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At a Glance

- Canada and the Americas region lose measles elimination status.
- Southern states are experiencing record numbers of pertussis cases.
- CDC is receiving far fewer flu-virus samples from other countries this year.
- Many states shift away from sole reliance on ACIP recommendations.

Detailed Brief

Canada and the Americas region <u>lose measles elimination status</u>.

- The Pan American Health Organization determined that a <u>large measles outbreak</u> that began in Canada in October 2024 is still ongoing, more than 12 months after it started.
- This determination ends nearly three decades of measles-free status.

Southern states are experiencing record numbers of pertussis cases.

- Texas has <u>reported</u> more than 3,500 whooping cough cases this year, representing an 11-year high.
- West Virginia has <u>recorded</u> 126 cases of whooping cough, marking its largest outbreak since 2010. More than 20% of cases have required hospitalization.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is receiving <u>far</u> <u>fewer flu-virus samples</u> from other countries this year.

• Fewer samples make tracking evolving influenza strains and developing an effective vaccine for next season more difficult.

Many states shift away from sole reliance on ACIP recommendations.

 As of Nov. 7, California, Colorado, Maine, Maryland, New Mexico, and Washington, D.C., have enacted legislation moving away from sole reliance on Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations, and similar bills are under consideration in Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

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