093/inthealth/ihag097
Journal Article
From eradicating wild poliovirus to eradicating vaccine-derived polioviruses: why oral polio vaccine use must now be ended
David N Durrheim , Robert Steinglass , Norbert Hirschhorn , Dhanya Dharmapalan , Oyewale Tomori ,
T Jacob John
Abstract
Wild poliovirus (WPV)2 was eradicated globally in 1999, and WPV3 was eradicated in 2012. Since 2016, endemic transmission of WPV1 has remained restricted to Afghanistan and Pakistan. Circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses (cVDPVs) have become the leading cause of poliovirus transmission and paralytic disease globally. As cVDPVs originate from oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) strains, the polio endgame must address both cVDPV outbreaks and the mechanism that generates them. We propose defining cVDPV eradication as sustained zero disease, zero transmission, and zero emergence of new cVDPV lineages. Continued OPV use exposes children, predominantly in low- and middle-income countries, to avoidable risks of vaccine-associated paralysis and cVDPV outbreaks. Accelerated transition to inactivated poliovirus vaccine-only schedules and cessation of OPV use are essential for a sustainable and equitable polio endgame.

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WHO & Regional Offices [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.who.int/news
Selected News/Announcements/Statements

31 October 2026 *Departmental update*
On World Cities Day 2026, WHO calls for safe, healthy housing for all

30 October 2026 *News release*
Barbados eliminates mother-to-child transmission of HIV

30 October 2026 *Departmental update*
World Conference on Traditional Medicine 2026 delivers landmark outcomes for global health

29 October 2026 *Note for Media*
Announcement of candidates for the position of WHO Director-General

29 October 2026 *Departmental update*
Message by the Director of the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals at WHO - October 2026

28 October 2026 *Departmental update*
WHO advises coexistence of digital and non-digital ship-related health documents

28 October 2026 *Departmental update*
Climate change is a growing health emergency, Lancet Countdown warns

28 October 2026 *Departmental update*
WHO releases target regimen profiles for long-acting injectables for TB

27 October 2026 *Statement*
Types of data requested to inform December 2026 COVID-19 vaccine antigen composition deliberations

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WHO: GHA – Global Health Architecture

Reforming the global health architecture
WHO webpage for the GHA initiative
[Last update posted 26 June 2026]

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WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]

https://www.who.int/health-topics/vaccines-and-immunization#tab=tab_1
News
29 October 2026 *Departmental update*
Message by the Director of the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals at WHO - October 2026
Behind every dose, a decision: evidence, equity and health security
From 5 to 8 October, the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) met to review the evidence on vaccines against human papillomavirus (HPV), diphtheria, yellow fever, mpox and polio, and to consider the role of vaccination in the ongoing outbreak of the Bundibugyo virus disease outbreak (BVD)…

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements
WHO African Region AFRO
:: 28 October 2026 | *Feature Stories*
Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: In Niania, dialogue transforms mistrust into community engagement
:: 27 October 2026 | *Feature Stories*
Ebola survivor clinics strengthen the Ebola response in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
:: 26 October 2026 | News releases
Twenty contacts of Kenya's first Ebola case released from quarantine

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO
:: 30 Oct 2026
Barbados eliminates mother-to-child transmission of HIV
Geneva / Washington, D.C. / Bridgetown, 30 October 2026 - Barbados has eliminated mother-to-child transmission of HIV as a public health problem, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced, marking a major public health milestone resulting from years of sustained efforts to ensure babies are born free of HIV. "I congratulate Barbados on…
:: 28 Oct 2026
Americas face growing need for long-term care as populations age
Although 88% of countries surveyed have included long-term care in national legislation, policies or plans, only 15 of PAHO's 35 Member States report having a formal, publicly funded system. Washington, D.C., 28 October 2026 (PAHO) – As the population of the Americas ages, the need for long-term care is growing, but fragmented services and…
:: 28 Oct 2026
Shamonda virus: What does the first human case mean for the Americas?
Washington, D.C., 28 October 2026 (PAHO) – Following the notification in France of the first documented case of human disease caused by Shamonda virus, Jairo Méndez Rico, Regional Advisor on Viral Diseases at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), explains what is known so far, the current situation in the Americas, and why continued…

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO
No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO
:: 30 October 2026 *Media release*
Member States of the WHO European Region adopt new plans on healthy ageing and AI in health
:: 30 October 2026 *News release*
Four years of the Regional digital health action plan: what WHO and countries have achieved
:: 29 October 2026 *News*
Governments across Europe and Central Asia unanimously adopt new vision for AI in health care

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO
:: **WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean and Rotary reaffirm commitment to ending polio at World Polio Day events in Cairo**
25 October 2026

WHO Western Pacific Region
:: 26 October 2026
The Pacific and HIV: A Chance to Turn the Tide

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WHO - Emergency situation reports
Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations. Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations.
No new digest content identified.

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)
Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health
No new digest content identified.

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Weekly Epidemiological Record
https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record
Volume 101 Issue 43 Epidemiological Week 43 (19 October – 25 October 2026)
https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record/wer101-42
- Highlighted signals and events
- Global respiratory virus activity: weekly update
- Influenza at the human-animal interface summary and risk assessment, 7 Oct 2026

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New WHO Publications
https://www.who.int/publications
Selected
30 October 2026

Catalogue of mutations in Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex and their association with drug resistance,...

29 October 2026
WHO/UNICEF guide for research on wasting and nutritional oedema in infants and children under 5 years:...

28 October 2026
Public health advice on gender considerations during Ebola disease outbreaks

26 October 2026
Target regimen profiles for long-acting injectables for tuberculosis prevention and treatment

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Africa

Africa CDC [31 Oct 2026]
https://africacdc.org/
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Joint Statement
Africa CDC Commends Kenya's Decisive Leadership and Strengthens Joint Efforts to Contain Ebola
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H.E. Dr Jean Kaseya, Director-General of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), met with Hon. Aden Duale, Cabinet Secretary for Health of the Republic of Kenya, to commend Kenya's decisive leadership and swift response to the Ebola outbreak, and reaffirm Africa CDC's commitment to supporting the country's containment efforts and safeguarding continental health security…

Communiqué
Africa CDC Supports the AUC Chairperson's Call for the Immediate and Unconditional Lifting of Unilateral Sanctions against Zimbabwe
25 October 2026
The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) supports the call issued on 23 October 2026 by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, for the immediate and unconditional lifting of unilateral sanctions imposed against institutions and individuals of the Republic of Zimbabwe. Africa CDC stands with the people of Zimbabwe and joins the African Union and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) in supporting this appeal…

African Medicines Agency [31 Oct 2026]
https://au-ama.africa/news-events/
Latest News & Events
African Medicines Agency inaugurates Technical Committees
October 26, 2026
The seven Technical Committees of the African Medicines Agency (AMA) were inaugurated in Kigali today.

Established by the AMA Treaty, the Technical Committees review the scientific evidence in applications for medical products, including medicines, vaccines and diagnostics, and for clinical trials, and give AMA independent scientific advice. Their guidance will support AMA's work with national regulators to improve access to quality, safe and effective medical products for patients across Africa.

Their areas of work include the evaluation of medicines, vaccines and biologicals, clinical trials oversight, market intelligence and control, quality control laboratories, vigilance, regulatory inspections, and medical devices, diagnostics and emerging technologies.

"Today is an important day for AMA. **With the inauguration of our Technical Committees, we are building an African regulatory institution that belongs to Africa, serves Africa and contributes confidently to the world.** These experts bring the scientific rigour that underpins our work, in support of regulators across the continent and the patients who depend on them." – H.E Dr. Delese Mimi Darko, Director-General, African Medicines Agency..

Members were selected through an open, competitive and merit-based process, following a continent-wide call for expressions of interest. They serve as individual experts in an independent scientific capacity…

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China – CDC+

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China [31 Oct 2026]
http://en.nhc.gov.cn/
News
No new digest content identified.

National Medical Products Administration – PRC [31 Oct 2026]
https://english.nmpa.gov.cn/
Website not responding at inquiry.

China CDC
***CCDC Weekly Reports*: Current Volume (8)**
2026 Vol. 8 No. 44 PDF
https://weekly.chinacdc.cn/article/current
:: *Healthy China*
From Response to Resilience: Practices and Prospects for China-Africa Public Health Cooperation
Lili Wang, Yuting Feng, Mengru Xie, Yeting Du, Mingfan Pang, Yuansheng Fang, Xinping Yang, Hanran Ji, Qing Zhao, Xiaopeng Qi
:: *Vital Surveillances*
Epidemiological Characteristics of Other Infectious Diarrhea Among Adults Aged 60 Years and Older — China, 2005–2025
Yang Song, Mengjiao Xie, Fengfeng Liu, Zhaorui Chang
:: *Preplanned Studies*
Early Warning of School Influenza Using Symptom and Illness-Related Absenteeism Surveillance — Guangdong Province, China, 2023–2024 Academic Year
Yu Lu, Jing Jiang, Yifeng Qin, Meng Li, Wenjia Liang, Jingxi Feng, Chengshu Yang, Rong Liu, Qiuxia Chen, Yabin Qu

:: **A Three-Year Surveillance Study on Post-pandemic Respiratory Pathogen Ecological Characteristics in Acute Respiratory Infections — Quanzhou City, Fujian Province, China, 2023–2026**
Xiaoling Chen, Changliang Wang, Weiming Wang, Jiajie Huang, Manfang Lin, Jiangyi Liu, Mengjie Yang, Caiting Gong, Xinlan Huang, Jie Zhang, Jun Liu, Youxian Zheng

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Europe

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en
News/Updates/Reports/Publications [Selected]
First public health emergency preparedness assessments across Europe show both commitment and recurring challenges
29 October 2026

As the cold season nears, universal immunisation of newborns against RSV could significantly reduce infant hospitalisations across Europe
28 October 2026

ECDC to deploy experts as Ebola cases emerge in Kenya and Nigeria
27 October 2026

Surveillance and monitoring
Monthly measles and rubella monitoring report - September 2026
30 October 2026

Assessment
Multi-model assessment of the impact of newborn RSV immunisation on hospitalisation burden in the EU/EEA
28 October 2026

European Medicines Agency [EMA]
https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news
News & Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

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India

National Centre for Disease Control
Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Announcements
No new digest content identified.

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
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No new digest content identified.

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

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

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

White House
Presidential Actions – Executive Orders; Memoranda; Proclamations
No new digest content identified.

Department of State
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G20 Chair's Statement G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting
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HHS
Press Room - Selected
No new digest content identified.

NIH
News Releases
FDA and CMS Announce New Steps to Advance Gene Therapies and Expand Access for Patients with Rare Diseases
October 27, 2026 Press Release

FDA
Press Announcements
No new digest content identified.

FDA CBER
What's New for Biologics

10/30/2026 October 30, 2026 Approval Letter - VOCERYQ

10/30/2026 *FDA Approves First Plasmid DNA-based Immunotherapy for Adults with Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis*

10/29/2026 *October 6, 2026 Approval Letter - Procleix Babesia Assay*

10/27/2026 *Individualized Human Genome Editing Products: Considerations for BLA Submission and Postapproval Management; Draft Guidance for Industry*

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)

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
A Notice by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on 10/30/2026
SUMMARY:
In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is seeking nominations for membership on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The ACIP consists of up to 19 experts that collectively represent a balanced range of scientific, clinical, and public health expertise relevant to the Committee's mission, including person(s) knowledgeable about consumer perspectives and/or social and community aspects of immunization programs.
DATES:
Nominations for membership on the ACIP must be received no later than December 31, 2026. Submissions received after this time will not be considered for the current membership cycle.

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
October 29, 2026 / No. 42
PDF of this issue
:: Notes from the Field: Use of Enhanced Surveillance to Detect Severe Group A Streptococcus Infections Among Persons Experiencing Homelessness — Missoula County, Montana, July 2024–September 2025

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National Science Foundation/NSF
News
No new digest content identified.

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U.S. Congress

House
No new digest content identified.

Senate
No new digest content identified.

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Supreme Court, Federal & Appellate Courts

O'Neill Institute – Health Care Litigation Tracker [Georgetown University]
https://litigationtracker.law.georgetown.edu/
No new digest content identified.

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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 31 Oct 2026)
No new digest content identified.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases-from-the-aap/
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
News
No new digest content identified.

American College of Physicians (ACP)
https://www.acponline.org/more-acp-news
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
No new digest content identified.

America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)
https://www.ahip.org/news
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
News
No new digest content identified.

American Geriatrics Society (AGS)
https://www.americangeriatrics.org/media-center
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
Recent Press Releases
AGS Releases Findings from the AGS Older Adults Vaccine Initiative

New York, NY (October 28, 2026) – Today, the American Geriatrics Society (AGS) released a **paper in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society detailing findings from the AGS Older Adults Vaccine (AGS OAV) Initiative** (https://doi.org/10.1111/jgs.70770).

The American Geriatrics Society launched the Older Adults Vaccine Initiative (AGS OAV Initiative) in 2021, with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under a five-year financial assistance award to the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) called Specialty Societies Advancing Older Adult Immunization (SSAAI).

AGS partnered with seven health systems with the goal of improving vaccination rates for older adults in those systems. Together, the health systems demonstrated modest improvements in influenza and COVID-19 vaccination rates within the context of an overall decrease in national rates.

The report in JAGS describes how health systems: (1) implemented multiple strategies to increase vaccination rates; (2) tailored strategies to the needs of their systems; and (3) layered in overlapping interventions strategies and interventions.

AGS is committed to ensuring that we all have access to recommended vaccines and education about their role in ensuring our collective health and well-being as we age. In light of this commitment, AGS's dedicated OAV Initiative microsite, vaccines.agscocare.org, will remain available and be updated regularly, providing free access to the collection of resources developed through this effort to support improving vaccination rates among older adults. Resources include the AGS online educational curriculum on vaccines in older adults, podcasts, webinars, teaching slides, clinical assessment tools, and a portfolio of public education resources to help older adults and caregivers make informed decisions about recommended vaccines.

American Medical Association (AMA)
https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
https://osteopathic.org/news/

(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

American Public Health Association (APHA)
https://www.apha.org/news-and-media/news-releases?sortFieldName=ItemDate&sortDisplayName=Newest&sortMode=desc
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
No new digest content identified.

Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)
https://www.idsociety.org/
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
News
New CDC report underscores need for federal action on AMR
Last Updated October 27, 2026

The 2026 Antimicrobial Resistance Threats Report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that drug-resistant bacteria and fungi result in nearly 10 million infections and over 50,000 deaths each year in the U.S. These numbers are alarming by any measure but are particularly sobering when infectious diseases physicians connect real patients with these statistics in their everyday experience. Drug-resistant infections prolong hospital stays, drive up health care costs and make it increasingly difficult — and sometimes impossible — for doctors to safely provide care like cancer chemotherapy, organ transplants, hip and knee replacements, and other medical care and surgeries.

It is imperative that Congress pass the bipartisan PASTEUR Act to drive the development of the lifesaving novel antimicrobial drugs that are needed to treat resistant infections and to support antimicrobial stewardship programs to ensure that patients in all communities receive optimal care that protects the effectiveness of our precious antimicrobial drugs.
— Wendy S. Armstrong, MD, FIDSA — President, IDSA

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)
https://www.nfid.org/news-updates/
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
News and Updates
October 30, 2026
'The Most Important Work There Is': NFID Honors Hatchett, Madhi, and Neuzil at 2026 Awards Gala

At the 2026 Awards Gala, the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases honored 3 outstanding public health champions: Richard J. Hatchett, MD; Shabir A. Madhi, MMed, PhD; and Kathleen M. Neuzil, MD, MPH.

National Medical Association (NMA)
https://nmanet.org/blog/
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)
https://pids.org/news-announcements/
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
News & Announcements
Oct. 27, 2026
Stanley A. Plotkin Receives 2026 PIDS Distinguished Research Award
The award recognizes the outstanding investigative efforts of a Society member who has made outstanding contributions to research with significant impact on the field of pediatric infectious diseases.

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)
https://shea-online.org/news/
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
SHEA Responds to CDC's 2026 Antimicrobial Resistance Threats Report
October 29, 2026
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) emphasizes the critical importance of fully resourcing infection prevention and antimicrobial stewardship programs in response to the…

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)
https://www.smfm.org/
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
News
No new digest content identified.

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

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Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release
Research, Analysis
No new digest content identified.

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Vaccine Integrity Project – CIDRAP [to 31 Oct 2026]
https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/vaccine-integrity-project
Announcements, Viewpoints
No new digest content identified.

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Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy - GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 31 Oct 2026]
https://centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.net/
No new digest content identified.

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Paul Offit, MD – *Beyond the Noise*
Substack: https://pauloffit.substack.com/
RFK Jr.'s "Control Group"
In July 2021, while speaking to a large Mennonite crowd in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, RFK Jr. made two accurate predictions.
Oct 26, 2026

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Organization Announcements

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [31 Oct 2026]
https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/
News
No new digest content identified.

Gates Foundation [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center
Press Releases & Statements
No new digest content identified.

CARB-X [31 Oct 2026]
https://carb-x.org/
News
No new digest content identified.

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative [31 Oct 2026]
https://chanzuckerberg.com/newsroom/
Newsroom
No new digest content identified.

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [31 Oct 2026]
http://cepi.net/
News
Impact stories
Making mRNA in Latin America: Brazil's new vaccine platform heads into human trials

Brazil is building the capability to develop and produce its own mRNA vaccines, strengthening pandemic preparedness at home and across Latin America.
27 Oct 2026

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 31 Oct 2026]
https://cioms.ch/
News; Publications; Events
No new digest content identified.

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.darpa.mil/news
News
No new digest content identified.

DNDI – Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative [31 Oct 2026]
https://dndi.org/press/press-releases/
Press Releases
Press releases 29 Oct 2026
DNDi welcomes GHIT Fund's support for innovative approaches to improve success in Chagas disease drug discovery with Nagasaki University, the University of Dundee, and Eisai

Press releases 27 Oct 2026
Kenya becomes first African country to join the Dengue Alliance

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [31 Oct 2026]
https://dukeghic.org/
News
No new digest content identified.

EDCTP [31 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 [31 Oct 2026]
http://www.vaccines.emory.edu/
Vaccine Center News
No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [31 Oct 2026]
http://www.euvaccine.eu/
News
European Vaccine Initiative and Novo Nordisk Foundation launch new network to advance mucosal immunity research for airway vaccines: AVANT-guard
AVANT-guard is coordinated by EVI and brings together research consortia supported by seven funding organisations.

Fondation Merieux [31 Oct 2026]
http://www.fondation-merieux.org/
Actualités
No new digest content identified.

Gates Medical Research Institute [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.gatesmri.org/news
News: Articles and Publications
No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 31 Oct 2026]
https://www.gavi.org/
News Releases, VaccinesWork
No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global Foundation [31 Oct 2026]
www.ge2p2.org
News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements/Digests
:: **The Sentinel** – *Health :: Human Rights :: Humanitarian Action :: Peace :: Heritage/Literacy/Education :: Climate :: Sustainable Development* - Current edition
:: **Public Consultations Watch - Global Calls for Input/Public Comment/RFIs**
22 October 2026 – Issue 44

GHIT Fund [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press
Press Releases
October 29, 2026
Total Investment of Approx. USD 6.8 Million in Product Development for Malaria, NTDs and Other Emerging & Re-emerging Infectious Diseases such as Ebola Disease

Global Fund [to 31 Oct 2026]
https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/
News Releases
30 October 2026
Global Fund Approves Emergency Funding for Nepal to Restore Essential HIV and TB Services After Devastating Floods

GENEVA – The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) has approved US$1.16 million in emergency funding to restore essential HIV and tuberculosis (TB) services following the catastrophic floods in Nepal…

29 October 2026
Global Fund and World Bank Group Join Forces to Help Countries Access High-Quality Lifesaving Health Products at Better Value
Joint statement by Peter Sands, Executive Director, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and Paschal Donohoe, Managing Director and Chief Knowledge Officer, World Bank Group

28 October 2026
Global Fund Board Appoints Mark Dybul as Next Executive Director

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.glopid-r.org/
News & Event
No new digest content identified.

Hilleman Laboratories [31 Oct 2026]
http://www.hilleman-labs.org/
News & Insights
No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.hhmi.org/news
News & Stories
No new digest content identified.

Human Immunome Project [nee Human Vaccines Project] [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.humanimmunomeproject.org/
News
No new digest content identified.

IAVI [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.iavi.org/
Press Releases, Features
Press Releases
IAVI awarded $36 million from BARDA for Bundibugyo virus vaccine development
October 28, 2026
Initial award funds process development, manufacturing, and clinical evaluation of a single-dose vaccine candidate through strategic partnerships with Hilleman Laboratories, SK bioscience, and IDT Biologika

INSERM [31 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
No new digest content identified.

ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use] [to 31 Oct 2026]
https://www.ich.org/page/public-consultations
News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 31 Oct 2026]
https://www.icrc.org/en/news
Latest press releases and statements
UN Security Council: ICRC statement in the open debate on women, peace and security
Statement 29-10-2026

COP31: The ICRC's call to strengthen climate action and finance to reach people in conflict settings
Article 29-10-2026
Climate change poses a grave threat to people everywhere. Warming is causing climate variations, including more extreme and less predictable weather around the world, and global efforts have so far not been enough to prevent, let alone reverse, these trends.

IFFIm [31 Oct 2026]
http://www.iffim.org/
No new digest content identified.

IFRC [to 31 Oct 2026]
http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/news/press-releases/
Press releases
Press release 27/10/2026
Hurricane Melissa, one year on: Jamaica Red Cross assists 91,000 people in a record-breaking response while humanitarian needs persist

IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat [31 Oct 2026]
https://ippsecretariat.org/news/
News
Registration now open: 100 Days Mission Report Launch and IPPS Transition Event
October 20, 2026
Hybrid Event | Wednesday 3rd February 2027 | London and online
Register here

Institut Pasteur [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.pasteur.fr/en/press-area
Press Documents
No new digest content identified.

InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)
https://www.interacademies.org/news/press-releases
News
News Wed, 28 October 2026
Educators and academies chart a global shared strategy for science education in a changing world
IAP and ISSE close their first school with concrete proposals on inquiry, trust in science and AI in the classroom, and a roadmap for the year ahead.

ISC / International Science Council [to 31 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
29 October 2026 - 9 min read
ISC in Beijing: a new Declaration, a new President and a renewed Governing Board
Meeting in Beijing at a time of mounting pressure on international science, the ISC community adopted the Beijing Science Declaration and welcomed both a new President, Professor Robbert Dijkgraaf, and seven new members of its Governing Board.

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)
https://iuis.org/
News, Resources
No new digest content identified.

IVAC [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/ivac/index.html
Updates; Events
October 28, 2026
IVAC Researchers Inform Global Guidance for Diphtheria Outbreak Prevention

IVI [31 Oct 2026]
http://www.ivi.int/
IVI News & Announcements
Country lessons to strengthen oral cholera vaccination
Published: 28 October 2026
"Different countries have implemented different interventions toward cholera elimination," says Dr. Guissimon Phiri of Zambia's Ministry of Health. Bringing those experiences together at the International Vaccine Institute (IVI)'s OCV Access & Vaccination Strategy Workshop, he says, creates "a bank of knowledge that each country can tap into."

Public health experts from Ethiopia, Mozambique, and Zambia came together at IVI headquarters in Seoul to share updates on their National Cholera Plans and oral cholera vaccine (OCV) plans, reflect on OCV campaign experiences, and consider how country lessons could inform future vaccination strategies…

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [31 Oct 2026]
https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom
Center News [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 31 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 31 Oct 2026]
http://www.msf.org/
Latest [Selected Announcements]
Haiti
Haiti: Civilians and medical facilities must be spared in surge of violence in Port-au-Prince
Press Release 28 Oct 2026

DRC Ebola outbreaks
Providing mental health support to Ebola disease patients and their loved ones
Project Update 28 Oct 2026

Conflict in Sudan
Dozens of people killed and 150 injured in Sudanese Armed Forces' Nyala drone strike
Crisis Update 27 Oct 2026

Yemen
Strikes are impacting people's access to healthcare in Yemen
Crisis Update 26 Oct 2026

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 31 Oct 2026]
https://nam.edu/programs/
News, Stories, Insights
No new digest content identified.

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM] - USA [to 31 Oct 2026]
https://www.nationalacademies.org/newsroom
News
One Hazard After Another: Building Interdisciplinary Connections for Disaster Preparedness
Program News
By Sam Gerard Last update October 26, 2026

PATH [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.path.org/media-center/
Newsroom [Selected]
PATH and iBody partner to develop a diagnostic for Nipah virus and Hendra virus
October 29, 2026 by PATH
With support from the GHIT Fund, the partners will develop a tool to enable early NiV and HeV outbreak detection in rural and low-resource settings, reducing transmission and saving lives.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 31 Oct 2026]
https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/
News and Announcements
No new digest content identified.

Sabin Vaccine Institute [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.sabin.org/press/
Latest News & Press Releases
First-Ever Survey of TB and Immunization Communities on Upcoming TB Vaccines a "Wake-up Call" for Preparedness
October 29, 2026
Key Takeaways
- A concerning 67% of more than 1,400 respondents in a joint global survey of tuberculosis (TB) and immunization communities say they have heard little or nothing about new TB vaccines that will be available in 2029.
- Safety concerns, side effects, misinformation, stigma, cost concerns, and insufficient information were identified as areas needing immediate attention.
- Successful roll-out will depend on resourced collaboration between tuberculosis and immunization communities, including joint planning, vaccine literacy and early awareness campaigns, education, community demand creation and engagement, and coordinated communication through trusted institutions, governments, and healthcare workers.

UNAIDS [31 Oct 2026]
http://www.unaids.org/en
News, Stories, Updates
Press Statement
UNAIDS congratulates Barbados on eliminating vertical transmission of HIV
PANAMA, 30 October 2025—UNAIDS congratulates the Government and people of Barbados on obtaining certification of the elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, as determined by the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Press Release
UNAIDS welcomes Mark Dybul as the new Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
GENEVA 28 October 2026

UNICEF [to 31 Oct 2026]
https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases
Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]

Statement 22 October 2026
Statement by UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, Edouard Beigbeder, on the ongoing killings of children across the Gaza Strip
AMMAN, 20 October 2026 –, "Fourteen-year-old Mohamed was walking home from a UNICEF-supported learning centre on 17 October in Deir al Balah in the Gaza Strip when he was reported hit in the street by an armed drone strike and killed. His school bag was left lying beside his body. "The next day, six-year-old Misk...

News note 22 October 2026
Gavi and UNICEF secure lower malaria vaccine price, saving US$50 million for childhood immunization programmes
COPENHAGEN/GENEVA/NEW YORK, 22 October 2026, – An agreement announced today will cut the price of the RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine by approximately 40 per cent. The deal, executed by UNICEF and financially backed by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is expected to generate around US$50 million in savings between 2027 and ...

Unitaid [31 Oct 2026]
https://unitaid.org/
News releases
Unitaid welcomes the appointment of Mark Dybul as Global Fund Executive Director
28 October 2026

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [31 Oct 2026]
https://vaccineequitycooperative.org/news/
News
No new digest content identified. [Last update Jun 30, 2023]

Vaccine Confidence Project [31 Oct 2026]
http://www.vaccineconfidence.org/
News, Research and Reports
No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children's Hospital of Philadelphia [31 Oct 2026]
http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center
News
Vaccine Update Newsletter October 2026

Wellcome Trust [31 Oct 2026]
https://wellcome.org/
News. Opinion, Reports
No new digest announcements identified.

The Wistar Institute [to 31 Oct 2026]
https://www.wistar.org/news/press-releases
Press Releases
No new digest announcements identified.

World Bank [to 31 Oct 2026]
http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/all
News [Selected]
Global Fund and World Bank Partner to Expand Access to Lifesaving Health Products
Global Fund and World Bank Group partnership expands access to affordable, quality-assured health products through pooled procurement, strengthening health financing, supply security, and country self-reliance.
October 29, 2026| Statement | English

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [31 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 Warns Against Threats to Medical Professional Independence in Türkiye
28.10.28
The World Medical Association (WMA) today expressed serious concerns about developments in Türkiye that undermine the autonomy, self-regulation, and professional independence of the medical profession…

Protect Those Who Provide Healthcare: World's Physicians Renew Call to Stop Attacks on Healthcare
26.10.28
The World Medical Association (WMA) today renewed its call on all parties to armed conflict to protect healthcare, following the unanimous adoption of the Declaration of Rotterdam on the Protection of Medical Neutrality at its General Assembly on 10 October…

World Organisation for Animal Health [WOAH/OIE] [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.oie.int/
Latest News
No new digest announcements identified.

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [31 Oct 2026]
https://alliancerm.org/press-releases/
Selected Press Releases
No new digest announcements identified.

BIO [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.bio.org/press-releases

Press Releases
U.S. Bioscience Industry Powers Over $3 Trillion in Economic Output, New Report Finds
October 28, 2026
WASHINGTON, DC (October 28, 2026) – Today, the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) and the Council of State Bioscience Associations (CSBA) released new national and state-level data on the U.S. bioscience industry's economic impact…

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [31 Oct 2026]
http://www.dcvmn.org/
News, Events
No new digest announcements identified.

EFPIA – European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations
https://www.efpia.eu/news-events/
News & Events
No new digest announcements identified.

ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [31 Oct 2026]
https://internationalbiotech.org/
News
No new digest announcements identified.

IFPMA [31 Oct 2026]
https://ifpma.org/
News & Resources
Statement 31 October 2026
Industry commits to continued efforts to protect biodiversity at close of COP17
By IFPMA

Statement 28 October 2026
76th WHO Regional Committee for Europe: Matters arising from Resolutions and Decisions of the World Health Assembly
By IFPMA
On 28 October 2026, IFPMA submitted a statement on the global health architecture at the 76th WHO Regional Committee for Europe in Copenhagen.

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [31 Oct 2026]
https://www.iapo.org.uk/news
Press and media [Selected]
No new digest announcements identified.

International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association [IGBA]
https://www.igbamedicines.org/
News
No new digest announcements identified.

PhRMA [31 Oct 2026]
http://www.phrma.org/
Press Releases
October 28, 2026
PhRMA Statement on HHS Enforcement Discretion Policy Regarding 503A Compounding Using Certain Peptide Bulk Drug Substances

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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.
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AstraZeneca
Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Bavarian Nordic
Latest News
October 27, 2026
Bavarian Nordic to Supply and Donate Vaccines for Global Mpox Emergency Stockpile
:: Bavarian Nordic donates 75,000 doses of MVA-BN® and will also supply 150,000 doses to new global mpox vaccine emergency stockpile.
:: Building emergency reserves is an important milestone in global mpox preparedness, helping ensure timely and equitable access to vaccines.
:: This new initiative reflects Bavarian Nordic's longstanding role as a trusted partner in global health security and its mission to protect people and communities, and save lives, through vaccines.

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
Asia-Pacific is rapidly gaining importance as a major pillar in global life science innovation
Seoul, Korea, Fri, 30/10/2026 - 10:00
:: Speaking at the Asia-Pacific Conference of German Business in Seoul, Boehringer Ingelheim Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors, Shashank Deshpande, highlights the region's growing role
:: Boehringer builds on its integrated R&D and manufacturing operations in Japan, a growing presence in China and an expanding network of collaborations and partnerships across the entire region
:: Boehringer runs more than 200 clinical trials in Asia-Pacific and partners with some 160 institutions
:: Marking 50 years in Korea, Boehringer reaffirms its long-term commitment to life science R&D in the country

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 Sequirus
News Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Curevac
News - Website now directs to BioNTech site

Dailchi Sankyo
Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

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

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

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

HIPRA
Press releases - No new digest announcements identified.

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

Merck
News releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Moderna
News and Blog Posts - 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 - *No new digest announcements identified*

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

Samsung Biologics
Latest News - *No new digest announcements identified*

Sanofi Pasteur
Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Serum Institute
News & Announcements - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Sinopharm/WIBPBIBP
News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Sinovac
Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

SK Biosciences
Press Releases
Global Partnership Including SK bioscience Secures BARDA Funding to Advance Bundibugyo Ebola Vaccine Development and Manufacturing
2026.10.29
:: Partners with IAVI, Hilleman Laboratories and IDT Biologika to advance vaccine development against large-scale Ebola outbreaks
:: Single-dose vaccine designed to rapidly induce immunity, strengthening global health security
:: German subsidiary IDT Biologika to lead fill-finish operations, creating synergies across SK bioscience's global CDMO network

Takeda
Newsroom - *No new digest announcements identified*

Valneva
Press Releases *No new digest announcements identified*

WestVac Biopharma
Media - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Zhifei Longcom, China
[Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biologic Pharmacy Co., Ltd.]
Website *[No News/Announcements page identified]*

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Journal Watch

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

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

AJOB Empirical Bioethics
Volume 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.
[Reviewed earlier]

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
[Reviewed earlier]

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 4 (Oct 2026)
https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/115/4/tpmd.115.issue-4.xml
[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine
October 2026Volume 179, Issue 10
https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current
[Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal
Volume 359 October 2026
https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/359/suppl/C
[New issue; No digest content identified]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation
http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Health Services Research
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026]
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content
(Accessed 31 Oct 2026)
Key stakeholders' perspectives on introducing a new TB vaccine for adolescents and adults in Mozambique: a qualitative study
Agostinho Viana Lima
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When AI takes away the thrill of discovery
By H. Holden Thorp
29 Oct 2026
"Pure math is being devastated or revolutionized, depending on your point of view." So said Cornell professor Steven Strogatz after the artificial intelligence (AI) company OpenAI announced in early September a potential solution to the Navier-Stokes existence and smoothness problem, one of the seven Millennium Prize problems that represent the highest goals for mathematical proofs. OpenAI's solution involved unleashing an army of AI agents at a cost of millions of dollars in computing power, and it also certainly drew on decades of human effort in mathematics before it. Then a few weeks later, OpenAI posted 722 manuscripts describing progress on 372 mathematical problem families, and Google DeepMind published (in *Science*) solutions from their own AI math system. These events are potentially exciting for those who long to know the answers to these problems as soon as possible, but they have also sent the world of mathematics reeling, and pose an even bigger question for all fields: Can the satisfaction of understanding ever replace the thrill of discovery?...

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Abstract
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...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...

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