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## At a Glance

- Twenty U.S. states reject the new CDC recommended pediatric schedule.
- Flu activity surges and overwhelms hospitals in some regions.
- Health Secretary Kennedy appoints two OB-GYNs to ACIP amid review of vaccines during pregnancy.
- Many Americans don't fully understand "shared clinical decision-making," according to a new survey.
- U.S. measles cases continue to grow as South Carolina measles outbreak doubles in size.

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## Detailed Brief

### **Twenty U.S. states reject the new CDC recommended pediatric schedule.**

- Instead, these states [plan to follow](#) vaccine guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and/or base their state recommendations on scientific evidence.
- As of Jan. 12, states that have announced they won't follow the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended childhood immunization schedule include: CA, CO, CT, HI, IL, MA, MD, MI, MN, NC, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OR, PA, VT, WA, and WI.

### **Flu activity surges and overwhelms hospitals in some regions.**

- According to the latest [CDC report](#), 41 states and the District of Columbia are experiencing high or very high flu activity, along with elevated flu hospitalization and mortality rates nationwide.
- The surge in flu cases has led to reduced capacity and/or services at some hospitals—including [Des Moines, Iowa](#); [DC-Maryland-Virginia](#); and [South Carolina](#).

## Health Secretary Kennedy appoints two OB-GYNs to ACIP amid review of vaccines during pregnancy.

- On Jan. 13, the government announced the appointment of two new members to the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP): Dr. Adam Urato and Dr. Kimberly Biss, both obstetricians and gynecologists (OB-GYNs).

## Many Americans don't fully understand "shared clinical decision-making," according to a new survey.

- About a quarter of those [surveyed](#) incorrectly thought the term meant they should discuss the vaccination with their family, and few knew a pharmacist can be part of shared clinical decision-making (SCMD).
- The [CDC pediatric schedule update](#) shifts vaccines for hepatitis A, hepatitis B (for infants born to mothers who test negative), rotavirus, meningococcal disease, and influenza from routine recommendation to SCMD.

## U.S. measles cases continue to grow as South Carolina measles outbreak doubles in size.

- As of Jan. 9, the U.S. has reported [2,246 measles cases](#) since Jan. 1, 2025.
- The highest measles activity is concentrated in South Carolina, where health officials confirmed 223 new cases in the week between [Jan. 6](#) and [13](#). This marks the sharpest increase in the state's outbreak to date, more than doubling its size from 211 to 434 cases.

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