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Backsliding

**COVID-19 pandemic fuels largest continued backslide in vaccinations in three decades**

GENEVA/NEW YORK, 15 July 2022 – The largest sustained decline in childhood vaccinations in approximately 30 years has been recorded in official data published today by WHO and UNICEF.

The percentage of children who received three doses of the vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP3) – a marker for immunization coverage within and across countries – fell 5 percentage points between 2019 and 2021 to 81 per cent.

As a result, 25 million children missed out on one or more doses of DTP through routine immunization services in 2021 alone. This is 2 million more than those who missed out in 2020 and 6 million more than in 2019, highlighting the growing number of children at risk from devastating but preventable diseases.

**The decline was due to many factors** including an increased number of children living in conflict and fragile settings where immunization access is often challenging, increased misinformation and COVID-19 related issues such as service and supply chain disruptions, resource diversion to response efforts, and containment measures that limited immunization service access and availability.

“This is a red alert for child health. We are witnessing the largest sustained drop in childhood immunization in a generation. The consequences will be measured in lives,” said Catherine Russell, UNICEF Executive Director. “While a pandemic hangover was expected last year as a result of COVID-19 disruptions and lockdowns, what we are seeing now is a continued decline. **COVID-19 is not an excuse. We need immunization catch-ups for the missing millions** or we will inevitably witness more outbreaks, more sick children and greater pressure on already strained health systems.”

18 million of the 25 million children did not receive a single dose of DTP during the year, the vast majority of whom live in low- and middle-income countries, with **India, Nigeria, Indonesia, Ethiopia and the Philippines recording the highest numbers**. Among countries[1] with the largest relative increases in the number of children who did not receive a single vaccine between 2019 and 2021 are Myanmar and Mozambique.

**Globally, over a quarter of the coverage of HPV vaccines that was achieved in 2019 has been lost.** This has grave consequences for the health of women and girls, as global coverage of the first dose of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is only 15%, despite the first vaccines being licensed over 15 years ago.

It was hoped that 2021 would be a year of recovery during which strained immunization programmes would rebuild and the cohort of children missed in 2020 would be caught-up. Instead, DTP3 coverage was set back to its lowest level since 2008 which, along with declines in coverage for other basic
vaccines, pushed the world off-track to meet global goals, including the immunization indicator for the Sustainable Development Goals.

**This historic backsliding in rates of immunization is happening against a backdrop of rapidly rising rates of severe acute malnutrition.** A malnourished child already has weakened immunity and missed vaccinations can mean common childhood illnesses quickly become lethal to them. The convergence of a hunger crisis with a growing immunization gap threatens to create the conditions for a child survival crisis.

Vaccine coverage dropped in every region, with the East Asia and Pacific region recording the steepest reversal in DTP3 coverage, falling nine percentage points in just two years.

“Planning and tackling COVID-19 should also go hand-in-hand with vaccinating for killer diseases like measles, pneumonia and diarrhea,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. “It’s not a question of either/or, it’s possible to do both”.

**Some countries notably held off declines.** Uganda maintained high levels of coverage in routine immunization programmes, whilst rolling out a targeted COVID-19 vaccination programme to protect priority populations, including health workers. Similarly, Pakistan returned to pre-pandemic levels of coverage thanks to high-level government commitment and significant catch-up immunization efforts. To achieve this in the midst of a pandemic, when healthcare systems and health workers were under significant strain, should be applauded.

Monumental efforts will be required to reach universal levels of coverage and to prevent outbreaks. Inadequate coverage levels have already resulted in avoidable outbreaks of measles and polio in the past 12 months, underscoring the vital role of immunization in keeping children, adolescents, adults, and societies healthy.

First dose measles coverage dropped to 81 per cent in 2021, also the lowest level since 2008. This meant 24.7 million children missed their first measles dose in 2021, 5.3 million more than in 2019. A further 14.7 million did not receive their needed second dose. Similarly, compared to 2019, 6.7 million more children missed the third dose of polio vaccine and 3.5 million missed the first dose of the HPV vaccine - which protects girls against cervical cancer later in life.

**The sharp two-year decline follows almost a decade of stalled progress,** underscoring the need to not only address pandemic-related disruptions but also systemic immunization challenges to ensure every child and adolescent is reached.

WHO and UNICEF are working with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and other partners to deliver the global Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030), a strategy for all countries and relevant global partners to achieve set goals on preventing diseases through immunization and delivering vaccines to everyone, everywhere, at every age.

“It’s heart-breaking to see more children losing out on protection from preventable diseases for a second year in a row. The priority of the Alliance must be to help countries to maintain, restore and strengthen routine immunization alongside executing ambitious COVID-19 vaccination plans, not just through vaccines but also tailored structural support for the health systems that will administer them,” said Dr Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.
The IA2030 partners call on governments and relevant actors to:

- **Intensify efforts for catch-up vaccination** to address backsliding on routine immunization, and expand outreach services in underserved areas to reach missed children and implement campaigns to prevent outbreaks;

- **Implement evidence-based, people-centred, and tailored strategies to build trust** in vaccines and immunization, counter misinformation and increase vaccine uptake particularly among vulnerable communities;

- **Ensure current pandemic preparedness and response** and the global health architecture strengthening efforts lead to investment in primary health care (PHC) services, with explicit support to strengthen and sustain essential immunization;

- **Ensure political commitment** from national governments and increase domestic resource allocation to strengthen and sustain immunization within PHC;

- **Prioritize health information and disease surveillance systems strengthening** to provide the data and monitoring needed for programmes to have maximum impact; and

- **Leverage and increase investment in research to develop and improve new and existing vaccines and immunization services** that can achieve community needs and deliver on IA2030 goals.

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**Featured WHO Report**

New WHO Global Evidence Review on Health and Migration underscores how the implementation of inclusive immunization plans is critical for Member States to achieve universal health coverage

12 July 2022  Departmental news

A new report of the World Health Organization finds that existing policies on the inclusion of refugees and migrants in vaccine national plans and their implementation vary greatly across countries and regions globally, with disparities in access based on the legal status, age, and the context in which these populations live. The report notes that most countries do not specify a clear policy on refugee and migrant entitlement to vaccination and that where more inclusive policies exist, there are often gaps in their implementation.

*Ensuring the integration of refugees and migrants into immunization policies, planning and service delivery globally* – the third report of the WHO Global Evidence Review on Health and Migration (GEHM) series – identifies specific and unique barriers that refugees and migrants may face in accessing vaccines. These include administrative and policy barriers; individual-level barriers, including trust, cultural, religious, social norms and beliefs; logistic barriers such as availability and accessibility of vaccinations; information and communication barriers; and financial barriers.

Vaccination is an absolute requirement to achieve universal health coverage, and one of the world’s most cost-effective public health interventions. Yet, under immunization is still common among refugee and migrant populations, as migration and displacement may have adverse effects on the ability and motivation to be vaccinated.
WHO’s new Immunization Agenda 2030 sets out a clear vision of “a world where everyone, everywhere, at every age, fully benefits from vaccines for good health and well-being”. This vitally important global health protection measure must be available to all, including refugees and migrants; therefore, equitable vaccination of refugees and migrants is a priority for WHO...

Genomics for Global Health – Access/Equity

**WHO’s Science Council launches report calling for equitable expansion of genomics**

12 July 2022  Departmental news

WHO’s Science Council of experts has issued its first report, on accelerating access to genomics for global health. The report argues that it is not justifiable ethnically or scientifically for less-resourced countries to gain access to such technologies long after rich countries do.

...The report calls for expanding access to genomic technologies, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), by addressing shortfalls in financing, laboratory infrastructure, materials, and highly trained personnel.

...“Genomic technologies are driving some of the most ground-breaking research happening today. Yet the benefits of these tools will not be fully realized unless they are deployed worldwide. Only through equity can science reach its full potential impact and improve health for everyone, everywhere,” said Dr Soumya Swaminathan, WHO Chief Scientist. “Through convening and coordinating the world’s leading minds, as we do through our Science Council, WHO acts as a global engine for analysis to address the world’s most pressing health challenges.”

To promote the adoption or expanded use of genomics, the report’s recommendations address four themes: advocacy, implementation, collaboration, and associated ethical, legal and social issues:

- Advocacy for genomics is needed to persuade governments, as well as commercial and non-commercial organizations, academic institutions, and others, of the medical, scientific, and economic benefits of genomic technologies.
- Overcoming obstacles to implementation will require local planning, financing, expanded training of essential personnel, and the low-cost provision of instruments, materials, and computational infrastructure.
- Government ministries, funding agencies, and scientific organizations in academia and industry should collaborate to establish plans on how to use genomics and build and expand technical capacity. They should also look to pool resources through regional programmes if appropriate.
- Effective oversight – coupled with national and international rules and standards – is key to promoting ethical, legal, equitable use and responsible sharing of information obtained with genomic methods.

To take forward the recommendations and to monitor their applications across all four main areas, the report also recommends WHO create a Genomics Committee. A key responsibility proposed for the Genomics Committee is convening commercial organizations to develop and implement ways of making their products and technologies affordable in LMICs.
The report follows the release of WHO’s 10-year strategy for genomic surveillance of pathogens. Genomic surveillance has played a crucial role in the global COVID-19 response, with countries like South Africa able to make crucial contributions in detecting variants, due to their capacities in this area. Recent data from WHO shows that the percentage of countries able to conduct genomic surveillance increased from 54% to 68% between March 2021 and January 2022, due to major investments made during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID as PHEIC

Statement on the twelfth meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic
12 July 2022

...The WHO Director-General concurs with the advice offered by the Committee regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and determines that the event continues to constitute a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)...

Status of the Public Health Emergency of International Concern
The Committee recognized an overall decoupling of incident cases from severe disease, deaths, and pressure on health systems in the context of increased population immunity.

However, the Committee unanimously agreed that the COVID-19 pandemic still meets the criteria of an extraordinary event that continues to adversely impact the health of the world’s population, and that the emergence and international spread of new SARS-CoV-2 variants may present an even greater health impact.

The Committee explicitly indicated the following reasons underpinning their advice to the WHO Director-General as to the event continuing to constitute a PHEIC.

Firstly, the recent increase in the growth rate of cases in many States Parties in different WHO regions.

Secondly, the continuing and substantial evolution of SARS-CoV-2 virus, which, while inherent to all viruses, is expected to continue in an unpredictable manner. Yet the ability to assess the impact of variants on transmission, disease characteristics, or countermeasures, including diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines, is becoming increasingly difficult as a result of the inadequacy of current surveillance, including the reductions in testing and genomic sequencing. Additionally, there are uncertainties surrounding the level of readiness of already overburdened health systems, across all WHO regions, to respond to future COVID-19 pandemic waves.

Thirdly, public health and health planning tools to reduce transmission and disease burden (including hospitalisations and admissions to intensive care units of severe cases, and the impact of post COVID-19 condition) are not being implemented in proportion to local transmission levels or health system capacities.
Finally, there are inadequacies in risk communication and community engagement related to the need for the implementation or adjustment of PHSM, as well as a disconnect in the perception of risk posed by COVID-19 between scientific communities, political leaders and the general public.

For these reasons, continued coordination of the international response is necessary to reconsider approaches allowing for the accurate and reliable monitoring of the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and triggering of adjustments to PHSM. Coordination is also still necessary to intensify and sustain development and research efforts related to effective and equitably available countermeasures and to develop further risk communication and community engagement approaches...

Coronavirus [COVID-19] - WHO
Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

Weekly Epidemiological and Operational updates
Last update: 17 Jun 2022
Confirmed cases :: 551 226 298
Confirmed deaths :: 6 345 595
Vaccine doses administered: 12 037 259 035

Weekly epidemiological update on COVID-19 – 13 July 2022
Overview
Globally, the number of new weekly cases increased for the fifth consecutive week after a declining trend since the last peak in March 2022. During the week of 4 to 10 July 2022, over 5.7 million new cases were reported, a 6% increase compared to the previous week. The number of new weekly deaths was similar to that of the previous week, with over 9800 fatalities reported. As of 10 July 2022, just under 553 million confirmed cases and over 6.3 million deaths have been reported globally.

In this edition we also include:
:: an update on the circulating SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOCs), including their geographic spread and prevalence.
:: a special focus on the WHO global situational alert system.
Status of COVID-19 Vaccines within WHO EUL/PQ evaluation process 07 July 2022

[New additions; Full scale view available at title link above]

UNICEF COVID-19 Vaccine Market Dashboard :: Agreements Table Accessed 17 Jul 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.

Dashboard on Vaccine Equity [accessed 17 Jul 2022]: https://data.undp.org/vaccine-equity/
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.

Daily Vaccination Rate Needed to Reach 70% by Mid-2022, assuming 2-dose vaccines (per 100 people)
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
See our COVID Vaccine Manufacturing research
See our COVID Vaccine Donations & Exports research

Overview of donations by top 10 donating countries

![Bar chart showing number of doses pledged and shipped by top 10 donating countries.]

- United States: 1,200,000,000 doses
- China: 266,000,000 doses
- Germany: 175,000,000 doses
- France: 120,000,000 doses
- Spain: 100,000,000 doses
- United Kingdom: 100,000,000 doses
- Italy: 77,000,000 doses
- Australia: 60,000,000 doses
- Japan: 60,000,000 doses
- Canada: 51,000,000 doses

Remaining doses:
- United States: 1,190,923,488
- Total Shipped: 1,200,000,000

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Data updated on July 14th 2022
COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out

17 Jul 2022 | COVAX (WHO,GAVI,CEPI), UNDESA, Press Reports | DATA

Global COVID-19 Figures: 113M total confirmed cases; 2.3M total confirmed deaths
Global vaccines administered: 12.2B

Number of Countries: 28
COVAX Allocations Round 4-9 (Number of Doses): 170M
COVAX Delivered (Number of Doses): 330M
Other Delivered (Number of Doses): 350M
Total Delivered (Number of Doses): 680M
Total Administered (Number of Doses): 480M

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 17 Jul 2022: https://data.covid19taskforce.com/data The global view below is complemented by country-specific dashboards here.

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**Our World in Data**  
**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccinations** [Accessed 17 Jul 2022]
:: **66.8%** of the world population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.  
:: **12.22 billion doses** have been administered globally, and **5.74 million** are now administered each day.  
:: Only **19.4%** of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose.
HHS

**HHS orders additional vaccine, increases testing capacity to respond to monkeypox outbreak**
July 15, 2022 | News Release

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today placed an order for another 2.5 million doses of Bavarian Nordic’s JYNNEOS vaccine to respond to the current monkeypox outbreak and strengthen the country’s smallpox preparedness. This order follows a July 1 order for 2.5 million doses that will begin arriving in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) over the next year. Deliveries from today’s 2.5 million dose order will begin arriving at the SNS in 2023, bringing the federal government’s available supply of vaccine to treat monkeypox to nearly 7 million doses by mid-2023.

HHS also announced that an additional 131,000 doses of JYNNEOS just arrived in the SNS and the department is making these doses immediately available to states and jurisdictions. This latest allocation of vaccine brings the total number of doses made available to states and jurisdictions since late May to more than 300,000 doses.

HHS has shipped out all of the doses that have been ordered by states and jurisdictions, approximately 156,000 doses, with about 100,000 doses of those delivered in the past week...

**Biden-Harris Administration secures 3.2 million doses of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine**
July 11, 2022 | News Release

**FDA**

**Press Announcements**

**European Medicines Agency**

**News & Press Releases**

**News: EMA re-elected as chair of ICMRA from October 2022 (new)**
Last updated: 13/07/2022

**News: EMA launches pilot project on analysis of raw data from clinical trials (new)**
Last updated: 12/07/2022
News: ECDC and EMA update recommendations on additional booster doses of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (new)
Last updated: 11/07/2022

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en
Latest Updates [Selected]
News
Weekly COVID-19 country overview
Epidemiological update - 14 Jul 2022

News
Joint ECDC-WHO/Europe monkeypox surveillance bulletin
Epidemiological update - 13 Jul 2022

News
Updated joint statement from ECDC and EMA on additional booster doses of COVID-19 vaccines
News - 11 Jul 2022

European Commission
https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/home/en
Latest [Selected]
Press release 15 July 2022
Ukraine: EU grants access to funding under the EU4Health programme
Today, as part of the Commission’s ongoing efforts to provide support in the area of health, Commissioner Kyriakides visited Ukraine to meet Minister of Health Viktor Liashko and pay a visit to a medical centre for children as well as a patient rehabilitation centre.

Press release 15 July 2022
Media freedom: the Commission refers HUNGARY to the Court of Justice of the European Union for failure to comply with EU electronic communications rules

Statement 13 July 2022
Joint statement on supporting Ukraine in its proceeding at the International Court of Justice

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
No new digest content identified.

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

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

COVID-19 INDIA as on: 16 July 2022, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)
(↑↓ Status change since yesterday)

- Active: 140760 (1687↑)
- Discharged: 43063651 (18301↑)
- Deaths: 525660 (56↑)

COVID-19 Vaccination as on: 16 July 2022, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

Total Vaccination: 1,99,71,61,438 (22,93,627 ↑)

Government of India – Press Information Bureau
Latest Press Releases
COVID - 19 Vaccination Update - Day 547
:: India’s cumulative vaccination coverage crosses 199.96 Crore
:: More than 23 lakh Vaccine doses administered today till 7 pm
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]

China Sees Most Covid Cases Since May as Lockdowns Spread
:: Guangxi reports 165 infections becoming new virus hotspot
:: Spike shows difficulty of Covid Zero in face of new strains
By Linda Lew, Bloomberg
July 14, 2022
China reported its highest daily Covid-19 case tally in seven weeks as a new cluster emerged in the southern province of Guangxi, underscoring the difficulty of achieving the country’s Covid Zero strategy in the face of more infectious strains of the virus.

The country reported 432 infections for Thursday, up from 292 on Wednesday and the most since May 25. More than a third, or 165 cases, were found in Guangxi province, centered around Beihai, a coastal city of 1.83 million people. The first case was detected Tuesday and authorities shut entertainment venues in the city center from Wednesday...

GPEI - Polio

Polio this week as of 13 July 2022
Headlines
:: The GPEI has released a statement on the passing of Hon. Shinzo Abe, former Prime Minister of Japan and advocate for polio eradication. Read more...
:: In a new op-ed by Dr Marc Danzon and Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge, Former and Current WHO Regional Directors for Europe, they discuss the risk of losing Europe’s wild-polio free status, highlighting that “vaccines remain our best defence against polio”

Summary of new polioviruses this week:
:: Pakistan: one WPV1 positive environmental sample
:: Algeria: one cVDPV2 case
:: Benin: two cVDPV2 cases
:: DR Congo: one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
:: Eritrea: one cVDPV2 case
:: Ghana: one cVDPV2 case and three positive environmental samples
:: Niger: four cVDPV2 cases

UN OCHA – Current Emergencies
Current Corporate Emergencies

Afghanistan
Afghanistan: Flash Update #2 - Flash Flooding in Central, Eastern, Southern, and South-Eastern Regions (13 July 2022)

Northern Ethiopia
Addressing gender inequality amid conflict: Humanitarian situation in conflict-affected areas of Northern Ethiopia
11 Jul 2022
The escalating conflict in northern Ethiopia left over 5.2 million people in Tigray Region in dire need of humanitarian assistance, including 2.1 million internally displaced persons (IDPs). At the time of the assessment, most of the Tigray population (91 percent) were facing crisis levels of food insecurity. The destruction of health facilities, water structures, and schools combined with a critical shortage of food, medicine, and other supplies as well as restricted humanitarian access increased the scale of humanitarian needs of all population groups.

The conflict in northern Ethiopia has affected all genders, ages, and people at-risk and marginalized groups differently. In November 2021, and in light of the growing humanitarian needs, the Humanitarian Country Team commissioned an inter-agency rapid gender analysis (IARGA) to identify the drivers of gender inequality that impacting access to humanitarian services in the three northern Ethiopia conflict affected regions (Tigray, Amhara and Afar, plus Oromia region of Southern Ethiopia), and to propose practical actions across the different cluster responses. The IARGA findings, which can be used to inform the 2022 Humanitarian Needs Overview and Results Plan, are collated through a view of secondary data, and a primary data collection conducted with 95 key informants in the Tigray Region from November to December 2021...

Ukraine
Ukraine: Situation Report - Last updated: 13 July 2022
- Fighting and hostilities went on unabated over the last week, causing deaths, destruction and impacting the humanitarian situation in Ukraine, mainly in the east.
- Last week, dozens of civilians were killed in the aftermath of a strike on Chasiv Yar in Donbas, the second deadliest single attack since the start of the war.
- People who stayed or returned to heavily affected areas in the east and south are forced to get by with limited access to essential services, including water and electricity.
- Ukraine’s agricultural land continues to be affected as the UN-brokered talks between Russia and Ukraine on grain exports are taking place.
- While humanitarian needs exacerbate, the UN and humanitarian partners have been able to reach 10.3 million people across Ukraine.
COVID-19 pandemic fuels largest continued backslide in vaccinations in three decades
[See Milestones above for detail]

The Eastern Mediterranean Region reflects on genomic sequencing and its future within integrated surveillance of respiratory viruses

Women in the health and care sector earn 24 percent less than men

New WHO Global Evidence Review on Health and Migration underscores how the implementation of inclusive immunization plans is critical for Member States to achieve universal health coverage

WHO’s Science Council launches report calling for equitable expansion of genomics

Urgent call for better use of existing vaccines and development of new vaccines to tackle AMR

Statement on the twelfth meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

Health financing and public financial management in decentralized settings

WHO announces updates on its guidance on tuberculosis care and support

WHO Director General Speeches [selected]
Good morning, good afternoon and good evening, I am concerned that cases of COVID-19 continue to rise - putting further pressure on stretched health systems and health workers. I am also concerned about the increasing trend of deaths.

The Emergency Committee on COVID-19 met on Friday last week and concluded that the virus remains a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The Committee noted their concern about several interlinked challenges.

First, sub-variants of Omicron, like BA.4 and BA.5, continue to drive waves of cases, hospitalisation and death around the world.

Second, surveillance has reduced significantly – including testing and sequencing – making it increasingly difficult to assess the impact of variants on transmission, disease characteristics, and the effectiveness of counter-measures.

Third, diagnostics, treatments and vaccines are not being deployed effectively.

The virus is running freely and countries are not effectively managing the disease burden based on their capacity, in terms of both hospitalisation for acute cases and the expanding number of people with post covid-19 condition - often referred to as long-covid.

Finally, there is a major disconnect in COVID-19 risk perception between scientific communities, political leaders and the general public. This is a dual challenge of communicating risk and building community trust in health tools and public health social measures like masking, distancing and ventilation.

The Committee made a series of recommendations with several that I want to focus on. New waves of the virus demonstrate again that the COVID-19 is nowhere near over. As the virus pushes at us, we must push back.

We’re in a much better position than at the beginning of the pandemic. Of course, there’s been a lot of progress. We have safe and effective tools that prevent infections, hospitalizations and deaths. However, we should not take them for granted...

WHO Regional Offices
Selected Press Releases, Announcements
WHO African Region
:: In Africa, 63% jump in diseases spread from animals to people seen in last decade
14 July 2022  Brazzaville – Africa is facing a growing risk of outbreaks caused by zoonotic pathogens, such as the monkeypox virus which originated in animals and then switched species and infected humans. There has been a 63% increase in the number of zoonotic outbreaks in the region in the
A decade from 2012-2022 compared to 2001-2011, according to World Health Organization (WHO) analysis...

**WHO Region of the Americas** PAHO
:: **COVID-19 pandemic fuels largest continued backslide in vaccinations in three decades**
15 Jul 2022
WHO and UNICEF sound the alarm as new data shows global vaccination coverage continued to decline in 2021, with 25 million infants missing out on lifesaving vaccines. In the Americas, last year alone more than 2.6 million children were unvaccinated or not fully up to date on their immunizations. Geneva/New York, 15 July 2022 - The largest...

:: **PAHO gives voice to the adolescents of the Americas to talk about teen pregnancy**
14 Jul 2022
The Adolescent Voices contest aims to give the Pan American Health Organization a window onto the views of this age group, offering a venue for young people to express themselves in different artistic forms. Washington DC, 14 July 2022. The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) today launched a contest for young people aged 12 to 19 to...

:: **Regional manufacturing of vaccines to bolster pandemic preparedness in the Americas**
13 Jul 2022
With Omicron variant sub-lineages BA.4 and BA.5 driving most new COVID-19 infections, and other diseases likely to emerge in the future, increased medical production is key to saving lives, PAHO Director says. Washington D.C. 13 July 2022 (PAHO) – As Omicron sub-lineages BA.4 and BA.5 drive a new wave of COVID-19 infections across the Americas,...

:: **Statement on the twelfth meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic**
July 12, 2022 — The WHO Director-General has the pleasure of transmitting the Report of the twelfth meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) Emergency Committee regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, held on Friday, 8 July 2022, from 12:00 to 15:30 CEST. The WHO Director-General concurs with the advice...

**WHO South-East Asia Region** SEARO
:: 16 July 2022  News release
**Greater efforts needed to get routine immunization back to pre-COVID-19 times: WHO**
:: 15 July 2022  News release
**India confirms first case of monkeypox in WHO South-East Asia Region**

**WHO European Region** EURO
:: 15 July 2022  News release
**European Region averts further backsliding in routine immunization but falls short of full recovery**
:: 15 July 2022  News release
**“We always think it’s not going to happen to us” – a sexual health worker’s first-hand experience of monkeypox**
:: 12 July 2022  News release
**Expert advisory group recommends COVID-19 vaccination strategy for the autumn season**

**WHO Western Pacific Region**
::  People of the Western Pacific: COVID-19 stories  12 July 2022
Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

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

12 July 2022 | Severe acute hepatitis of unknown aetiology in children - Multi-country

As of 8 July 2022, 35 countries in five WHO Regions have reported 1010 probable cases of severe acute hepatitis of unknown aetiology in children, which fulfill the WHO case definition, including 22 deaths. Since the previous Disease Outbreak News published on 24 June 2022, 90 new probable cases and four additional deaths have been reported to WHO. Additionally, two new countries, Luxembourg and Costa Rica, have reported probable cases.

WHO has launched a global survey with an aim to estimate the incidence of severe acute hepatitis of unknown aetiology in 2022 compared to the previous five years, to understand where cases and liver transplants are occurring at higher-than-expected rates.

WHO Events

https://www.who.int/news-room/events/1

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No new digest content identified.

New WHO Publications

https://www.who.int/publications/i

Selected Titles

15 July 2022

Global clinical data platform for monkeypox case report form (CRF)

15 July 2022

User guide for navigating resources on stepwise implementation of haemovigilance systems

14 July 2022

Therapeutics and COVID-19: living guideline

14 July 2022

Laboratory testing for Zika virus and dengue virus infections: interim guidance

14 July 2022

Emergency in Ukraine: external situation report #17, published 14 July 2022: reporting period: 30 June–13...

13 July 2022

The gender pay gap in the health and care sector a global analysis in the time of COVID-19
13 July 2022
Consensus statement: Role of policy-makers and health care leaders in implementation of the Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021–2030

12 July 2022
Ensuring the integration of refugees and migrants in immunization policies, planning and service delivery globally

12 July 2022
Critical considerations and actions for achieving universal access to sexual and reproductive health...

12 July 2022
Accelerating access to genomics for global health: promotion, implementation, collaboration, and ethical,...

12 July 2022
Bacterial vaccines in clinical and preclinical development 2021

11 July 2022
WHO operational handbook on tuberculosis: module 4: treatment: tuberculosis care and support

11 July 2022
WHO consolidated guidelines on tuberculosis: module 4: treatment: tuberculosis care and support

11 July 2022
Virtual workshop on postnatal prophylaxis to reach elimination of HIV vertical transmission: optimizing...

CDC/ACIP [U.S.] [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.cdc.gov/media/index.html
https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html

Latest News Releases
New COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness Data Showcase Protection Gained by 3rd and 4th Doses
A third and fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose offered substantial protection among adults with healthy immune systems who were eligible to receive them during Omicron variant evolution in early 2022.
July 15, 2022

Quest Diagnostics to Begin Monkeypox Testing Today, Increasing Nationwide Testing Capacity Wednesday, July 13, 2022
COVID-19 Reverses Progress in Fight Against Antimicrobial Resistance in U.S.
Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mayo Clinic Laboratories to Begin Monkeypox Testing Today, Increasing Nationwide Testing Capacity
Monday, July 11, 2022

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ACIP Meetings
Next ACIP Meeting
July 19, 2022: 10:00am – 3:00pm ET
These meetings are virtual. No registration is required to watch the webcasts.
Draft Agenda – July 19, 2022 [Vote - Novavax COVID-19 vaccine in adults ages 18 years and older]
Webcast Link

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MMWR Weekly: Current Volume (71)
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PDF of this issue
:: Public Health Surveillance and Reporting for Human Toxoplasmosis — Six States, 2021
:: Pediatric HIV Case Identification Across 22 PEPFAR-Supported Countries During the COVID-19 Pandemic, October 2019–September 2020
:: Safety Monitoring of COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine First Booster Doses Among Persons Aged ≥12 Years with Presumed Immunocompromise Status — United States, January 12, 2022–March 28, 2022
:: Rapid Diagnostic Testing for Response to the Monkeypox Outbreak — Laboratory Response Network, United States, May 17–June 30, 2022

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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)- CDC
Approximately 15 announcements/reports/data summaries.

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Africa CDC  [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.africacdc.org/
News
No new digest content identified.

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China CDC
http://www.chinacdc.cn/en/
National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China  [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://en.nhc.gov.cn/
News
July 16: Daily briefing on novel coronavirus cases in China
On July 15, 31 provincial-level regions and the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps on the Chinese mainland reported 129 new cases of confirmed infections.

National Medical Products Administration – PRC  [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://english.nmpa.gov.cn/
News
Chinese mainland reports 64 new local confirmed COVID-19 cases
2022-07-15
The Chinese mainland Thursday reported 64 locally-transmitted confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 30 in Gansu and 17 in Guangdong, the National Health Commission said Friday.

CCDC Weekly Reports: Current Volume (4)
2022-07-08 / No. 27  WORLD POPULATION DAY ISSUE
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:: Preplanned Studies: Towards Sustainable Development Goals: Study on the Consequences of Food Insecurity Among Global Population — Worldwide, 2022
:: Preplanned Studies: Adverse Childhood Experiences and Depressive Symptoms Trajectories Among Middle-Aged and Elderly — China, 2011–2018
:: Preplanned Studies: The Distribution and Potential Exposure Factors of Physical Activity Level Among Middle-Aged and Elderly Population — Six Communities, Beijing, China, October 2020 to January 2021
:: Commentary: Aging in China: Challenges and Opportunities
:: Notifiable Infectious Diseases Reports: Reported Cases and Deaths of National Notifiable Infectious Diseases — China, April 2022

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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.

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group  [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/
News
No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation  [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center
Press Releases and Statements
In Response to Compounding Global Crises, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Announces Intent to Increase Annual Payout by 50%, to US$9 Billion per Year by 2026

Press release
Jul 13, 2022
[See Milestones above for detail]

Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute  [to 17 Jul 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 17 Jul 2022]
https://carb-x.org/
News
No new digest content identified.

Center for Vaccine Ethics and Policy – GE2P2 Global Foundation  [to 17 Jul 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 – July 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 17 Jul 2022]
http://cepi.net/
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.]  [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.darpa.mil/news
News
No new digest content identified.

Duke Global Health Innovation Center  [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://dukeghic.org/
Our Blog
No new digest content identified.
EDCTP [to 17 Jul 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 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.vaccines.emory.edu/
Vaccine Center News
No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.euvaccine.eu/
Latest News, Events
No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 17 Jul 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/
Selected Resources
Interventions to improve primary health care quality for refugees and asylum seekers
Added July 14, 2022

Health equity consideration in policies on the use of masks and other PPE to contain COVID-19 (policies from before July 2020)
Added July 13, 2022

Universal gloving and healthcare-associated infections (search up to July 2018)
Added July 12, 2022

Challenges for tuberculosis control during the COVID-19 pandemic (search up to December 2020)
Added July 11, 2022

School-based interventions to support student refugees, migrants and immigrants, and their families
Added July 10, 2022

Fondation Merieux [to 17 Jul 2022]
Gavi [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.gavi.org/
News Releases
13 July 2022
Gavi continues to be a top performer in global aid transparency index

GHIT Fund [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press
Press Releases
No new digest content identified

Global Fund [to 17 Jul 2022]
News & Stories
No new digest content identified

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.glopid-r.org/news/
News
No new digest content identified

Hilleman Laboratories [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.hilleman-labs.org/
News & Insights
No new digest content identified

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.hhmi.org/news
Press Room
No new digest content identified

Human Vaccines Project [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.humanvaccinesproject.org/
News
HVP COVID Report
Jul 14, 2022
Kristen Jill Abboud: Ahead of the Curve: Progress with Pan-coronavirus Vaccines

IAVI [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.iavi.org/
Latest News
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July 15, 2022
IAVI at AIDS 2022
IAVI to participate in the 24th International AIDS Conference beginning July 29 in Montreal, Canada, and virtually

ICRC [to 17 Jul 2022]
What’s New [Selected]
Deteriorating hunger situation an urgent crisis for millions caught in conflict
Hundreds of millions of people are at risk of severe hunger in the coming months as extreme poverty, inequality and food insecurity rise, particularly in parts of Africa and the Middle East, following shocks in the food, energy and finance systems.
12-07-2022 | News release

International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities [ICMRA]
Selected Statements, Press Releases, Research
No new digest content identified.

IFFIm
http://www.iffim.org/
Press Releases/Announcements
No new digest content identified.

IFRC [to 17 Jul 2022]
Press Releases [Selected]
IFRC warns that the growing heatwave in Europe could have tragic consequences
14/07/2022 | Press release

Institut Pasteur [to 17 Jul 2022]
Press Documents
No new digest content identified.
IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 17 Jul 2022]
News
No new digest content identified.

ISC / International Science Council [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://council.science/current/
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.
News
No new digest content identified.

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)
https://iuis.org/
News/Events [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

IVAC [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/ivac/index.html
Updates; Events
New estimates reveal alarming stagnation in global access to pneumococcal conjugate vaccines
July 2022

IVI [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.ivi.int/
IVI News & Announcements
No new digest content identified.

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/news/center-news/
Center News
No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.msf.org/
Latest [Selected Announcements]
Mexico
More assistance urgently needed for people arriving in Mexico’s northern border cities
Press Release 11 Jul 2022
**National Academy of Medicine** - USA  [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://nam.edu/programs/  
*News [Selected]*  
No new digest content identified.

**National Academy of Sciences** - USA  [to 17 Jul 2022]
*News*  
No new digest content identified.

**National Vaccine Program Office** - U.S. HHS  [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.hhs.gov/vaccines/about/index.html  
*Upcoming Meetings/Latest Updates*  
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**NIH**  [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.nih.gov/  
*News Releases*  
**Interferon treatment may reduce severity of COVID-19 in people with certain genetic factors**  
July 14, 2022 — People with this combination of genetic variants also remain positive for SARS-CoV-2 infection longer.

**NIH launches clinical trial of mRNA Nipah virus vaccine**  
July 11, 2022 — Nipah virus infection is spread between animals and people.

**PATH**  [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.path.org/media-center/  
*Press Releases*  
**Open Call for Digital Entrepreneurs in Africa**  
July 14, 2022 by PATH  
PATH’s Digital Square is pleased to announce its first call for digital entrepreneurs based in Africa interested in working in the health sector. This call seeks to connect local solutions to financial assistance, technical resources, and opportunities to scale for innovative entrepreneurs...

**Rockefeller Foundation**  [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/  
*Selected Reports/Press Releases*  
**The Rockefeller Foundation Commits $15 Million to Accelerate World Bank’s Pandemic Prevention Financing Fund**  
Funding will support the World Bank’s new Financial Intermediary Fund to expand low- and middle-income countries’ pandemic prevention and response programs
NEW YORK | July 14, 2022 – The Rockefeller Foundation announced a $15 million commitment to the World Bank in support of its new Financial Intermediary Fund (FIF) to bolster pandemic prevention and response in low- and middle-income countries. The Rockefeller Foundation joins the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Wellcome Trust as founding donors from the philanthropic sector to help set up a Secretariat at the World Bank with technical leadership from the World Health Organization (WHO) and broad support from the G20...

**Sabin Vaccine Institute** [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.sabin.org/press/
*Latest News & Press Releases*
*No new digest content identified.*

**UNAIDS** [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.unaids.org/en
*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*
15 July 2022
*A beacon of hope in Guatemala*

14 July 2022
*Meet a Vaccine Champion overcoming vaccine hesitancy in Ghana*

12 July 2022
*The communities behind Antigua and Barbuda’s decriminalization win*

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 17 Jul 2022]
*Selected News Releases, Announcements*

**UNHCR survey finds refugees from Ukraine hope to go home**
Refugees will need continued support until they are able to return.
13 July 2022

**UNICEF** [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases
*Press Releases, News Notes, Statements* [Selected]

**COVID-19 pandemic fuels largest continued backslide in vaccinations in three decades**
GENEVA/NEW YORK, 15 July 2022 – The largest sustained decline in childhood vaccinations in approximately 30 years has been recorded in official data published today by WHO and UNICEF. The percentage of children who received three doses of the vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP3) – a marker for immunization coverage within and...
*See Milestones above for detail*
Remarks
12 July 2022
UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell's remarks at the High-Level Political Forum: Protecting the rights of every child in the digital environment
NEW YORK, 12 July 2022 - "Excellencies, colleagues, distinguished guests, "Good morning, everyone. I'm very glad to be here. "I want to recognize and thank the co-chairs of the Group of Children and the SDGs – the Permanent Representatives of Luxembourg, Bulgaria, and Jamaica – for their commitment to championing children’s rights. "I’m especially...

Unitaid [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://unitaid.org/
Featured News
12 July 2022
Unitaid to incentivize generic production of life-saving medicine for people living with advanced HIV disease
Geneva – Cryptococcal meningitis is a severe fungal infection of the brain that causes around 15% of AIDS-related deaths globally. 75% percent of resulting deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa, largely due to a lack of access to critical medicines. To fast-track commercialization of affordable, quality-assured supplies of a highly effective medicine used to treat cryptococcal meningitis, Unitaid has launched a call to generic manufacturers needing support to bring their product to market in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)...

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://vaccineequitycooperative.org/news/
News
No new digest content identified.

Vaccination Acceptance & Demand Initiative [Sabin] [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.vaccineacceptance.org/
Announcements, Blog
No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Confidence Project [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.vaccineconfidence.org/
News, Research and Reports
News
No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center
News
Africa must produce its own vaccines – it’ll need investment in regulation to get there

Africa has ambitions to produce its own vaccines, but it will take a robust regulatory system to achieve this. With investment in key areas, African countries can take more control of the production of medical products that will protect people’s health.

The Wistar Institute

The Wistar Institute Names Gelvina Rodriguez Stevenson, Esq. as Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and Government Relations

PHILADELPHIA — (July 13, 2022) — The Wistar Institute, an international biomedical research leader in cancer, immunology, and infectious diseases, is pleased to announce the appointment of Gelvina Rodriguez Stevenson, Esq., as vice president, general counsel, secretary and government relations.

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations

Joint Statement by the Heads of the Food and Agriculture Organization, International Monetary Fund, World Bank Group, World Food Programme, and World Trade Organization on the Global Food Security Crisis

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Director General Qu Dongyu, International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva, World Bank Group (WBG) President David Malpass, World Food...
The STOP II Project ends on a high note with outstanding results

... The main deliverable of the Project was organizing the largest-ever Customs-led global operation (codenamed STOP II) involving 160 WCO Member Customs administrations and aimed at intercepting, seizing and destroying cross-border shipments of illegal goods related to COVID-19. During the three phases of the operation, a total of 2,769 cases of trafficking were reported by 90 Members and some 4,034 cases of seizures were recorded. Of the 501.5 million units seized, 273.6 million were medicines related to COVID-19 (ivermectin, doxycycline, pregabalin, etc.), 214.4 million were medical devices (COVID-19 test kits, face masks, used gloves, sanitizer gel, oxygen cylinders, etc.) and approximately 13.5 million were doses of COVID-19 vaccines. STOP II has reaffirmed the crucial role played by Customs in safeguarding public health and protecting society...

Heads of agencies call for urgent action to address global food security crisis

A joint statement calling for urgent action to address the global food security crisis was issued by the heads of the Food and Agriculture Organization, International Monetary Fund, World Bank Group, World Food Programme and the WTO on 15 July.

Statement on European Commission's Proposed 'Substance of Human Origin' Regulation

The European Commission’s proposed ‘Substances of Human Origin’ (SoHO) Regulation holds the promise of improving patient safety while establishing greater legal and regulatory certainty across the EU.
No new digest content identified.

**DCVMN — Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network** [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.dcvmn.org/
News; Upcoming events
No new digest content identified.

**ICBA — International Council of Biotechnology Associations** [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://internationalbiotech.org/news/
News
No new digest content identified.

**IFPMA** [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.ifpma.org/resources/news-releases/
Selected Press Releases, Statements, Publications
No new digest content identified.

**International Alliance of Patients’ Organizations – IAPO** [to 17 Jul 2022]
https://www.iapo.org.uk/news/topic/6
Press and media [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

**International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association [IGBA]**
https://www.iqbamedicines.org/
News
No new digest content identified.

**PhRMA** [to 17 Jul 2022]
http://www.phrma.org/
Latest News [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

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**Vaccines/Therapeutics/Medicines - Developer/Manufacturer Announcements**

**AstraZeneca**
Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified
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* - No new digest announcements identified

CanSinoBIO
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CIGB
*Latest News* - No new digest announcements identified

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*Recent News* - No new digest announcements identified

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

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

GSK
*Press releases for media* - No new digest announcements identified

IMBCAMS, China
*Home* - Website not responding at inquiry

Janssen/JNJ
*Press Releases* - No new digest announcements identified

Medicago
*Media* - No new digest announcements identified

Merck
*News releases* - No new digest announcements identified

Moderna
*Press Releases*
14 July, 2022
Health Canada Authorizes Moderna's COVID-19 Vaccine in Young Children (6 Months-5 Years)

12 July, 2022

Moderna Announces First Participant Dosed in a Phase 1 Trial of its Nipah Virus mRNA Vaccine, mRNA-1215

11 July, 2022

Moderna's Omicron-Containing Bivalent Booster Candidate, mRNA-1273.214, Demonstrates Significantly Higher Neutralizing Antibody Response Against Omicron Subvariants BA.4/5 Compared To Currently Authorized Booster

Nanogen

News - No new digest announcements identified

Novartis

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Novavax

Press Releases
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Statement
COVID-19

Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine to be Reviewed at U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Meeting on July 19, 2022

Jul 14, 2022
Statement
COVID-19

Novavax Statement on European Medicines Agency Nuvaxovid™ Label Update Related to Allergic Reaction

Jul 13, 2022
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Jul 11, 2022
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U.S. Government Secures 3.2 Million Doses of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine

Pfizer

Recent Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

R-Pharm

https://rpharm-us.com/index.php
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Sanofi Pasteur
Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

Serum Institute of India
NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shifa Pharmed [Iran]
http://shafapharmed.com/
No news page identified.

Sinopharm/WIBPBIBP
News - No new digest announcements identified

Sinovac
Press Releases
SINOVAC COVID-19 Vaccine Is Authorized for Emergency Use in Kids Aged 3-5 In Brazil
2022/07/14

SK Biosciences
Press Releases
SK bioscience’s COVID-19 Vaccine ‘SKY Covione™’ Shows Cross-Neutralizing Activity Against Omicron Variant BA.1 as Booster Shot
Neutralizing antibody titres against Omicron variant BA.1 after a booster dose of SKY Covione™...
2022.07.13

Valneva
Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

Vector State Research Centre of Viralogy and Biotechnology
Home - No new digest announcements identified [404 error]

WestVac Biopharma
Media - No new digest announcements identified

Zhifei Longcom, China
[Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biologic Pharmacy Co., Ltd.]
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COVID-19 pandemic fuels largest continued backslide in vaccinations in three decades

GENEVA/NEW YORK, 15 July 2022 – The largest sustained decline in childhood vaccinations in approximately 30 years has been recorded in official data published today by WHO and UNICEF.

The percentage of children who received three doses of the vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP3) – a marker for immunization coverage within and across countries – fell 5 percentage points between 2019 and 2021 to 81 per cent.

As a result, 25 million children missed out on one or more doses of DTP through routine immunization services in 2021 alone. This is 2 million more than those who missed out in 2020 and 6 million more than in 2019, highlighting the growing number of children at risk from devastating but preventable diseases.

The decline was due to many factors including an increased number of children living in conflict and fragile settings where immunization access is often challenging, increased misinformation and COVID-19 related issues such as service and supply chain disruptions, resource diversion to response efforts, and containment measures that limited immunization service access and availability.

“This is a red alert for child health. We are witnessing the largest sustained drop in childhood immunization in a generation. The consequences will be measured in lives,” said Catherine Russell, UNICEF Executive Director. “While a pandemic hangover was expected last year as a result of COVID-19 disruptions and lockdowns, what we are seeing now is a continued decline. COVID-19 is not an excuse. We need immunization catch-ups for the missing millions or we will inevitably witness more outbreaks, more sick children and greater pressure on already strained health systems.”

18 million of the 25 million children did not receive a single dose of DTP during the year, the vast majority of whom live in low- and middle-income countries, with India, Nigeria, Indonesia, Ethiopia and the Philippines recording the highest numbers. Among countries[1] with the largest relative increases in the number of children who did not receive a single vaccine between 2019 and 2021 are Myanmar and Mozambique.

Globally, over a quarter of the coverage of HPV vaccines that was achieved in 2019 has been lost. This has grave consequences for the health of women and girls, as global coverage of the first dose of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is only 15%, despite the first vaccines being licensed over 15 years ago.
It was hoped that 2021 would be a year of recovery during which strained immunization programmes would rebuild and the cohort of children missed in 2020 would be caught-up. Instead, DTP3 coverage was set back to its lowest level since 2008 which, along with declines in coverage for other basic vaccines, pushed the world off-track to meet global goals, including the immunization indicator for the Sustainable Development Goals.

This historic backsliding in rates of immunization is happening against a backdrop of rapidly rising rates of severe acute malnutrition. A malnourished child already has weakened immunity and missed vaccinations can mean common childhood illnesses quickly become lethal to them. The convergence of a hunger crisis with a growing immunization gap threatens to create the conditions for a child survival crisis.

Vaccine coverage dropped in every region, with the East Asia and Pacific region recording the steepest reversal in DTP3 coverage, falling nine percentage points in just two years.

"Planning and tackling COVID-19 should also go hand-in-hand with vaccinating for killer diseases like measles, pneumonia and diarrhea," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "It's not a question of either/or, it's possible to do both”.

Some countries notably held off declines. Uganda maintained high levels of coverage in routine immunization programmes, whilst rolling out a targeted COVID-19 vaccination programme to protect priority populations, including health workers. Similarly, Pakistan returned to pre-pandemic levels of coverage thanks to high-level government commitment and significant catch-up immunization efforts. To achieve this in the midst of a pandemic, when healthcare systems and health workers were under significant strain, should be applauded.

Monumental efforts will be required to reach universal levels of coverage and to prevent outbreaks. Inadequate coverage levels have already resulted in avoidable outbreaks of measles and polio in the past 12 months, underscoring the vital role of immunization in keeping children, adolescents, adults, and societies healthy.

First dose measles coverage dropped to 81 per cent in 2021, also the lowest level since 2008. This meant 24.7 million children missed their first measles dose in 2021, 5.3 million more than in 2019. A further 14.7 million did not receive their needed second dose. Similarly, compared to 2019, 6.7 million more children missed the third dose of polio vaccine and 3.5 million missed the first dose of the HPV vaccine - which protects girls against cervical cancer later in life.

The sharp two-year decline follows almost a decade of stalled progress, underscoring the need to not only address pandemic-related disruptions but also systemic immunization challenges to ensure every child and adolescent is reached.

WHO and UNICEF are working with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and other partners to deliver the global Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030), a strategy for all countries and relevant global partners to achieve set goals on preventing diseases through immunization and delivering vaccines to everyone, everywhere, at every age.

"It’s heart-breaking to see more children losing out on protection from preventable diseases for a second year in a row. The priority of the Alliance must be to help countries to maintain, restore and
strengthen routine immunization alongside executing ambitious COVID-19 vaccination plans, not just through vaccines but also tailored structural support for the health systems that will administer them,” said Dr Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

The IA2030 partners call on governments and relevant actors to:

- Intensify efforts for catch-up vaccination to address backsliding on routine immunization, and expand outreach services in underserved areas to reach missed children and implement campaigns to prevent outbreaks;
- Implement evidence-based, people-centred, and tailored strategies to build trust in vaccines and immunization, counter misinformation and increase vaccine uptake particularly among vulnerable communities;
- Ensure current pandemic preparedness and response and the global health architecture strengthening efforts lead to investment in primary health care (PHC) services, with explicit support to strengthen and sustain essential immunization;
- Ensure political commitment from national governments and increase domestic resource allocation to strengthen and sustain immunization within PHC;
- Prioritize health information and disease surveillance systems strengthening to provide the data and monitoring needed for programmes to have maximum impact; and
- Leverage and increase investment in research to develop and improve new and existing vaccines and immunization services that can achieve community needs and deliver on IA2030 goals.

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Featured WHO Report

**New WHO Global Evidence Review on Health and Migration underscores how the implementation of inclusive immunization plans is critical for Member States to achieve universal health coverage**

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A new report of the World Health Organization finds that existing policies on the inclusion of refugees and migrants in vaccine national plans and their implementation vary greatly across countries and regions globally, with disparities in access based on the legal status, age, and the context in which these populations live. The report notes that most countries do not specify a clear policy on refugee and migrant entitlement to vaccination and that where more inclusive policies exist, there are often gaps in their implementation.

*Ensuring the integration of refugees and migrants into immunization policies, planning and service delivery globally* – the third report of the WHO Global Evidence Review on Health and Migration (GEHM) series – identifies specific and unique barriers that refugees and migrants may face in accessing vaccines. These include administrative and policy barriers; individual-level barriers, including trust, cultural, religious, social norms and beliefs; logistic barriers such as availability and accessibility of vaccinations; information and communication barriers; and financial barriers.

Vaccination is an absolute requirement to achieve universal health coverage, and one of the world’s most cost-effective public health interventions. Yet, under immunization is still common among refugee
and migrant populations, as migration and displacement may have adverse effects on the ability and motivation to be vaccinated.

WHO’s new Immunization Agenda 2030 sets out a clear vision of “a world where everyone, everywhere, at every age, fully benefits from vaccines for good health and well-being”. This vitally important global health protection measure must be available to all, including refugees and migrants; therefore, equitable vaccination of refugees and migrants is a priority for WHO...

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**Genomics for Global Health – Access/Equity**

**WHO’s Science Council launches report calling for equitable expansion of genomics**

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Departmental news

WHO’s Science Council of experts has issued its first report, on accelerating access to genomics for global health. The report argues that it is not justifiable ethically or scientifically for less-resourced countries to gain access to such technologies long after rich countries do.

...The report calls for expanding access to genomic technologies, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), by addressing shortfalls in financing, laboratory infrastructure, materials, and highly trained personnel.

..."Genomic technologies are driving some of the most ground-breaking research happening today. Yet the benefits of these tools will not be fully realized unless they are deployed worldwide. Only through equity can science reach its full potential impact and improve health for everyone, everywhere,” said Dr Soumya Swaminathan, WHO Chief Scientist. “Through convening and coordinating the world’s leading minds, as we do through our Science Council, WHO acts as a global engine for analysis to address the world’s most pressing health challenges.”..

To promote the adoption or expanded use of genomics, the report’s recommendations address four themes: advocacy, implementation, collaboration, and associated ethical, legal and social issues:

- Advocacy for genomics is needed to persuade governments, as well as commercial and non-commercial organizations, academic institutions, and others, of the medical, scientific, and economic benefits of genomic technologies.
- Overcoming obstacles to implementation will require local planning, financing, expanded training of essential personnel, and the low-cost provision of instruments, materials, and computational infrastructure.
- Government ministries, funding agencies, and scientific organizations in academia and industry should collaborate to establish plans on how to use genomics and build and expand technical capacity. They should also look to pool resources through regional programmes if appropriate.
- Effective oversight – coupled with national and international rules and standards – is key to promoting ethical, legal, equitable use and responsible sharing of information obtained with genomic methods.

To take forward the recommendations and to monitor their applications across all four main areas, the report also recommends WHO create a Genomics Committee. A key responsibility proposed for
the Genomics Committee is convening commercial organizations to develop and implement ways of making their products and technologies affordable in LMICs.

The report follows the release of WHO’s 10-year strategy for genomic surveillance of pathogens. Genomic surveillance has played a crucial role in the global COVID-19 response, with countries like South Africa able to make crucial contributions in detecting variants, due to their capacities in this area. Recent data from WHO shows that the percentage of countries able to conduct genomic surveillance increased from 54% to 68% between March 2021 and January 2022, due to major investments made during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID as PHEIC

Statement on the twelfth meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic
12 July 2022

...The WHO Director-General concurs with the advice offered by the Committee regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and determines that the event continues to constitute a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)...

Status of the Public Health Emergency of International Concern
The Committee recognized an overall decoupling of incident cases from severe disease, deaths, and pressure on health systems in the context of increased population immunity.

However, the Committee unanimously agreed that the COVID-19 pandemic still meets the criteria of an extraordinary event that continues to adversely impact the health of the world’s population, and that the emergence and international spread of new SARS-CoV-2 variants may present an even greater health impact.

The Committee explicitly indicated the following reasons underpinning their advice to the WHO Director-General as to the event continuing to constitute a PHEIC.

Firstly, the recent increase in the growth rate of cases in many States Parties in different WHO regions.

Secondly, the continuing and substantial evolution of SARS-CoV-2 virus, which, while inherent to all viruses, is expected to continue in an unpredictable manner. Yet the ability to assess the impact of variants on transmission, disease characteristics, or countermeasures, including diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines, is becoming increasingly difficult as a result of the inadequacy of current surveillance, including the reductions in testing and genomic sequencing. Additionally, there are uncertainties surrounding the level of readiness of already overburdened health systems, across all WHO regions, to respond to future COVID-19 pandemic waves.

Thirdly, public health and health planning tools to reduce transmission and disease burden (including hospitalisations and admissions to intensive care units of severe cases, and the
impact of post COVID-19 condition) are not being implemented in proportion to local
transmission levels or health system capacities.

Finally, there are inadequacies in risk communication and community engagement related
to the need for the implementation or adjustment of PHSM, as well as a disconnect in the
perception of risk posed by COVID-19 between scientific communities, political leaders
and the general public.

For these reasons, continued coordination of the international response is necessary to reconsider
approaches allowing for the accurate and reliable monitoring of the evolution of the COVID-19
pandemic and triggering of adjustments to PHSM. Coordination is also still necessary to intensify and
sustain development and research efforts related to effective and equitably available countermeasures
and to develop further risk communication and community engagement approaches...

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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
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Arts-Based Research in Health Care

Visual, musical, and poetic forms of creative expression have embodied healing in many cultures for
millennia. Research methods based in these artistic forms have grown in prominence as the enterprise
of health care has been led by kindred disciplines of bioethics and humanities to interrogate
overmedicalization, to resist hyperfocus on measurability when the cost is neglect of narratives and
experiences, and to recognize tendencies that too often privilege outcomes over processes. What we've
learned is that medicine has much to learn from and contribute to the arts, and that the arts have
much to learn from and contribute to medicine.

From the Editor

Arts-Based Research and Health Care

Mark Gilbert, PhD

Artistic or aesthetic ways of knowing have been embraced in many different cultures as forms of
healing.1, 2 In health care and health professions education, there is increasing interest in the role of
arts-based research or integrating the arts into a variety of clinical and community settings for therapeutic, educational, and expressive purposes.3, 4...

This special issue of the *AMA Journal of Ethics* presents myriad ways that artistic expression as a primary mode of inquiry can be used to nurture an inspiring medical education wherein creativity is embraced and can flourish.11 The clinicians, educators, artists, researchers, and students who contributed to this issue make clear how much health professionals and students can learn from engaging with artistic ways of knowing. Moreover, they testify to how the arts can be enriched and informed by health care. My experience of working in clinical contexts has taught me more about communication and silence. We hope this special issue creates opportunities for readers to witness the relationships and interactions fundamental to medicine and to grasp the profound challenges and abundant rewards that await all who engage in arts-based research in clinical, public health, and community contexts.

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**Association Between COVID-19 Booster Vaccination and Omicron Infection in a Highly Vaccinated Cohort of Players and Staff in the National Basketball Association**
Caroline G. Tai, PhD, MPH; Lisa L. Maragakis, MD, MPH; Sarah Connolly, PhD, MPH; et al.
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**Global human security in the post–COVID-19 era: The rising role of East Asia**
Summary points

- East Asia, comprising the 10 ASEAN countries, China, Japan, and the countries of the Korean peninsula, has achieved comparatively good outcomes during the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.
- This can be explained by sociological imprinting of and learning from past outbreaks, as well as competent governance.
- Concomitantly, East Asian nations have also been expanding capacity in global health development and diplomatic outreach, although there is as yet no coherent regional bloc vision, shared strategy, or a common set of operating principles, thus limiting synergistic impact.
- We believe that concrete next steps to bolster cooperation and extend influence could include the establishment of an East Asian Center for Disease Control, joint work in health and human security by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank, and a region-wide research funding programme.
- Much, however, depends on evolving geopolitics writ large, notably the instability and reorientation of global alliances, which have the potential to adversely affect relations between neighbouring East Asian member states.
- Health diplomacy for global human security has the potential to become a stabilising influence and can be a topic around which all actors can more comfortably rally.

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Methods Here we investigate the effect of these laws on clinical trials through analysis of clinical trials recorded on ClinicalTrials.gov, the World Health Organization's International Clinical Trials Registry Platform and scientific papers describing clinical trials.

Results The number of phase 1 and 2 trials in countries not adhering to data privacy laws rose significantly after implementation of these laws. The largest rise occurred in countries which are less free, as indicated by the negative correlation (−0.48, p=0.008) between the civil liberties freedom score of countries and the increase in the number of trials. This trend was not observed in countries adhering to data privacy laws nor in the paper publication record.

Conclusions The implementation of data privacy laws is associated with a move of clinical trials to countries where people have fewer protections for their data.

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