This weekly digest targets news, events, announcements, articles and research in the vaccine and global health ethics and policy space and is aggregated from key governmental, NGO, international organization and industry sources, key peer-reviewed journals, and other media channels. This summary proceeds from the broad base of themes and issues monitored by the Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy in its work: it is not intended to be exhaustive in its coverage.

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Editor’s Note:
We attempt to distill key outcomes from WHA 75 below through the excerpts from the DG’s opening address, key elements of the daily updates published during the meeting, and selected major announcements and media releases.

Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly  WHA 75
22-28 May 2022

Director-General’s report to Member States at the 75th World Health Assembly – 23 May 2022
23 May 2022
Speech
[Excerpt from Closing]
...We have looked back, to where we’ve come from; we have looked down, at where we are. Allow me now to look forward, to where I believe we need to go in the next five years...
...the Secretariat has been further developing how we will work with Member States to deliver on these priorities, which we are now describing as follows:
▪ Promoting health – by addressing the root causes of disease and creating the conditions for good health and well-being;
▪ Providing health services – by reorienting health systems towards primary health care as the foundation of universal health coverage;
▪ Protecting health – by strengthening the global architecture for health emergency preparedness, response and resilience;
▪ Powering progress – by harnessing science, research, innovation, data, and digital technologies;
▪ And performing – by building a stronger WHO that delivers results, and is reinforced to play its leading role in global health.

First, promoting health.
Realising our vision for the highest attainable standard of health starts not in the clinic or the hospital, but in schools, streets, supermarkets, households and suburbs. Much of the work that you do as Ministries of Health is dealing with the consequences of poor diets, polluted environments, unsafe roads and workplaces, inadequate health literacy, and the aggressive marketing of products that harm health.
We need an urgent paradigm shift, towards promoting health and well-being and preventing disease by addressing its root causes.
Globally, only 3 percent of health budgets are spent on promotion and prevention. And yet increased investment in these areas could reduce the global disease burden by half, generating massive returns for individuals, families, communities and nations.
We are calling on every government to put the health of its people at the centre of its plans for development and growth.
In the next five years, WHO is committed to supporting all Member States to focus attention on the
highest-impact transformations:
- To decarbonize your health sectors;
- To implement air quality standards;
- To reduce car dependence and promote public transport;
- To ensure all health facilities have electricity, and safe water and sanitation;
- To improve diet, nutrition and food safety; and in particular to stop the rise in obesity in 24
  high-burden countries by 2025;
- And to reduce consumption of health-harming products.

The second priority is providing health services – by reorienting health systems towards primary
health care as the foundation of universal health coverage.

At present, health spending in most countries is imbalanced towards secondary and tertiary care,
with huge amounts spent on expensive equipment and medicines that often deliver modest health
 gains.

By contrast, 90% of essential health services can be delivered through primary health care;
And we estimate that investing in primary health care could increase global life expectancy by as much
as 6.7 years by 2030.

We need a radical shift to accelerate progress towards universal health coverage, with a
significant increase in investments in primary health care in all countries – high, middle, low income.
We have seen globally that the weakness is in primary health care.

Crucially, we call on all Member States to ensure that seeking health care is never a source of
financial hardship.

The Secretariat’s proposed target therefore is to support 25 countries to halt the rise in
financial hardship caused by out-of-pocket health spending by 2025.

The third priority is protecting health – by strengthening the global architecture for health
emergency preparedness, response and resilience.

In response to the request from the Executive Board, and in consultation with Member States, the
Secretariat has prepared a proposal for a more equitable, inclusive and cohe rent global architecture.
This proposal synthesizes and builds on more than 300 recommendations from the various reviews of
the global response to the pandemic.

The international accord, which Member States are now negotiating, will provide a vital ove rarching
legal framework, under which we make 10 recommendations, in three key areas.
- First, we need governance that is coherent, inclusive and accountable.
- Second, we need stronger systems and tools to prevent, detect and respond rapidly to health
  emergencies.
- And third, we need adequate and efficient financing, domestically and internationally.

Underpinning these proposals, we need a stronger and sustainably financed WHO at the centre of
the global health security architecture. I will return to this in a few moments.

The Secretariat looks forward to your feedback on this proposed architecture, but more importantly,
to building it with you.

Our fourth strategic priority is powering progress – by harnessing science, research, innovation,
data, and digital technologies.
Advances in science and research are constantly pushing back the boundaries of the unknown and the impossible, increasing our understanding, and opening new possibilities.

Innovations in health products and service delivery offer us hope of overcoming challenges that once seemed insurmountable.

**Developments in big data and machine learning are helping us** to see who is being left behind, where the biggest gaps are, and to track progress against our targets.

And digital technologies offer huge potential for delivering health services in new ways, to more people, especially in hard-to-reach areas.

To pick up the pace towards the “triple billion” targets and the SDGs, we must pick up the pace and scale at which science, research, innovations and digital technologies are adopted and implemented.

**Equity is key:** the best science and innovations are those that make the biggest difference to people who are furthest behind.

This cannot be left to chance, goodwill or market forces.

**The Secretariat’s proposal for the next five years is to support the scaling of at least five innovations that reach at least five million people each.**

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**The fifth priority is performing** – by building a stronger WHO that delivers results, and is reinforced to play its leading role in global health.

The pandemic has demonstrated why the world needs WHO, but also why the world needs a stronger, empowered and sustainably financed WHO. Many of you have said it more eloquently – thank you so much.

**I welcome the recommendation of the Working Group on Sustainable Financing to increase assessed contributions to 50% of the core budget over the next decade. I would like to use this opportunity to thank Björn Kümmel for his incredible leadership, all bureau members, and all Member States for your support.**

**I also welcome the recommendation to consider a replenishment model, to broaden our financing base, and to provide more flexible funding for the programme budget.**

These recommendations could completely transform this Organization. For many months I have said that fixing WHO’s financing was a case of now or never. If adopted by this Health Assembly as I hope they will be, you will have given your answer. You have chosen now.

I thank all Member States for their commitment over the last year and their engagement in the negotiations. It has been tough, but you have made it. We recognize and agree that with increased trust comes increased responsibility.

The Secretariat welcomes the Working Group’s recommendation to further strengthen governance, transparency, accountability, efficiency and compliance, and we look forward to working with the Member States task team to move this forward. We will work day and night to deliver on these issues.

A key priority for the next five years is to further strengthen our work in our country offices. I assure you that all roads will lead to the countries, based on country priorities.

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Mr President, Excellencies, dear colleagues and friends,

**We have looked back, at where we have been. We have looked down, at where we are. And we have looked forward, to where we must go. Now, I invite you to look up.**

How will we overcome the many challenges we face, and reach the targets we set for ourselves?

- It takes good data;
- It takes good planning;
- It takes good science;
It takes strong political commitment;
But more than anything else, it takes hope – the belief that things can be better...
...It is that right to health for which this Organization has been striving for three-quarters of a century. And it is that right to health for which we will continue to strive;
For which I will continue personally to strive, because health is a fundamental human right. It’s an end in itself, and a means to development.
Thank you so much and I look forward to working with you. Thank you for your confidence and support.
Merci beaucoup.

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**Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly – Daily update: 24 May 2022**
24 May 2022
[Selected Update Elements]

**New sustainable financing model**

Following the re-election of Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as WHO Director-General, delegates at the World Health Assembly agreed a landmark decision on sustainable financing for WHO, adopting a series of recommendations from a Sustainable Financing Working Group made up of WHO Member States.

The recommendations aim to make WHO’s funding more predictable and flexible, and less dependent on voluntary contributions. Amongst the recommendations is a request to the Secretariat to develop budget proposals for an increase in assessed contributions (membership dues) to 50% of WHO’s core budget by 2030. In the last budget cycle, assessed contributions made up only 16% of the approved Programme Budget.

Other recommendations include that the Secretariat explores the feasibility of a replenishment mechanism to further broaden WHO’s financing base and the establishment of a Member States task group on strengthening WHO budgetary, programmatic and financing governance to analyze challenges in governance for transparency, efficiency, accountability and compliance.

*Related links*
:: Sustainable financing of WHO: report of the Working Group (Document A75/9)
:: Working toward a sustainably financed WHO

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**Working group on international health regulations (IHR) amendments**

Delegates welcomed the final report of the Working Group on strengthening WHO preparedness and response to health emergencies which, among other things, proposed a process for taking forward potential amendments to the IHR (2005). They agreed to continue the group, with a revised mandate and name (the “Working Group on IHR amendments” (WGIHR)) to work exclusively on consideration of proposed IHR amendments. Member States also requested the Director-General to convene an IHR Review Committee to make technical recommendations on the proposed amendments that may be submitted. The Working Group will propose a package of targeted amendments for consideration by the Seventy-seventh Health Assembly.

*Related links*
:: Strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health emergencies Report by the Director-General (Document A75/17)
News release
World Health Assembly re-elects Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus to second term as WHO Director-General
24 May 2022

News release
World Health Assembly agrees historic decision to sustainably finance WHO
24 May 2022

Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly – Daily update: 25 May 2022
25 May 2022

[Selected Update Elements]

Preparing cities and urban centres for emergencies
Concurring on the need for cities and urban settings to be better prepared to respond to health emergencies, delegates at the Seventy-Fifth World Health Assembly agreed a resolution calling for more action and resources in these unique settings.

Cities and local authorities have an important role in preventing, preparing for and responding to health emergencies, in part because cities can be uniquely vulnerable, due to population density, the movement of people in and out, and the vulnerability of some communities themselves.

The resolution called for better funding, planning, cooperation across regions and between cities, and a better overall understanding and focus on unique issues faced by people living in these areas.

Related links
:: Resolution
:: Urban health

Improving the quality, efficiency and capacity of clinical trials
Delegates also passed a resolution for improving clinical trial capabilities in all countries, as a central aspect of strengthening countries’ health systems.

Clinical trials have been recognized as indispensable for generating high-quality evidence on the safety and efficacy of medicines, vaccines and other health interventions, which is critical for informing health policy and clinical practice.

The resolution calls for greater efficiency, funding, timely data and results sharing, improved public-private collaboration and better coordination as well as for stronger regulatory and ethical frameworks in countries.

During public health emergencies of international concern, the delegates called for greater speed and transparency in conducting and sharing the results of clinical trials, while safeguarding the well-being of trial participants.

Related links
:: Resolution
:: Clinical trials

Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly – Daily update: 26 May 2022
26 May 2022

[Selected Update Elements]
Resolution on "Health emergency in Ukraine"

In a vote (with 88 yes, 12 no, 53 abstentions), delegates at the World Health Assembly agreed a resolution on the "Health emergency in Ukraine and refugee receiving and hosting countries, stemming from the Russian Federation’s aggression."

Among other issues, the resolution brings attention to the direct and indirect health impacts in Ukraine, in the region and beyond; condemns attacks on health care, as documented by WHO’s Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care; and urges the Russian Federation to immediately cease any attacks on hospitals and other healthcare facilities.

Related links
:: Resolution
:: Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care

Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly – Daily update: 27 May 2022

27 May 2022

[Selected Update Elements]

Record number of decisions for noncommunicable diseases and mental health

Delegates at the World Health Assembly approved a record number of recommendations relating to noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) such as cancers, diabetes, heart and lung diseases, as well as to mental health, and their risk factors.

The move comes ahead of the fourth United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting on the prevention and control of NCDs to be held in 2025, in a drive to accelerate progress towards globally agreed NCD and SDG targets.

In addition to an agreed preparatory process in the lead-up to this meeting, measures to reduce deaths from NCDs include a new implementation roadmap. The roadmap aims to help Member States speed up action to support their populations and achieve the NCD-related targets in the Sustainable Development Goals.

Also agreed was a new action plan for the Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, a platform which brings together key stakeholders working to improve the NCD landscape, by strengthening multi-sector and multi-stakeholder action and collaboration to address NCDs and mental health.

Related links
:: On the road to 2025: the global NCD deadline
:: Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases
:: Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Treatment of NCDs
:: Draft workplan for the Global Coordination Mechanism on the prevention and control of NCDs 2022-2025

Support to people living with NCDs in humanitarian emergencies

Delegates agreed recommendations on how to strengthen the design and implementation of policies (including those for resilient health systems and health services and infrastructure) to prevent and manage NCDs in humanitarian emergencies. Recent emergencies such as the conflict in Ukraine and the COVID-19 pandemic have highlighted how people living with NCDs are at particularly high risk, requiring special attention in emergency planning and response.
They provided a set of recommended actions for Member States, international, humanitarian partners, civil society, the private sector and for WHO to better address NCD emergency preparedness and response during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Actions for the WHO Secretariat include reviewing current NCD responses and strengthening WHO’s capacity to develop and disseminate normative products such as technical guidance on NCDs, to support countries in developing and implementing preparedness and national response plans for health emergencies. It will also be important to support procurement and deployment of NCD medicines and supplies such as insulin.

Related links
:: Recommendations on how to strengthen the design and implementation of policies, including those for resilient health systems and health services and infrastructure, to treat people living with noncommunicable diseases and to prevention and control their risk factors in humanitarian emergencies
:: Strengthening rehabilitation in emergencies

More rapid changes to the International Health Regulations
Delegates agreed to amend the International Health Regulations (IHR) to reduce the time of entry into force of any future amendments from 24 to 12 months. A comprehensive process for addressing future amendments to the IHR was agreed earlier in the week.

Related links
:: Report of the Working Group on strengthening WHO preparedness and response to health emergencies to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly
:: Proposal for amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

World Organization for Animal Health [OIE]

89th General Session of the World Assembly of OIE Delegates
Paris 23/05/2022 to 26/05/2022
Overview
During four days, participants from all over the world joined the discussions of the first hybrid General Session. National Delegates have adopted new Resolutions and made commitments to engage in multisectoral emergency management systems.
:: Nearly 500 participants from 151 countries and territories joined the event either in person or virtually – including representatives of Members as well as scientists and observers from partner organisations
:: 29 Resolutions adopted by Delegates to improve animal health and welfare globally
:: 68 International Standards adopted or revised in the field of terrestrial and aquatic animal disease prevention and control, animal welfare, diagnostic methods and vaccine quality

COVID Perspectives
UN Undersecretary-General Says Failure to Share COVID-19 Vaccines with Global South ‘Is Racism’
World Economic Forum 2022
25 May 2022
- UN Undersecretary-General Winnie Byanyima says denying life-saving vaccines to people of colour is a form of “policy violence” amounting to racism
- She joined a panel looking at what progress has been made by companies in their commitments towards diversity, equity and inclusion
- The session, The Journey Towards Racial Equity, can be viewed here

Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, 25 May 2022 – A top United Nations official at the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum 2022 declared that “policy violence” – such as the refusal to share COVID-19 vaccines with the Global South – is as racist as the police violence that ended the life of African-American George Floyd in Minneapolis two years ago today.

“Racism is not only when black people or brown people cannot breathe because of police violence. Racism is when black people, brown people, people of colour take their last breath because of policy violence, when they are denied life-saving, pandemic-ending medicines... when they can’t access care or education because debt is choking them. That’s racism,” said Winnie Byanyima, Undersecretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), speaking at a session on racial equity at the World Economic Forum 2022.

Some 18 months after the first COVID-19 vaccines became available, 75% of people in high-income countries, mainly white, are fully vaccinated, while just 13% of people in low-income countries, mostly brown and black, are vaccinated, she said. “Wouldn’t you call that racism?”...

COVID Perspectives

Official response from ACT-Accelerator therapeutics partners to the IFPMA
Statement - Unitaid, WHO, The Global Fund
24 May 2022 [This response was sent on 19 May 2022]
[Excerpts]
Dear Mr Cueni,

We note your letter dated 9 May 2022 and are in agreement that our continued collaboration will be vital in supporting countries to introduce lifesaving COVID-19 therapeutics.

As partners in the Therapeutics Pillar, we are all committed to ensuring that vulnerable people everywhere can benefit from rapid access to effective COVID-19 therapeutics. We recognize the continued engagement of pharmaceutical partners with the ACT-A Therapeutics Pillar and their work on enabling development and commercialization of needed products, as well as, via voluntary license processes, supporting development of generic products. These are some of the critical steps on the pathway to ensuring we maximize the impact of emerging therapeutics. We remain hopeful that the pipeline will continue to advance the search for the most suitable pharmaceutical solutions to this fast-evolving pandemic as we work to resolve current roadblocks and support countries’ pandemic responses.
ACT-A partners (WHO, Unitaid, Global Fund, UNICEF, Wellcome) are committed to our ongoing collaboration with industry – but more is needed to achieve equitable access for all. We have engaged with originator companies that are developing and bringing to market various therapeutics, consistently calling for broad access principles that can enable a scaled-up response in countries in need.

We have discussed with the pharmaceutical partners the need to support affordable and transparent pricing policies. Early visibility on pricing terms and availability of originator products can support countries to adequately plan and forecast, simplify procurement processes and increase the speed of the response.

We also seek sustained product access via support to expanded generic production and access in all low- and middle-income countries. We have seen progress in both these areas, but we need more to achieve our shared objectives.

In each of the areas of equitable geographic access, affordable pricing, pricing transparency, and expanded generic production, we have experienced impediments which have slowed down deployment of these new products. We therefore continue to urge IFPMA and pharmaceutical companies to continue to collaborate with ACT-A partners on a pathway for equitable access for all low- and middle-income countries....

The ACT-A Therapeutics pillar’s priority remains to secure access, procure affordable products recommended by WHO guidelines, and support prompt and adequate deployment of these life-saving tools. We look forward to continuing to work together to achieve these objectives.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Philippe Duneton
  Executive Director, Unitaid
Dr Mariângela Batista Galvão Simão
  Assistant Director-General, World Health Organization
Mr Peter Sands
  Executive Director, The Global Fund

COVID Perspectives

Pharma analysis of lessons learned from COVID-19 pandemic informs and offers shared solutions to consolidate innovation successes and improve equitable access for future pandemic response
Published on: 22 May 2022
- Swift pathogen surveillance and sharing, an enabling innovation ecosystem, and regulatory agility are among the biopharmaceutical industry’s 10 lessons learned in the process of successfully developing COVID-19 vaccines and treatments. These lessons must be preserved for future ability to fight against unknown diseases.
The most important lesson of the report is that we must redouble collective efforts to achieve health equity, while ensuring health systems and delivery infrastructure are strengthened.

The biopharmaceutical industry is committed to working with stakeholders. It is ready to contribute game changing solutions to equitable access to ensure vulnerable populations are prioritized, which the report shows is only possible if upfront funding is secured and barriers to trade on exporting pandemic products are eliminated.

GENEVA, May 23 2022 —In a report that builds on its experience of developing and manufacturing vaccines, treatments, and diagnostics to tackle COVID-19, the biopharmaceutical industry shares lessons learned for future pandemic preparedness.

The report identifies innovation and early sharing of pathogens as having been critical in helping tackle the pandemic and should be sustained to avoid being caught unprepared when the inevitable next public health crisis arrives. Another lesson for future pandemics in the report asserts the need for collective action to radically improve equitable access to COVID-19 products. The biopharmaceutical industry is committed to playing its part to help ensure that, for future pandemics, the people at the highest risk are prioritized to receive vaccines, treatments, and diagnostics with no delays, no matter where they live. However, the report underscores that such solutions will require funding certainty for early decision making on procuring pandemic products, as well as eliminating all trade and regulatory barriers to export. The report also underscores the need to strengthen health care systems and ensure countries have a sufficient absorptive capacity and ability to administer care properly.

“We have learned a lot from COVID-19, including what worked and what didn’t. Collectively, we need to consolidate our successes and improve on our failures. The world was ill-prepared for COVID-19, and even many of the globe’s most advanced health systems were overwhelmed by the largest public health crisis in over a century,” says Thomas Cueni, Director General of IFPMA...

The biopharmaceutical industry’s 10 lessons learned from COVID-19 are:
- Health security starts with pathogen surveillance and sharing
- Partnerships accelerate R&D and manufacturing
- Advance market commitments support manufacturing scale-up for global pandemic response
- Innovation is essential for preparedness and response
- Global upstream supply chains disruptions put production and distribution at risk
- An established procurement mechanism for low-income countries is vital
- Regulatory agility and convergence guard safety and speed of access
- Vaccine nationalism imperils everyone
- Delivery infrastructure must be strengthened
- Vaccine confidence is critical for success.

**Applying Lessons Learned from COVID-19 to Create a Healthier, Safer, More Equitable World**
IFPMA  Published on: 22 May 2022 :: 62 pages
Weekly Epidemiological and Operational updates
Last update: 20 May 2022

Confirmed cases :: 525 467 084
Confirmed deaths :: 6 285 171
Vaccine doses administered: 11 811 627 599

Weekly epidemiological update on COVID-19 - 25 May 2022

Overview
Globally, the number of new weekly cases has continued the declining trend observed since a peak in January 2022. During the week of 16 through 22 May 2022, over 3.7 million cases were reported, a 3% decrease as compared to the previous week. The number of new weekly deaths also continues to decline, with over 9000 fatalities reported, representing an 11% decrease as compared to the previous week.

As of 22 May 2022, over 522 million confirmed cases and over six million deaths have been reported globally.

In this edition, we provide an update on the geographic distribution of circulating SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOCs), including the prevalence and summary of current evidence of the Omicron variant. We also provide updates on vaccine effectiveness for the Omicron variant.

Status of COVID-19 Vaccines within WHO EUL/PQ evaluation process 02 April 2022
[New additions; Full scale view available at title link above]
COVID Vaccines/Therapeutics - Developer/Manufacturer Announcements
[Selected press releases/announcements from organizations from WHO EUL/PQ listing above and other organizations]

AstraZeneca
Press Releases
Vaxzevria approved in the EU as third dose booster against COVID-19
23 May 2022
- Approval follows CHMP recommendation for use in patients previously vaccinated with Vaxzevria or an EU-approved mRNA COVID-19 vaccine

Bharat Biotech
Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

BioCubaFarma – Cuba
Últimas Noticias - Website not leading at inquiry

Biological E
News - No new digest announcements identified

Biontech
Press Releases
Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Demonstrates Strong Immune Response, High Efficacy and Favorable Safety in Children 6 Months to Under 5 Years of Age Following Third Dose
23 May 2022
- Based on topline data, three doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine met all immunobridging criteria required for Emergency Use Authorization
- The third 3-µg dose was well-tolerated among 1,678 children under 5 years of age with a safety profile similar to placebo
- Vaccine efficacy of 80.3% was observed in descriptive analysis of three doses during a time when Omicron was the predominant variant
- The 3-µg dose level, which is one-tenth of the dose for adults, was selected for children under 5 years of age based on safety, tolerability and immunogenicity

CanSinoBIO
News - Website not responding at inquiry

CIGB
Latest News - No new digest announcements identified

CinnaGen
Recent News - No new digest announcements identified

Clover Biopharmaceuticals - China
News - No new digest announcements identified
Curevac [Bayer Ag – Germany]

News
May 25, 2022
CureVac Partners with myNEO to Identify Novel Antigen Targets for mRNA-Based Cancer Vaccine Development

Gamaleya National Center
Latest News and Events - See Russia below.

IMBCAMS, China
Home - Website not responding at inquiry

Janssen/JNJ
Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

Medicago
Media - No new digest announcements identified

Moderna
Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

Nanogen
News - No new digest announcements identified

Novavax
Press Releases
May 26, 2022
Statement
FDA Confirms Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee Review of Novavax’ COVID-19 Vaccine on June 7, 2022

May 25, 2022
Statement
Novavax Announces Participation in Oxford University Com-COV3 Booster Trial of COVID-19 Vaccines in Adolescents Aged 12 Through 15

Pfizer
Recent Press Releases
05.25.2022
Pfizer Launches ‘An Accord for a Healthier World’ to Improve Health Equity for 1.2 Billion People Living in 45 Lower-Income Countries

Press Releases

05.23.2022
Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Demonstrates Strong Immune Response, High Efficacy and Favorable Safety in Children 6 Months to Under 5 Years of Age Following Third Dose
Press Releases
**Sinovac**

*Press Releases*

**Chilean Report Confirms CoronaVac Safety for Pediatric and Adolescent Population**

2022/05/26

On May 20, 2022, the Public Health Institute of Chile (ISP) released the fourth statistical report "AEFIs after the administration of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines in Chile in the pediatric and adolescent population." The findings confirm the CoronaVac® COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by Sinovac Biotech Ltd., (SINOVAC) is safe for children aged 3 and above...

**Vector State Research Centre of Viralogy and Biotechnology**

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**Zhifei Longcom**, China

[Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biologic Pharmacy Co., Ltd.]

[No website identified]

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**GSK**

*Press releases for media*

27 May 2022 **China approves Cervarix two-dose vaccine schedule for girls aged 9 to 14 against certain types of cancer-causing human papillomavirus**

**Merck**

*News releases* - No new digest announcements identified
News  - No new digest announcements identified

SK Biosciences
Press Releases  - No new digest announcements identified

Valneva
Press Releases
May 25, 2022
Valneva Successfully Completes Lot-to-Lot Consistency Trial for its Single-Shot Chikungunya Vaccine Candidate

UNICEF COVID-19 Vaccine Market Dashboard :: Agreements Table Accessed  28 May 2022
An overview of information collected from publicly announced bilateral and multilateral supply agreements [no new agreements since 3/20/2022 reported]

Global Dashboard on COVID-19 Vaccine Equity
The Dashboard is a joint initiative of UNDP, WHO and the University of Oxford with cooperation across the UN system, anchored in the SDG 3 Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All.

See also visualization on Vaccine Access and Vaccine Affordability
COVID-19 Global Targets and Progress Tracker - IMF

The COVID-19 Global Targets and Progress Tracker presents a consolidated view of the progress towards global COVID-19 targets, barriers in access to COVID-19 tools, and delivery of donor pledges.

The global targets presented in the Tracker are based on an alignment of the targets identified in the IMF Pandemic Proposal, ACT-A Strategic Plan & Budget, and the US-hosted Global C19 Summit, and as such have been reaffirmed by multilateral institutions and global leaders. We will continue to enhance the tracker as we improve our data collection efforts.

Duke – Launch and Scale Speedometer

The Race for Global COVID-19 Vaccine Equity

A flurry of nearly 200 COVID-19 vaccine candidates are moving forward through the development and clinical trials processes at unprecedented speed; more than ten candidates are already in Phase 3 large-scale trials and several have received emergency or limited authorization. Our team has aggregated and analyzed publicly available data to track the flow of procurement and manufacturing and better understand global equity challenges. We developed a data framework of relevant variables and conducted desk research of publicly available information to identify COVID vaccine candidates and status, deals and ongoing negotiations for procurement and manufacturing, COVID burden by country, and allocation and distribution plans. We have also conducted interviews with public officials in key countries to better understand the context and challenges facing vaccine allocation and distribution [accessed 24 July 2021]

See our COVID Vaccine Purchases research
Overview of donations by top 10 donating countries

Bar chart is ordered by total number of doses pledged. Donut charts are ordered by proportion of pledged donations shipped.

**United States**
- Pledged: 1,500,000,000
- Total shipped: 271,873,000

**China**
- Pledged: 1,320,000,000
- Total shipped: 120,000,000

**France**
- Pledged: 101,680,122
- Total shipped: 120,000,000

**Spain**
- Pledged: 100,000,000
- Total shipped: 95,158,690

**United Kingdom**
- Pledged: 60,000,000
- Total shipped: 60,000,000

**Italy**
- Pledged: 30,000,000
- Total shipped: 30,000,000

**Germany**
- Pledged: 24%
- Shipped: 70%

**Japan**
- Pledged: 24%
- Shipped: 66%

**France**
- Pledged: 24%
- Shipped: 24%

**Italy**
- Pledged: 53%
- Shipped: 53%

**United States**
- Pledged: 45%
- Shipped: 45%

**China**
- Pledged: 42%
- Shipped: 42%

**Spain**
- Pledged: 42%
- Shipped: 42%

**United Kingdom**
- Pledged: 36%
- Shipped: 36%

**Australia**
- Pledged: 33%
- Shipped: 33%

**Canada**
- Pledged: 30%
- Shipped: 30%

**Remaining**
- United States: 1,284,650,975
- China: 1,378,788,045

**Data updated on May 26th, 2022**

COVID-19 Data Explorer: Global Humanitarian Operations

COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out

28 May 2022 | COVAX (WHO, GAVI, CEPI), UNDESA, Press Reports | [DATA]

Global COVID-19 Figures: 108M total confirmed cases; 2.3M total confirmed deaths

Global vaccines administered: 11.8B

Number of Countries: 28

COVAX Allocations Round 4-9 (Number of Doses): 170M

COVAX Delivered (Number of Doses): 310M

Other Delivered (Number of Doses): 330M

Total Delivered (Number of Doses): 640M
Total Administered (Number of Doses): 420M

Global COVID-19 Access Tracker
https://www.covid19globaltracker.org/

https://data.covid19taskforce.com/data

A global effort to help developing countries access and deliver COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and therapeutics, as they work to end the pandemic and boost economic recovery.

The International Monetary Fund, World Bank Group, World Health Organization and World Trade Organization have joined forces to accelerate access to COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics by leveraging multilateral finance and trade solutions, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

Website accessed 28 May 2022: https://data.covid19taskforce.com/data The global view below is complemented by country-specific dashboards here.
Our World in Data


:: **65.8%** of the world population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
:: **11.82 billion doses** have been administered globally, and **6.66 million** are now administered each day.
:: Only **16.2%** of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose.
U.S.: COVID-19 Vaccines – Announcements/Regulatory Actions/Deployment

HHS News
No new digest content identified.

BARDA-ASPR – U.S. Department of HHS  [to 28 May 2022]
https://aspr.hhs.gov/newsroom/Pages/NewsRoomHome.aspx

News
Essential Medicines Report Now Available
May 23, 2022
The nation’s first Essential Medicines Supply Chain and Manufacturing Resilience Assessment by the U.S. government was released today by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). The assessment addresses pharmaceutical supply chain constraints identified in the Biden-Harris Administration’s 100-day supply chain review report, specifically those constraints affecting critical medicines on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s essential medicines list...
**USAID** [to 28 May 2022]
Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

**USAID Announces $8 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance for People Affected by Super Typhoon Rai and Tropical Storm Megi in the Philippines**
May 21, 2022

The United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is providing an additional $8 million in humanitarian assistance for people experiencing continuing humanitarian needs associated with Super Typhoon Rai and subsequent Tropical Storm Megi in the Philippines. Building on support provided for the initial disaster response, this new funding brings total USAID assistance for typhoon-affected people in the Philippines to more than $29 million since December 2021.

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**Europe: COVID-19 Vaccines – Announcements/Regulatory Actions/Deployment**

**European Medicines Agency**
News & Press Releases

**News: EMA guidance supports development of new antibiotics (new)**
Last updated: 24/05/2022

As part of its efforts to support a global approach to the development of new antimicrobial medicines, EMA has published the final revised guideline on the evaluation of human medicines for the treatment of bacterial infections...

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**European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control**
https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en
Latest Updates [Selected]

**News**

Epidemiological update: Monkeypox multi-country outbreak
Epidemiological update - 25 May 2022

**Publication**

Guidance for diagnostic testing of cases with severe acute hepatitis of unknown aetiology in children
Technical report - 25 May 2022
ECDC presents monkeypox response options, as nine EU/EEA countries report cases

**Cumulative vaccine uptake (%) in the total population in EU/EEA countries**

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<th>Booster/additional dose</th>
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<td>72.7%</td>
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Accessed 28 May 2022

European Commission
https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/home/en

**Speech** 27 May 2022
Speech by President von der Leyen at the African Union Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference

Press release 25 May 2022
EU disburses €300 million in Macro-Financial Assistance to support the Tunisian people
This is the second and last disbursement under the COVID-19 MFA programme to Tunisia, approved to mitigate the economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic and enhance macroeconomic stability.

Africa: COVID-19 – Announcements/Regulatory Actions/Deployment
https://africacdc.org/covid-19-vaccination/
Russia: COVID-19 Vaccines – Announcements/Regulatory Actions/Deployment

Russia: Sputnik V – “the first registered COVID-19 vaccine”
https://sputnikvaccine.com/newsroom/pressreleases/
Press Releases

Sputnik V demonstrates strong protection against Omicron variant according to a unique independent comparative study conducted by the Spallanzani Institute in Italy with results published in the Vaccines peer-reviewed leading medical journal
Press release, 25.05.2022

[last announcement at 28.03.2022]
India: COVID-19 Vaccines – Announcements/Regulatory Actions/Deployment

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
https://www.mohfw.gov.in/

COVID-19 INDIA as on: 28 May 2022, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)
(↑ Status change since yesterday)

- Active (0.04%) 16308 (494↑)
- Discharged (98.75%) 42609335 (2158↑)
- Deaths (1.22%) 524572 (33↑)

Total Vaccination: 1,93,13,41,918 (14,39,466 ↑)

Government of India – Press Information Bureau

Latest Press Releases
COVID - 19 Vaccination Update - Day 498
:: India’s cumulative vaccination coverage crosses 193.26 Crore
:: More than 12 lakh Vaccine doses administered today till 7 pm
Posted On: 28 MAY 2022 7:59PM by PIB Delhi

Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR)
https://www.icmr.gov.in/media.html
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

China: COVID-19 Vaccines – Announcements/Regulatory Actions/Deployment

[We did not identify any substantive, official announcements about China’s COVID response in general, or in Shanghai, Beijing or other China locations, leading us to include these reports/observations from the general media below. See China CDC below for additional announcements]

Shanghai edges towards COVID reopening as Beijing plans to ease curbs
Reuters, May 28, 2022
:: Shanghai aims to essentially end lockdown from Wednesday
:: City of 25 million under strict curbs for two months
  SHANGHAI, May 28 (Reuters) - The Chinese metropolis of Shanghai inched further towards a gradual reopening from two months of grinding COVID-19 lockdown, while officials in Beijing prepared to ease curbs in parts of the capital, saying on Saturday its outbreak was under control.
Shanghai aims to essentially end its lockdown from Wednesday after relaxing restrictions over the last week.
More people have been allowed out of their homes, and more businesses permitted to reopen, though most residents remain largely confined to their housing compounds, with shops mainly limited to deliveries...

**The Economist this week - A special edition on our coronavirus coverage**
May 28, 2022
... Shanghai’s strict lockdown to curb an outbreak of covid is finally easing. But China is far from reaching its zero-covid goals. Fresh outbreaks are reported in Beijing and Tianjin. Our cover leader this week explains how President Xi Jinping is damaging China’s prosperity, partly through his insistence on eradicating an ineradicable virus. But even as tensions mount over his covid policies, there is little sign of real challenges to Mr Xi’s rule...

**100,000 Chinese officials attend emergency meeting to revive Covid-hit economy**
By Jessie Yeung, CNN Business
Updated 10:36 AM EDT, Thu May 26, 2022
Hong Kong CNN Business —
China’s cabinet held an emergency meeting with more than 100,000 participants on Wednesday, according to state media, as top leaders urged new measures to stabilize an economy battered by the country’s stringent Covid-19 restrictions.

The unexpected video teleconference by the State Council was attended by officials across provincial, city and council levels, according to a report in the government-owned Global Times. High-ranking Chinese officials were also present, including Premier Li Keqiang, who urged authorities to take action in sustaining jobs and reducing unemployment...

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**GPEI - Polio**

**Polio this week as of 18 May 2022**

*Headlines*
:: Development and Health Ministers of the G7 countries met in Berlin, Germany, last week to hold urgent joint consultations on “supporting vaccine equity and pandemic preparedness in developing countries”. Read more...
:: The need for speed: polio outbreak response. This article looks at recent closures of cVDPV outbreaks in the African region and highlights the importance of swift response in stopping transmission.
:: Following its meeting in April 2022, the latest report from the Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) with the latest progress on polio eradication has been published and is available here.
:: nOPV2 rollout: Approximately 350m doses of nOPV2 have been administered across 18 countries under its WHO Emergency Use Listing (EUL). An additional 18 countries have met the requirements for use in the event of an outbreak. Visit this page for more information on nOPV2.

**Summary of new polioviruses this week:**
– Afghanistan: one WPV1 positive environmental sample
– Pakistan: one WPV1 case
– Chad: two cVDPV2 cases
– Djibouti: two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
– DR Congo: 10 cVDPV2 cases
– Ghana: two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
– Niger: one cVDPV2 case and one positive environmental sample
– Nigeria: one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
– Somalia: one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
– Yemen: 12 cVDPV2 cases

Highs and lows in the quest for zero
Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) - Global Polio Eradication Initiative
April 2022 - 57 pages
[Excerpt from Introduction]
...The most recent IMB meeting and this, the board’s 21st, report picks up progress and the story of polio eradication during 2022 so far. It examines the situation in Pakistan where, at the time of the IMB meeting, there had been no case of wild poliovirus for 14 months and four positive environmental samples (in southern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) in the previous six months. The news of two cases in Pakistan after such a long interval came in April 2022 as this report was being finalised.

Now that the Taliban has taken power in Afghanistan, the report addresses the prospects for being able to vaccinate the large number of children that have been inaccessible in Afghanistan for several years.

It also reviews the factors that have contributed to the huge outbreak of cases of vaccine-derived polio in Nigeria and what needs to be done to gain control of the disease that continues to threaten Nigeria and other countries. It highlights the unexpected discovery of a case of wild poliovirus in Malawi. The war in Ukraine, a polio-vulnerable country, came after the IMB meeting as did the occurrence of a case of vaccine-derived poliovirus type 3 in Israel.

The very first IMB meeting was held on 21 December 2010. It was not foreseen that its role would be needed for so long, but multiple eradication deadlines have been missed and the board has continued to analyse progress and to identify the root causes of programmatic failures and weak performance. Its recommendations over a period of 11½ years and 21 reports have sought to point the way to sustained improvements in performance and to introduce a degree of independent accountability which is otherwise lacking in the Polio Programme.

The GPEI has decided to commission the IMB, henceforth, to hold just one meeting a year with one report (a similar arrangement as for the TIMB). This decision reflects the Polio Programme’s favourable view of current poliovirus epidemiology and its severe budgetary pressures. Thus, the next full IMB meeting will be held in 2023 and will be followed by the 22nd independent report.

[Selected Recommendation]
Number 10 [of 10]
The pandemic-related cancellation or delays in vaccination rounds, as well as the negative impact on the delivery of essential immunisation services because of the pandemic, has led to an accumulation of un-vaccinated and under-vaccinated children. This is on top of already lower than required essential immunisation coverage rates in countries with outbreaks, those vulnerable to outbreaks, and the endemic (or recently endemic) populations of Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Important strategic shifts in polio transition planning and implementation are driving the
necessity of programmatic integration to address the need to rapidly strengthen essential immunisation programmes, particularly in countries that will transition completely out of Gavi and GPEI support at the end of 2022.

The IMB recommends that reactive and outbreak response activities, as well as preventive vaccination activities, are implemented in a multiantigen format where possible, signalling the importance to communities that polio immunisation is a mainstream children’s health necessity and not some sort of West-driven special project.

UN OCHA – Current Emergencies
Current Corporate Emergencies
Afghanistan
No new updates identified.

Northern Ethiopia
Ethiopia - Northern Ethiopia Humanitarian Update Situation Report, 27 May 2022
HIGHLIGHTS
- Large scale destruction of health, education, agriculture and shelter facilities, and water and sanitation systems observed during an assessment mission to Zone 2 in Afar.
- Scale-up of nutrition services ongoing in Afar with opening of additional treatment centers for malnutrition, increased screening, and distribution of nutrition supplies.
- Around 26,500 MT of food has been brought into Tigray by the main food partners through the eleven humanitarian convoys that have arrived between 01 April and 23 May.
- According to regional authorities, an estimated 7,700 people newly displaced in Amhara along the border with Tigray.
- In Amhara, more than 37,000 displaced people and returnees received emergency shelter and non-food items in North Wello, North Gondar, Wag Hamra and South Wello zones

Ukraine
Ukraine: Situation Report - Last updated: 26 May 2022
- As the war enters its fourth month, fighting remains focused on eastern Ukraine, while there continue to be daily reports of airstrikes and shelling in many other regions.
- Humanitarian conditions worsen in both eastern and southern Ukraine, with ongoing, wide-scale disruptions in electricity, water and gas supplies.
- The World Food Programme renews its call to open Ukrainian ports on the Black Sea to allow for the export of food amid fears of global hunger and further crises.
- As of 19 May, the UN and humanitarian partners have reached nearly 6.9 million people in need across Ukraine.
- Over 6 million people received food assistance and 2 million health-related support from the UN and humanitarian partners since 24 February.

WHO & Regional Offices [to 28 May 2022]
27 May 2022
Note for Media

Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly – Daily update: 27 May 2022

27 May 2022
News release
Awards for outstanding contributions to public health presented during the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly

26 May 2022
Note for Media

Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly – Daily update: 26 May 2022

26 May 2022
Statement
Report by Mr Björn Kümmel, Chair of the WHO Sustainable Financing Working Group, to the Seventy-five World Health Assembly

25 May 2022
Departmental news
Launch of the WHO compilation of innovative concepts to communicate science during the COVID-19 pandemic

25 May 2022
Note for Media

Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly – Daily update: 25 May 2022

25 May 2022
Departmental news
Monkeypox: public health advice for gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men

24 May 2022
Departmental news
Major improvements in quality of life for people with drug-susceptible TB expected following updates in TB treatment regimens

24 May 2022
News release
World Health Assembly agrees historic decision to sustainably finance WHO

24 May 2022
News release
World Health Assembly re-elects Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus to second term as WHO Director-General

24 May 2022
Note for Media
Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly – Daily update: 24 May 2022

23 May 2022
Statement
ACT-Accelerator Facilitation Council co-chairs welcome financial and policy commitments made at the Second Global COVID-19 Summit

23 May 2022
Departmental news
Health system performance assessment: new framework for policy analysis

WHO Director General Speeches [selected]
https://www.who.int/director-general/speeches
Selected
27 May 2022
Speech
Director-General’s remarks at the World Health Assembly Awards – 27 May 2022

26 May 2022
Speech
Director-General’s opening remarks at the 2022 Global Task Force on Cholera Control Side Event in observance of WHA – 25 May 2022

26 May 2022
Speech
Director-General’s opening remarks at the Strategic Roundtable on Health Emergency Preparedness and Response – 26 May 2022

23 May 2022
Speech
Director-General’s report to Member States at the 75th World Health Assembly – 23 May 2022

22 May 2022
Speech
Director-General’s address at the High-Level Welcome at the 75th World Health Assembly – 22 May 2022

WHO Regional Offices
Selected Press Releases, Announcements
WHO African Region
:: Togo eliminates trachoma as a public health problem 28 May 2022
:: African health ministers seek ways to bolster polio outbreak response 25 May 2022
WHO Region of the Americas  PAHO
:: The Americas has a shortfall of 600,000 health professionals, affecting access to health in rural and underserved areas
Geneva, Switzerland, May 27, 2022- The Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Carissa F. Etienne, said today that the deficit in the health workforce in the Americas reaches 600,000 professionals, something that affects access to care, especially for those in rural and underserved areas of the region. During the deliberations of...
:: Initiatives from El Salvador, Mexico, and the United States of America recognized with World No Tobacco Day Awards
Washington D.C. May 27 2022 (PAHO) – A tobacco control advocate in El Salvador, Violeta de Palomo, the President of Mexico, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, and a researcher and academic from the United States of America, Thomas Novotny, received the 2022 World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Awards. The winners, selected by the World Health Organization (WHO)...
:: Nicaragua awarded prize for its fight against Malaria
The awards ceremony took place during the 75th World Health Assembly, which takes place until 28th May in Geneva, Switzerland. Geneva, Switzerland, 27 May 2022 – The National Malaria Component of the Ministry for Citizen’s Power for Health of Nicaragua today received the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize for its essential work carried...
:: PAHO Director urges greater investments in primary care to achieve universal health
Geneva, Switzerland, May 25, 2022 (PAHO)- Achieving universal health requires greater investments in primary health care, financial mechanisms that guarantee access to care, reduce out-of-pocket health spending to almost zero, and build a skilled workforce, the Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Carissa F. Etienne said....
:: Monkeypox – Your questions answered
Washington D.C. 25 May 2022 (PAHO) – Over the past two weeks, cases of monkeypox have been reported to the World Health Organization (WHO) from several non-endemic countries with no direct travel links to an endemic area. The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)/WHO has prepared a comprehensive Questions and Answers page to update the general...
:: Health authorities of the Americas discuss their response to the COVID-19 pandemic at the 75th World Health Assembly
Geneva, May 24, 20122 (PAHO/WHO) - The response to the COVID-19 pandemic was a principal focus of interventions by the highest health authorities of the Region of the Americas at the 75th World Health Assembly, which runs until May 28 in Geneva, Switzerland, under the theme Health for Peace, peace for health. The following is a summary of the...

WHO South-East Asia Region  SEARO
No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region  EURO
:: Polish and Turkish health-care innovators among recipients of public health prizes at World Health Assembly 27-05-2022
:: Education and provisions for adequate menstrual hygiene management at school can prevent adverse health consequences 27-05-2022
:: Multi-country monkeypox outbreak in non-endemic countries 22-05-2022

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region  EMRO
:: Iraq fights Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever outbreak 24 May 2022
WHO Western Pacific Region
:: WHO announces winners of inaugural Western Pacific Innovation Challenge
   Winners will share their public health innovations at the upcoming WHO Innovation Forum
25 April 2022 News release

Disease Outbreak News (DONs)
Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health events or potential events of concern.

27 May 2022 | Acute hepatitis of unknown aetiology in children - Multi-country
26 May 2022 | Dengue - Sao Tome and Principe

WHO Events
https://www.who.int/news-room/events/1
[Selected] 151st session of the Executive Board
30 May 2022

EPI-WIN webinar: Monkeypox outbreak: what we need to know
30 May 2022 12:00 – 13:00 CET

WHO Public Health Laboratories knowledge sharing webinars - Monkeypox virus; epidemiological updates and latest recommendations for laboratory testing
1 June 2022 11:00 – 12:30 CET

Webinar invitation - 5 years of OpenWHO.org: Learning for the world during epidemics and the pandemic
1 June 2022 11:30 – 13:30 CET

WHO monkeypox research: What are the knowledge gaps and priority research questions?
2 – 3 June 2022

New WHO Publications
https://www.who.int/publications/i
Selected Titles
27 May 2022
2021 Antibacterial agents in clinical and preclinical development: an overview and analysis

26 May 2022
Emergency in Ukraine: external situation report #13, published 26 May 2022: reporting period: 19–25 May...
24 May 2022
**WHO Consolidated Guidelines on Tuberculosis, Module 4: Treatment - Drug-Susceptible Tuberculosis Treatment**

24 May 2022
**WHO Operational Handbook on Tuberculosis, Module 4: Treatment - Drug-Susceptible Tuberculosis Treatment**

23 May 2022
**Laboratory testing for the monkeypox virus: Interim guidance**

23 May 2022
**Global report on infection prevention and control**

23 May 2022
**WHO Global Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Annual report 2020**

22 May 2022
**Surveillance, case investigation and contact tracing for Monkeypox**

**CDC/ACIP [U.S.]** [to 28 May 2022]
http://www.cdc.gov/media/index.html
https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html

*Latest News Releases*

**ACIP Meetings**
*Next ACIP Meeting*
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**MMWR Weekly: Current Volume (71) May 27, 2022 / No. 21**
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- Selected Reports
- Post–COVID Conditions Among Adult COVID-19 Survivors Aged 18–64 and ≥65 Years — United States, March 2020–November 2021

**Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) - CDC**
Approximately 15 announcements/reports/data summaries.
Overall US COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration Update as of Fri, 27 May 2022 06:00:00 EST

Africa CDC  [to 28 May 2022]
http://www.africacdc.org/
News
Press Releases
UNESCO and Africa CDC strengthening community radio journalists on health reporting
22 May 2022

China CDC
http://www.chinacdc.cn/en/

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China  [to 28 May 2022]
http://en.nhc.gov.cn/
News
May 28: Daily briefing on novel coronavirus cases in China
On May 27, 31 provincial-level regions and the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps on the Chinese mainland reported 96 new cases of confirmed infections.

National Medical Products Administration – PRC  [to 28 May 2022]
http://english.nmpa.gov.cn/
News
Chinese mainland reports 80 new local confirmed COVID-19 cases
2022-05-27
The Chinese mainland on Thursday reported 80 locally-transmitted confirmed COVID-19 cases, of which 45 were in Shanghai and 22 in Beijing, the National Health Commission said Friday.

CCDC Weekly Reports: Current Volume (4)
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Organization Announcements

Editor’s Note:
Careful readers will note that the number and range of organizations now monitored in our Announcements section below has grown as the impacts of the pandemic have spread across global economies, supply chains and programmatic activity of multilateral agencies and INGOs.

Airfinity  [to 28 May 2022]
https://www.airfinity.com/insights
INSIGHTS & COMPANY NEWS
No new digest content identified.

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group  [to 28 May 2022]
https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/
News
No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation  [to 28 May 2022]
https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center
Press Releases and Statements
No new digest content identified.

Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute  [to 28 May 2022]
https://www.gatesmri.org/news
The Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute is a non-profit biotech organization. Our mission is to develop products to fight malaria, tuberculosis, and diarrheal diseases—three major causes of mortality, poverty, and inequality in developing countries. The world has unprecedented scientific tools at its disposal; now is the time to use them to save the lives of the world's poorest people
No new digest content identified.

CARB-X  [to 28 May 2022]
https://carb-x.org/
News
No new digest content identified.

Center for Vaccine Ethics and Policy – GE2P2 Global Foundation  [to 28 May 2022]
https://centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.net/
News/Analysis/Statements
:: Past weekly editions of Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review are available here.
Informed Consent: A Monthly Review – May 2022 is now posted here
Genomic Medicine Governance, Ethics, Policy: A Quarterly Review - May 2022 is now posted here

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [to 28 May 2022]
http://cepi.net/
Latest News
Why the COVID-19 R&D job is not finished
  The path out of the pandemic needs continued and concerted commitment to vaccine R&D
COVID-19
27 May 2022

Could monkeypox give us an R&D blueprint to end pandemics?
  Availability of smallpox countermeasures, developed to counter bioterrorism, also give the world the means to combat monkeypox and other orthopoxviruses. What if this approach could be applied to all viral families?
News
24 May 2022

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 28 May 2022]
https://www.darpa.mil/news
News
No new digest content identified.

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [to 28 May 2022]
https://dukeghic.org/
Our Blog
No new digest content identified.

EDCTP [to 28 May 2022]
http://www.edctp.org/
The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) aims to accelerate the development of new or improved drugs, vaccines, microbicides and diagnostics against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as well as other poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on phase II and III clinical trials
News
No new digest content identified.

Emory Vaccine Center [to 28 May 2022]
http://www.vaccines.emory.edu/
Vaccine Center News
No new digest content identified.
**European Vaccine Initiative** [to 28 May 2022]
http://www.euvaccine.eu/
*Latest News, Events*
No new digest content identified.

**Evidence Aid** [to 28 May 2022]
Evidence Aid aims to save lives and livelihoods in disasters by providing decision-makers with the best available evidence and by championing its use.
http://www.evidenceaid.org/
*Health systems strengthening interventions in low-income and middle-income countries Added May 27, 2022*

*Health risks among migrants with diverse sexual orientation, gender identity or expression Added May 26, 2022*

**Fondation Merieux** [to 28 May 2022]
http://www.fondation-merieux.org/
*News, Events*
No new digest content identified

**Gavi** [to 28 May 2022]
https://www.gavi.org/
*News Releases*
No new digest content identified

**GHIT Fund** [to 28 May 2022]
https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press
*Press Releases*
No new digest content identified

**Global Fund** [to 28 May 2022]
*News & Stories*
24 May 2022
**Global Fund and Partners Urge Increased Investment Towards Ending World’s Deadliest Diseases, Welcome First Private Sector Pledge**
   Ahead of the Global Fund’s Seventh Replenishment Conference, the Global Fund and partners called on all players in the private sector – philanthropists, foundations, and corporations – for a step-change in their commitment to ending AIDS, tuberculosis...
Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R]  [to 28 May 2022]
https://www.glopid-r.org/news/
News
No new digest content identified

Hilleman Laboratories  [to 28 May 2022]
http://www.hilleman-labs.org/
News & Insights
No new digest content identified

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute  [to 28 May 2022]
https://www.hhmi.org/news
Press Room
Institute  May 26 2022
New HHMI Program Pledges $1.5 Billion for Outstanding Early Career Faculty Committed to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
The Freeman Hrabowski Scholars Program will support up to 150 early career scientists for their research and their efforts to create labs in which everyone can thrive. Applications to the program are open now.

Human Vaccines Project  [to 28 May 2022]
http://www.humanvaccinesproject.org/
News
HVP COVID Report
May 26, 2022
Benjamin Goldman-Israelow: Why Your Next COVID-19 Vaccine Might not be a Shot

IAVI  [to 28 May 2022]
https://www.iavi.org/
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

ICRC  [to 28 May 2022]
What’s New  [Selected]
Heatwaves and shipwrecks: ICRC calls for rapid action to trace missing migrants on deadly routes
As summer arrives and increasing numbers of migrants risk everything to cross the Mediterranean, ICRC is calling for closer cooperation between countries and humanitarian organizations along the most dangerous migration routes, to find and identify m
"We see deliberate attacks on civilians and civilian objects, causing untold suffering."
Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, On behalf of the ICRC, I am pleased and honored to brief the Security Council on what we see as some of the most pressing protection challenges of today. My thanks go to the US for the invitation. Let me be honest.
25-05-2022 | Statement

International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities [ICMRA]
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ISC is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils.

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**IVI and the Government of Bangladesh join forces to boost AMR response in South Asia**
May 18, 2022, SEOUL, Republic of Korea – Today, the International Vaccine Institute (IVI) and the Ministry of Health, and Family Welfare (MOHFW) of Bangladesh shared key findings from the Capturing data on Antimicrobial resistance Patterns and Trends in Use in Regions of Asia (CAPTURA) project.
CAPTURA is an IVI-led initiative to increase the volume and quality of data on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), consumption (AMC), and use (AMU) in South and Southeast Asia – funded by The Fleming Fund, a UK Aid programme working in partnership with Mott MacDonald...

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**The Growing Role of Clinical Engineering - Merging Technology at the Point of Care**
May 26, 2022
As health care delivery systems increasingly depend on technology the expertise of clinical engineers in the use and management of this technology is critical for achieving best outcomes. In a new NAE Perspective Thomas Judd and Yadin David discuss the indispensable role of clinical engineers in merging technology at the point of care.

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**Nuffield Council on Bioethics response the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill**
The Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill will amend regulatory requirements for the development and marketing of precision bred plants and animals in the UK. The Bill will be introduced to Parliament today.

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A global effort to standardize food analysis will help better understand the impact on human health, agriculture, and nutrition.

Kryvyi Rih AIDS centre continues to provide HIV services despite the war in Ukraine

Generating income from rag dolls in Brazil—helping women living with HIV during the COVID-19 pandemic

Young women leaders in Senegal push for more education for their peers

UNHCR expands operations in Poland to reach refugees from Ukraine amid rising vulnerabilities

UNHCR’s Grandi urges redoubled support for Rohingya refugees, host communities in Bangladesh

UNHCR: Ukraine, other conflicts push forcibly displaced total over 100 million for first time
Figure must ‘serve as a wake-up call’ for more action to promote peace and address all causes of forced displacement, says UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi
23 May 2022

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UNICEF profoundly saddened by the death of at least 11 newborn babies following a horrific fire at a hospital in Tivaouane, Senegal
DAKAR (Senegal), 26 May 2022 – "UNICEF is deeply saddened by the death of at least 11 newborn babies following a terrible fire at the neonatal unit of the hospital of Tivaouane. "We express our deepest sympathy to the families and communities affected by this tragedy, especially those who have lost their children. No parent should experience the...

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25 May 2022
Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on school shooting in Uvalde, Texas
NEW YORK, 25 May 2022 – "Once again, children have been attacked and killed while attending school – the one place outside of their homes where they should be safest. This time it happened in Uvalde, Texas. “Nineteen children, a teacher, and a school staff member who set out for school yesterday will never return home to their families. Many more...

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African leaders and development partners called to combine scaled-up humanitarian response with prevention, as the situation worsens for millions of children facing severe wasting - UNICEF
MALABO, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, 25 May 2022 — An increasing number of children across Africa’s protracted crisis areas – from the Sahel to the Horn of Africa - will be exposed to severe wasting as the impacts of insecurity, COVID-19, poor harvests, the Ukraine crisis and global food price rises hit vulnerable families. As the ‘lean season’ gets...

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24 May 2022
FACT SHEET: Menstrual health and hygiene management still out of reach for many
NEW YORK, 26 May 2022 – Stigma, poverty, and lack of access to basic services like toilets and water are causing menstrual health and hygiene needs to go unmet and increasing women and girls’ risk of infections, UNICEF warned ahead of Menstrual Hygiene Day. These challenges are particularly acute among the poorest, ethnic groups, refugees, and...

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23 May 2022

**Over-consumption in the world’s richest countries is destroying children’s environments globally, new report says**

FLORENCE/NEW YORK, 24 May 2022 – The majority of wealthy countries are creating unhealthy, dangerous and noxious conditions for children across the world, according to the latest Report Card published today by UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti. Innocenti Report Card 17: Places and Spaces compares how 39 countries in the Organisation for...

*Remarks*
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**UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell’s remarks at 2022 Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction**


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**Over 1.5 million children at risk as devastating floods hit Bangladesh - UNICEF**

DHAKA, 23 May 2022 – Over 1.5 million children are at increased risk of waterborne diseases, drowning and malnutrition due to extensive flooding in north-eastern Bangladesh. UNICEF is on the ground with Government and non-government partners to respond to the urgent safety,

*Unitaid* [to 28 May 2022]
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**Official response from ACT-Accelerator therapeutics partners to the IFPMA**
24 May 2022 | Statements  [This response was sent on 19 May 2022]
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*Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative]* [to 28 May 2022]
https://vaccineequitycooperative.org/news/

*News*
We are pleased to present the findings and insights stemming from the Sabin Vaccine Institute’s inaugural Vaccination Acceptance Research Network (VARN) conference, held virtually between March 1-3, 2022.

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VWATCH: Shaping Global Vaccine Acceptance with Localized Knowledge

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May 24, 2022

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World Bank Approves $500 million in Additional Financing for Turkey’s COVID-19 Pandemic Response
WASHINGTON, May 26, 2022 – The World Bank’s Board approved today $500 million in additional financing for the Turkey Emergency COVID-19 Health Operation to support Turkey’s response to the health impacts...
Date: May 26, 2022 Type: Press Release

Assessing the Damage: Early Evidence on Impacts of the COVID-19 Crisis on Girls and Women in Africa
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New approvals of official animal health status and control programmes
25 May 2022
Six new official animal health status were granted to Members of the World Organisation for Animal Health and two disease control programmes were endorsed during the 89th General Session. Members can apply for the official recognition of animal health status for six priority diseases on a voluntary basis. Such recognition is key to support national livestock economies, as it plays an important role in facilitating regional and international trade of animals and animal products...

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Turning the tide in aquatic animal diseases with better surveillance
25 May 2022

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Stepping up dog population management to achieve rabies elimination
24 May 2022

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A gateway to resilience: integrating animal health in emergency management
23 May 2022

News
Implementing stronger biosecurity to avoid disease spread to new areas
23 May 2022
African swine fever and avian influenza are both viral animal diseases that have been severely affecting the planet throughout 2021 and early 2022. While these two transboundary infectious diseases are known to easily spread, the events observed over the past months have further highlighted the significant role of interactions between wildlife and domestic animals, as well as some incautious human behaviours in their dissemination. These were carefully examined in the global animal health situation report presented at the 89th General Session, which also reminded the importance of efficient biosecurity measures to mitigate disease impacts.

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http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm

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**DDG Paugam: WTO is actively participating in efforts to preserve global food security**
24 May 2022

Keeping trade open, monitoring governments’ trade measures and reducing market distortions are the three lines of action the WTO and its members are pursuing to address a looming global food crisis, Deputy Director-General Jean-Marie Paugam said at a virtual session of the Paris Peace Forum on 24 May. He stressed that the WTO is working closely with other international organizations and with the private sector to address food security concerns.

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**Improving access to and use of essential life-saving cancer medicines in LLMICs**
23 May 2022

Pharma analysis of lessons learned from COVID-19 pandemic informs and offers shared solutions to consolidate
22 May 2022
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**International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO** [to 28 May 2022]
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**UICC announces a new global coalition to increase access to and the use of essential cancer medicines in low- and lower middle-income countries (May 2022)**
   GENEVA, SWITZERLAND / AGILITYPR.NEWS / May 20, 2022 / The Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) and multiple partners* are establishing the Access to Oncology Medicines (ATOM) Coalition, a new global partnership to increase access to quality-assured essential cancer medicines in low- and lower middle-income countries (LLMICs) and to help countries develop the capacity for their proper use...
   Visit “The Access to Oncology (ATOM) Coalition” webpage.

**PhRMA** [to 28 May 2022]
http://www.phrma.org/
Latest News [Selected]
**PhRMA Statement on the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework**
May 23, 2022
   WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 23, 2022) – The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) Senior Vice President of International Advocacy Jay Taylor released the following statement upon the announcement of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework:
   “America’s biopharmaceutical industry welcomes the announcement of an Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) to deepen the United States’ economic relationships with countries throughout this region. Stronger pro-innovation policies, coupled with decreased trade barriers to further promote supply chain resilience, would serve as a catalyst for more global collaboration on biopharmaceutical research and development, leading to new medicines for patients around the world. We look forward to being an active stakeholder throughout this trade dialogue.”
   To read PhRMA’s submissions to the U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Trade Representative on the negotiating objectives for IPEF, please click here and here.
Journal Watch

Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review continues its weekly scanning of key peer-reviewed journals to identify and cite articles, commentary and editorials, books reviews and other content supporting our focus on vaccine ethics and policy. Journal Watch is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative of themes and issues the Center is actively tracking. We selectively provide full text of some editorial and comment articles that are specifically relevant to our work. Successful access to some of the links provided may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher.

If you would like to suggest other journal titles to include in this service, please contact David Curry at: david.r.curry@centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.org

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Volume 13, 2022 Issue 2
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https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/health-equity-us-latinx-communities

Health Equity in US Latinx Communities
Latinx communities in the US include over 60 million people with a plurality of political beliefs, cultural practices, and wealth. This diversity is also expressed in population health data: some health indicators suggest advantages of Latinx community membership while other data demonstrate inequitable disease burden and maldistribution of environmental and occupational risk. Legacies of colonial conquest of the Americas persist in discrimination and marginalization today and are embodied by members of our Latinx communities.

American Journal of Infection Control
May 2022 Volume 50 Issue 5 p477-592
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Effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern: a systematic review and meta-analysis

It was urgent and necessary to synthesize the evidence for vaccine effectiveness (VE) against SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOC). We conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis to provide a comprehensive...

Authors: Baoqi Zeng, Le Gao, Qingxin Zhou, Kai Yu and Feng Sun
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Time trends in social contacts of individuals according to comorbidity and vaccination status, before and during the COVID-19 pandemic

As we are confronted with more transmissible/severe variants with immune escape and the waning of vaccine efficacy, it is particularly relevant to understand how the social contacts of individuals at greater r...

Authors: Aurélie Godbout, Mélanie Drolet, Myrto Mondor, Marc Simard, Chantal Sauvageau, Gaston De Serres and Marc Brisson
Citation: BMC Medicine 2022 20:199
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Influenza vaccination coverage of professionals working in nursing homes in France and related determinants, 2018–2019 season: a cross-sectional survey

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Influenza vaccination coverage of professionals working in nursing homes in France and related determinants, 2018–2019 season: a cross-sectional survey
The burden of influenza morbidity and mortality in nursing homes (NH) is high. Vaccination of residents and professionals working in NH is the main prevention strategy. Despite recommendations, vaccination cov...

Authors: Sophie Vaux, Laure Fonteneau, Anne-Gaëlle Venier, Arnaud Gautier, Sophan Soing Altrach, Pierre Parneix and Daniel Lévy-Bruhl
Citation: BMC Public Health 2022 22:1049
Content type: Research Published on: 25 May 2022

Determinants of COVID-19 skepticism and SARS-CoV-2 vaccine hesitancy: findings from a national population survey of U.S. adults

The enduring presence of COVID-19 skepticism and SARS-CoV-2 vaccine hesitancy is an ongoing impediment to the global response effort to the current pandemic. This study seeks to identify determinants of skepti...

Authors: Jeff Levin and Matt Bradshaw
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How education and racial segregation intersect in neighborhoods with persistently low COVID-19 vaccination rates in Philadelphia

COVID-19 infection has disproportionately affected socially disadvantaged neighborhoods. Despite this disproportionate burden of infection, these neighborhoods have also lagged in COVID-19 vaccinations. To dat...

Authors: John A. Rich, Edward J. Miech, Usama Bilal and Theodore J. Corbin
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Impact of non-pharmaceutical interventions and vaccination on COVID-19 outbreaks in Nunavut, Canada: a Canadian Immunization Research Network (CIRN) study

Nunavut, the northernmost Arctic territory of Canada, experienced three community outbreaks of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) from early November 2020 to mid-June 2021. We sought to investigate how no...

Authors: Thomas N. Vilches, Elaheh Abdollahi, Lauren E. Cipriano, Margaret Haworth-Brockman, Yoav Keynan, Holden Sheffield, Joanne M. Langley and Seyed M. Moghadas
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Living standard and access to tetanus toxoid immunization among women in Bangladesh

Although Bangladesh has an impressive track record in the reduction of maternal and child mortality, tetanus, a dreadful disease, impedes the way to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) in this respect. ...

Authors: Ummay Nayeema Islam, Kanchan Kumar Sen and Wasimul Bari
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A case-based approach to teaching epidemic and pandemic-related global health diplomacy and security in African countries
A challenging concept to teach, few combined courses on epidemic-related global health diplomacy and security exist, and no known courses are currently available that have been exclusively designed for African...
Authors: Sebastian Kevany, Shayanne Martin and Mike Reid
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You Li, et al for the RESCEU investigators

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C. Buddy Creech, M.D., M.P.H., et al. for the KidCOVE Study Group*

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A call for an independent inquiry into the origin of the SARS-CoV-2 virus
Neil L. Harrison and Jeffrey D. Sachs
Since the identification of the SARS-CoV-2 in Wuhan, China, in January 2020 (1), the origin of the virus has been a topic of intense scientific debate and public speculation. The two main hypotheses are that the virus emerged from human exposure to an infected animal ["zoonosis" (2)] or that it emerged in a research-related incident (3). The investigation into the origin of the virus has been made difficult by the lack of key evidence from the earliest days of the outbreak—there’s no doubt that greater transparency on the part of Chinese authorities would be enormously helpful. Nevertheless, we argue here that there is much important information that can be gleaned from US-based research institutions, information not yet made available for independent, transparent, and scientific scrutiny...

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**Highlights**
- Crisis emergent risk factors lead to heightened risk of excess morbidity from VPDs.
- Vaccination decisions largely do not correspond to local disease risks.
- Inconsistencies and inequities in vaccine provision to crisis-affected populations.

**Abstract**
Background
The risk factors that emerge with the onset and protraction of humanitarian crises leave populations at a heightened risk of excess morbidity and mortality from vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs). There is currently little clarity on which vaccines are being used in crises throughout the world, and whether vaccination decisions correspond to local disease threats. This review aimed to collect and analyse such information.

Methods
We reviewed vaccination services from January 2015 to June 2019 across all 25 humanitarian responses that had an activated coordination mechanism during this period. A range of online sources and informants within the humanitarian sector were consulted to compile data on which vaccines were provided in each crisis, and the modality and timing of vaccine provision. The package of vaccination services since the start of each crisis was then compared with local disease burden (baseline + excess due to crisis-emergent risk factors).

Results
The range of vaccines used in humanitarian crises appears limited. When offered, vaccines were primarily delivered through the pre-existing routine schedule, with few supplementary actions taken in recognition of the need for rapidly enhancing population immunity. Vaccine packages mostly did not address the actual range of VPDs that likely accounted for substantial disease risk.

Conclusions
This review suggests inconsistencies and inequities in vaccine provision to crisis-affected populations. A consistent, standardised and broader approach to vaccine use in crises is needed.

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