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At a Glance

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- U.S. sees highest measles case surge since 1991.
- WHO and UNICEF report highlights slight improvement in global childhood immunization rates.

Detailed Brief

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- Earlier this month, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a [new charter](#) for the [National Vaccine Advisory Committee](#) (NVAC). The updated charter is dated July 7, but HHS did not separately announce its publication.
 - NVAC is a federal advisory committee that provides recommendations to HHS on national vaccine policy, including vaccine safety, supply, and research priorities.
- Although the committee’s core responsibilities established by federal law remain unchanged, the new charter significantly expands how NVAC is directed to approach the prevention of vaccine-preventable diseases.
 - In addition to advising on vaccination, the charter now instructs the committee to consider strategies for people who cannot or choose not to be vaccinated, citing “healthy lifestyles, dietary supplements and the ‘repurposed’ use of FDA [Food and Drug Administration]-approved drugs” as alternative methods for the prevention of infectious disease.
- The charter also reshapes how HHS intends to structure committee membership. The updated language states that at least one-third of members must now come from the public, and it places new limits on representation from academia and from individuals or organizations with pharmaceutical industry affiliations or funding.

U.S. sees highest measles case surge since 1991.

- The U.S. has recorded 2,295 measles cases this year, surpassing last year's total and marking the highest count in 35 years, according to a [Johns Hopkins University tracker](#).
- The resurgence is mainly in areas with low vaccine coverage.

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- New [data](#) from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) show that global childhood vaccination coverage improved slightly in 2025, but progress remains uneven.
- An estimated 13.5 million children received no vaccines during their first year of life, while millions more began but did not complete the recommended schedule.
 - Coverage reached 85% for the three-dose diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTP) series and 84% for the three-dose [hepatitis B](#) series, but only 43% of newborns received the recommended hepatitis B birth dose.
 - Human papillomavirus (HPV) first-dose coverage among girls increased to 33%, nearly doubling from 17% in 2019, but remains far below WHO's 90% goal for 2030.
 - Measles coverage remained well below the 95% threshold needed to prevent outbreaks, with 84% of children receiving a first dose and 77% receiving a second. Fifty-seven countries reported large or disruptive measles outbreaks in 2025, including the U.S.

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