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## At a Glance

- New research affirms safety and efficacy of maternal RSV, flu, and Tdap vaccination.
- Research shows rising vaccine exemption rates and declining vaccination rates across the U.S.
- 15 new pediatric flu deaths reported in the latest week on record.
- Secretary Kennedy removed four members of the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines

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## Detailed Brief

### **New research affirms safety and efficacy of maternal RSV, flu, and Tdap vaccination.**

- A Harvard Medical School [analysis](#) of safety data for Pfizer’s Abrysvo respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine confirmed the vaccine’s safety during pregnancy, finding that administration after 32 weeks’ gestation does not increase the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes including preterm birth.
- Another [study](#) found that infants born to mothers who received flu and tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccines are less likely to be hospitalized or visit the emergency room for flu- or pertussis-related illness.

### **Research shows rising vaccine exemption rates and declining vaccination rates across the U.S.**

- Exemption rates for childhood vaccines typically required to attend school have [increased](#) across the U.S. since the start of the Covid pandemic. From 2021 to 2024, more than half of U.S. counties saw nonmedical exemptions—which may be described as religious, philosophical, or personal belief exemptions—increase by at least 1 percent, and 1 of every 20 counties rose at least 5 percent.

- A [survey](#) of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination found “substantial gaps in coverage” with overall uptake (one or more MMR dose) among children under five years at just 64 percent.

## **15 new pediatric flu deaths were reported across the U.S. in the latest week on record.**

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported 15 reported [pediatric deaths](#) associated with flu during the week ending Jan. 10, bringing the total reported pediatric deaths this flu season to 32.

## **Secretary Kennedy removed four members of the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines.**

- As of Jan. 20, Secretary Kennedy [has removed](#) at least four members from the [Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines](#) (ACCV)— which advises the Secretary on the [Vaccine Injury Compensation Program](#) (VICP)— prior to the end of their terms.
  - No replacement nominees have been announced.
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## **Resource Update**

- Check out the newly released webinar recording, *Pediatric Vaccine Updates: Jan. 2026*, from the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases on the [AMGA Immunizations Hub](#) under “Webinars.”
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