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Subject News This Week

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Measles Cases: As of July 29, 2025, a total of 1,333 confirmed* measles cases were reported by 40 jurisdictions: Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York City, New York State, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming.

Global Mpox Cases Near 30,000 Global confirmed mpox cases have hit 29,715, according to data compiled by the WHO. However, the cases may be higher due to lags in reporting and challenges with testing access in certain areas. A total of 19 countries in Africa are experiencing outbreaks, and on the continent, all clades of monkeypox virus ([MPXV](#)) are circulating. There is an upward trend in West Africa. But even with the increasing cases, the country hardest hit by mpox this year—the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)—is now seeing a decline in cases. Outside of Africa, several cases have been reported in China, and there was one travel-related case in Turkey, according to a July 11 WHO situation report (attached).

AMA and other medical associations kicked out of CDC vaccine workgroups U.S. health officials have told more than a half-dozen of the nation's top medical organizations that they will no longer help establish vaccination recommendations. The government told the organizations on Thursday via email that their experts are being disinvited from the workgroups that have been the backbone of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The organizations include the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Infectious Diseases Society of America. [Read the full WCVB article here.](#)

Dismantling Public Health Infrastructure, Endangering American Lives: Please take the time to read the attached NEJM article: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) — and its ability to support clinicians, communities, and organizations — is under assault. The U.S. administration's plan to eliminate or transfer CDC programs that it inaccurately deems unnecessary, duplicative, or politicized would reverse decades of health progress, make Americans less safe, and increase health care costs.

2025 National TB Conference – Virtual: The 2025 National TB Conference will be held virtually on Wednesdays and Thursdays from late August through September. The theme, "Navigating the New TB Landscape: From Diagnosis to Cure," will address recent challenges in TB programs. Sessions are planned in collaboration with the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL). Registration Fees: NTCA Member: \$150, Non-Member: \$250, Retiree/Student: \$75. To register or for more information, visit the [NTCA conference website](#). See attached NTCA newsletter for additional information.

TB Clinic Listing: Attached is an updated list of contracted outpatient TB clinics. Please forward it to your staff or anyone else who may need it. The only change is to Brigham and Women's TB clinic info. They moved at the beginning of July from the Pulmonary department to the Infection Disease department.

TB Learning Opportunities: Webinar 2: Managing Adverse Reactions in TB Treatment. Title: Identification and Management of Adverse Reactions in Tuberculosis Treatment. Date: August 21, 2025 Time: 1 pm. ET. Description: Learn to recognize and manage common and serious drug reactions during TB treatment. This session offers practical strategies to support safe and effective TB care. [Click here to register.](#) Webinar 3: TB Screening in the Immigration Process Title: Tuberculosis (TB) Screening in the Immigration Process Date: August 7, 2025 1pm ET. Description: This webinar provides an overview of medical and TB screening requirements in the U.S. immigration process and the roles of various agencies involved. [Click here to register.](#)

Operation Stand Down: Register on our website to be a volunteer at our Foot Care Tent for homeless and at risk veterans next month on Friday September 19th. ! Our new website has important foot care documents, BORN

regulations and more! If you have ANY questions, please reach out to me! Tent help other than foot care is needed too!

Learning Opportunity on Infection Response: Combating Infectious Disease Challenges: Have we gone 20 steps forward or backwards? 20th Annual Conference Combating Infectious Disease Challenges. This course will outline characteristics and strategies for current bacterial and viral challenges which the United States is facing. These include vaccinations, the role of bacteriophages, improvements in indoor air, the use of respirators, and the combating of misinformation. SARS-CoV-2, H5N1, Measles, Bacteriophages and more. [Register here](#). See attached information flyer.

Learning opportunity from CDC on Clinical Implications of Medetomidine Mixed with Opioids: August 7th at 11am. Learn lessons from the field about the diagnosis and treatment of overdoses and withdrawal involving medetomidine mixed with opioids. CDC's Division of Overdose Prevention is hosting a webinar on the clinical and public health implications of medetomidine-involved opioid overdose and withdrawal. This is an emerging public health problem, and clinicians and public health agencies need to be aware of how shifts in the drug supply over time, such as the addition of adulterants like medetomidine, might change patient signs, symptoms, and management during opioid overdose or withdrawal. Click here to join the Webinar: <https://youtube.com/live/QuOHI3F4R0I?feature=share>

Save The Date: 2025 MIAP Conference Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at DCU Center, Worcester, MA. The 30th Annual Massachusetts Immunization Action Partnership (MIAP) Pediatric Immunization Skills Building Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025. The conference will be held at the DCU Center, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Art Pharmacy Information: The Mass Cultural Council, together with partners Art Pharmacy, launched the first statewide system of arts prescriptions in the United States in 2024. In collaboration with more than 450 cultural organizations, Art Pharmacy now provides arts experiences as part of patient treatment plans through funding opioid abatement settlements, DPH, and two health insurance plans. See attached flyer for more information on mobilizing an Art Pharmacy in your community! MCC will present data relating to the impact of arts experiences on mental health and social isolation, and discuss the potential of the arts as a part of patient support across the Commonwealth in a [ZOOM meeting on August 25th from 10-12](#) (other dates and times available on the registration site.)

Current risk levels as of 8/1/2025 in MA for EEE and WNV: (or click here to view [full surveillance dashboard](#))

FDA Market Withdrawals and Recalls this week. For more information, [check out the FDA page here](#). One of the recalls also enlisted the agency Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. On July 29, 2025 – High Noon recalled two production lots of High Noon Beach Variety packs (12-pack/12 fluid ounce cans). Some of these packs contain cans that are filled with High Noon vodka seltzer alcohol and are mislabeled as CELSIUS® ASTRO VIBE™ Energy Drink, Sparkling Blue Razz Edition with a silver top. Consumption of the liquid in these cans will result in unintentional alcohol ingestion.

Have a great week!

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