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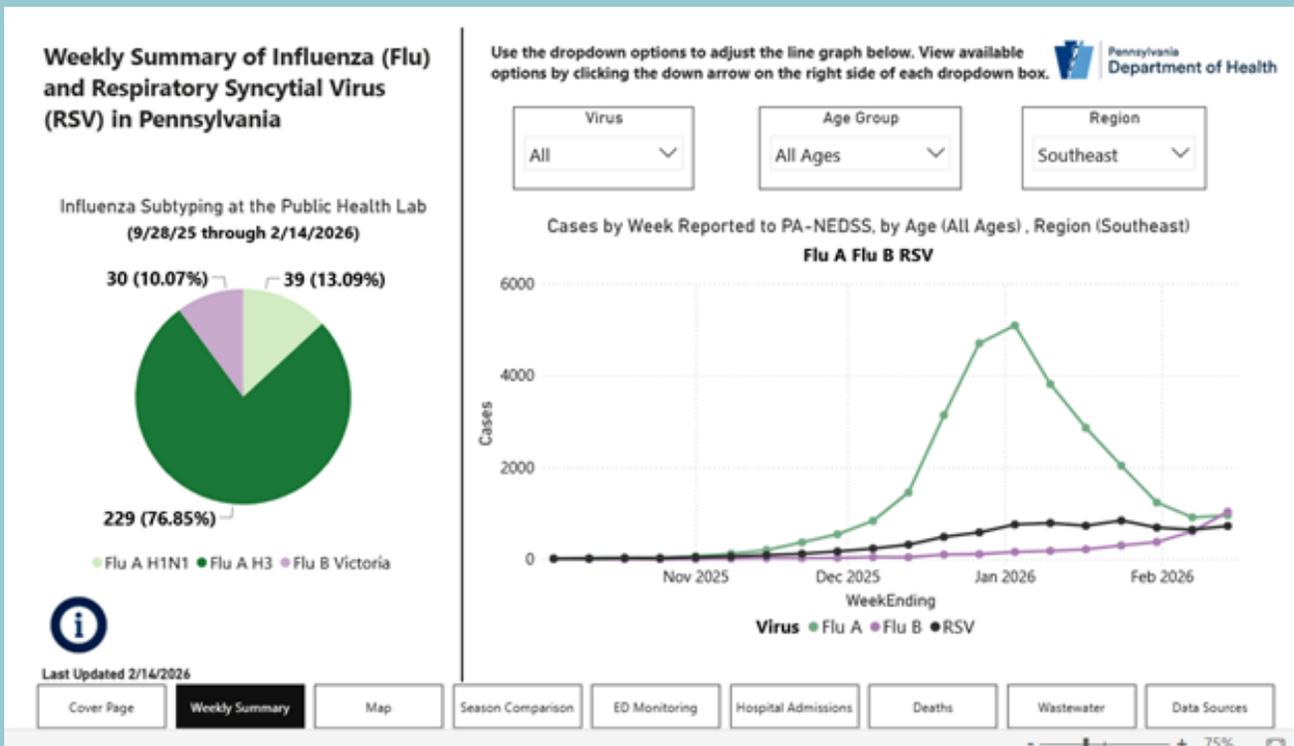


Vax Vibes Central: Get Ready to Rumble (with the Flu!)

As you gear up for a new week, please enjoy this week's influenza update. Great work, KidWell Community!

Influenza in YOUR community: Click links below for details specific to DE or PA.

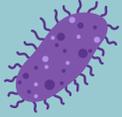
- **NATIONAL UPDATE:** [Weekly US Influenza Surveillance Report](#):
- **DE UPDATE:** No data: A new platform is being created
- **PA UPDATE:** [Respiratory Virus Dashboard](#)



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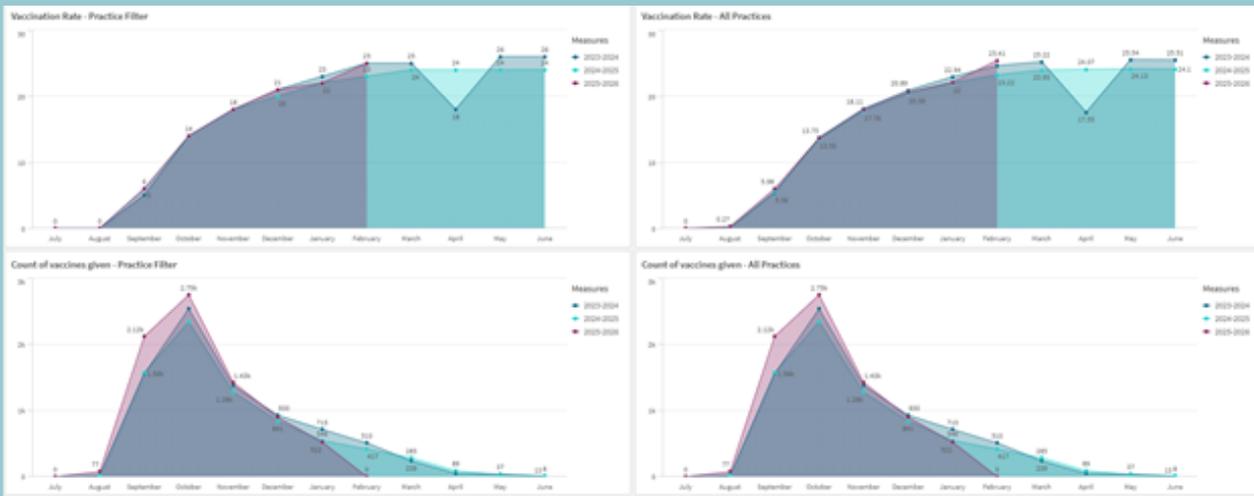


Vax Vibes Central: Get Ready to Rumble (with the Flu!)

KidWell Community Flu Report Out: Patients 6mos-18y who received at least 1 vaccine dose this flu season through January 26, 2026 – See below.

THIS IS GREAT WORK! As you can see, the rate is similar to years past, but the # vaccines given has been higher through December and you started vaccinating earlier.

Note: We are missing some vaccines but wanted to share what we have.

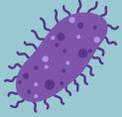


**If you would like updated detail on patients who are eligible but did not yet receive the vaccination, or on how your practice individually is doing, please reach out to your quality Improvement Specialist: Nicole Schwegler, [✉Nicole.Schwegler@nemours.org](mailto:Nicole.Schwegler@nemours.org).*

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Flu Corner: Late-Season Opportunities to Support Vaccine Uptake

Practice Tools & Workflow Strategies

Reducing Missed Opportunities During Ongoing Flu Activity

As flu activity continues across the Delaware region into late season, some community practices have shared success with integrating small operational prompts into existing workflows – helping to reduce missed vaccination opportunities among eligible patients already presenting for care.

While early-season efforts often focus on preventive visits, late-season opportunities frequently occur during acute or follow-up encounters.

Examples of Workflow Opportunities Observed in Practice:

- ✓ Incorporating flu vaccine status into standard intake questions
- ✓ Reviewing vaccine eligibility during rooming or vitals collection
- ✓ Utilizing EMR health maintenance alerts to support provider awareness
- ✓ Confirming vaccination status during same-day sick visits when clinically appropriate

Aligning intake or rooming workflows may support more consistent identification of eligible patients without increasing visit time or clinical burden.

Care Team Messaging Approaches Shared Across Practices

Some practices have also described positive experiences using consistent, team-wide language to support vaccine conversations across staff roles.

Examples include:

Presumptive Framing

“We’ll plan to include the flu vaccine today unless you have any questions.”

Normalizing Statements

“Many families are choosing to protect their child with the flu shot this season.”

Same-Day Opportunity Prompts

“Since you’re already here today, we can take care of that now if you’d like.”

Care team alignment around shared messaging may help streamline conversations and reduce variability across patient interactions.

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What Peer Networks Are Exploring

Pediatric networks nationally have described additional operational approaches such as:

- Standing order protocols to support vaccination during non-preventive visits
- Pre-visit planning reports to identify eligible patients in advance
- Outreach to families following deferred or declined vaccines
- Leveraging nurse-only visits for vaccine administration

For additional reference, the American Academy of Pediatrics outlines office-based workflow strategies to support improved immunization rates in ambulatory practice settings: www.aap.org

Practice Insight:

As flu activity continues into March across the Delaware region, aligning intake, documentation, and rooming workflows may help identify eligible patients who remain unvaccinated and support same-day vaccination opportunities during acute or follow-up visits.

**For questions or to explore workflow-based opportunities within your practice, please contact:*
Asya Richardson, Practice Transformation

 asya.richardson@nemours.org

Flu Season Practice Support

Flu Fighter Staff Spotlight

Caught a staff member promoting flu vaccination?

Nominate them for this month's Flu Fighter Spotlight!

 Send nominations to: Nicole.Schwegler@nemours.org

Educational Resources & Support

AAP Vaccine Confidence Resource

Tools to support conversations with vaccine-hesitant families

[Vaccine Confidence Campaign](#)

CHE Flu Education Sessions

Bring the Community Health Education Team to your practice for short targeted in-person sessions.

 Request here:

[Community Health Education Request Form](#)

CUTTING EDGE

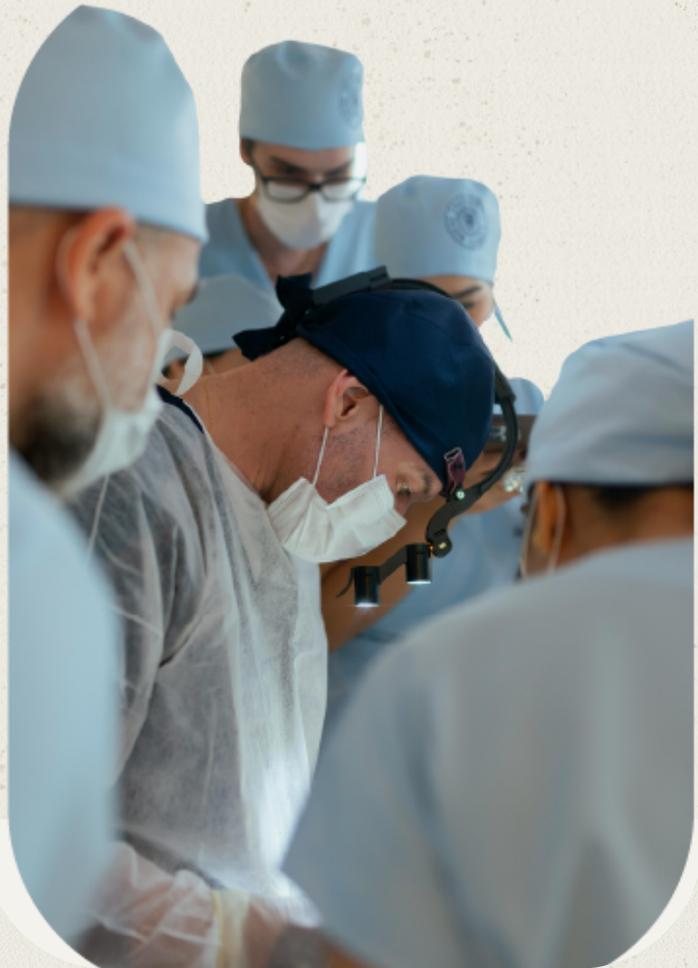
Keeping Practices Sharp With the Latest In Surgery

Phimosis

Presented by: Jennifer Hagerty, D.O.

Phimosis

- Physiologic phimosis can take until puberty to resolve; 50% by age 1, 90% by age 5 and the rest by puberty
- Pathologic phimosis is when any of the following are present - scarring of the foreskin with a tight ring, prior ability to retract the skin, phimosis still present at puberty, ballooning of the foreskin with voiding, episodes of balanoposthitis
- Conservative measures including high potency topical steroids are often effective if applied properly by the patient or family
- If conservative measures fail surgery may be indicated



Questions or Referrals?

Email: surgerydepartment@nemours.org

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WELCOME TO KIDWELL

New Board of Manager Members



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KidWell Announcements:



KidWell Spring Practice Visits – See You in April!

The KidWell team is preparing for our upcoming Spring site visits with community practices throughout the month of April – and we look forward to connecting with you in person.

We are currently coordinating visit schedules with participating practices. **Thank you for your continued partnership and for setting aside time to meet with our team. We look forward to connecting with you soon.**

These face-to-face visits are designed to support continued collaboration across the KidWell Network and provide an opportunity for practices to share current priorities, challenges, and support needs. During each visit, we'll focus on:

- ✓ Reviewing projected contract performance
- ✓ Sharing available KidWell resources and supports
- ✓ Confirming and updating provider directory information
- ✓ Discussing practice- and patient-level opportunities
- ✓ Identifying practice priorities and support needs
- ✓ Aligning on next steps to support ongoing progress

We appreciate your time and partnership and look forward to connecting, learning from one another, and continuing to strengthen our work together in support of the KidWell community.



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KidWell Announcements:



Upcoming KidWell Meetings

● **Q-Connect**

Date & Time

Wednesday, March 4, 2026
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

● **KidWell LLS (Lunchtime Lecture Series)**

Date & Time

Tuesday, March 24, 2026
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

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Q-CONNECT

Join us the first Wednesday of every month (times alternate 12-1 PM & 1-2 PM)
For a dedicated space to collaborate, share updates, and innovate together.

Why Attend?

Q-Connect brings our network together to:

- Strengthen workflows across practices
- Share best practices and real-world solutions
- Advance care delivery through coordinated improvement
- Build stronger connections across the KidWell Network

Next Meeting

 **March 4, 2026 | 1:00 PM**

Featured Speaker:

Alice Hoffman, NP – Nemours Urology

Discussion Topics:

- Best practices for catheterizing patients in ambulatory settings
- Post-circumcision care
- Urology Q&A

Updates:

- Influenza surveillance reports
- Avoidable ED utilization updates
- Care Integration report-outs

Upcoming Q-Connect Topics

- April: GT Management Resources | Standardized Orders (LOMN)
- May: Dr. Duane Duke, MD, FACS, FAAP – Burn Patient Management
- June: Meghan Netterville, APP (ENT) – Cerumen Impaction Removal & Foreign Body Dislodgement | Q&A
- July: Nemours Psychology & Psychiatry Updates

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Lunchtime Lecture Series (LLS)

Clinical Education for Community Practices & Network Partners

Join us on the fourth Tuesday every other month (please refer to calendar invites, as session dates may vary from the recurring cadence) for a clinical education forum hosted by the KidWell Network in collaboration with Nemours, designed to support pediatric primary care teams in managing both common and complex conditions in the ambulatory setting.

Why Attend?

The Lunchtime Lecture Series provides an opportunity for providers, practice leadership, and care teams to:

- Receive evidence-based clinical updates from Nemours subspecialists
- Strengthen management of common and complex pediatric conditions
- Improve care coordination between primary and specialty care
- Enhance practice-level workflows through specialty-informed best practices
- Support improved patient outcomes within the medical home

CME credits will be offered for eligible sessions.

Next Session

 **March 24, 2026 | 12:00 PM**

Topic: Healthy Weight and Wellness Updates

Speaker: Thao-Ly Phan, MD, MPH

Upcoming LLS Topics

May: TBD – GI, Adolescent Medicine, SWANK, or Dermatology
(Possible cancellation due to Memorial Day weekend)

June: Scoliosis – Dr. Suken Shah

July: TBD – GI, Adolescent Medicine, SWANK, or Dermatology

September: Urology Boost Program – APN Beth Euston

November: TBD – GI, Adolescent Medicine, SWANK, or Dermatology

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Additional Resources: Immunization Coalition of Delaware – At a Glance

Respiratory Virus Season Update (Delaware Region)

Recent CDC surveillance indicates that while national influenza A activity is beginning to decline, influenza B activity is increasing in many areas of the country. RSV activity remains elevated in some regions.

In Delaware:

- Overall respiratory illness activity is currently reported as low
- Pediatric influenza-associated deaths this season: 71 nationwide

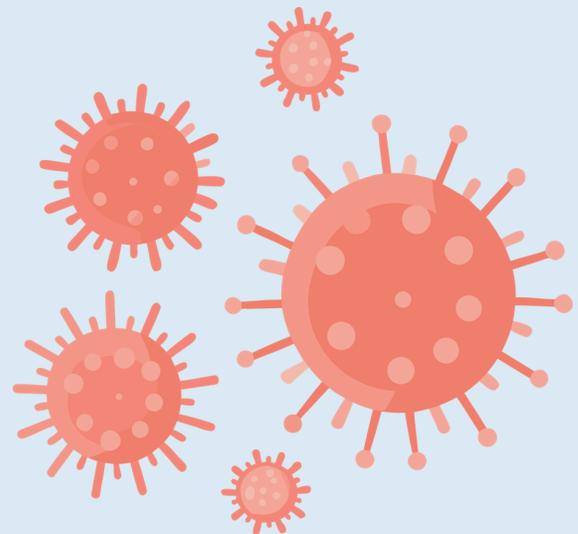
Since October 1, 2025:

- Estimated **42 million influenza illnesses**
- **11–19 million outpatient medical visits**
- **310,000–660,000 hospitalizations** nationally

As respiratory virus activity continues into late season, practices may continue to encounter eligible pediatric patients presenting for acute or follow-up visits.

 CDC Respiratory Virus Surveillance:

<https://www.cdc.gov>



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Additional Resources:

Immunization Coalition of Delaware – At a Glance

Measles Activity Update (U.S.)

Source: CDC | Feb 20, 2026

As of February 2026:

- **982 confirmed measles cases** reported across 26 U.S. jurisdictions
- 7 new outbreaks reported in 2026
- 870 confirmed cases associated with outbreaks
- 25 cases reported among international visitors

Pediatric impact:

- Under age 5: 248 cases (25%)
- Ages 5–19: 575 cases (59%)

Practices are encouraged to remain aware of circulating vaccine-preventable illnesses, particularly in the context of travel season and regional exposure risk.

 CDC Health Alert Network – Measles Outbreak Update:

<https://www.cdc.gov>

 Learn More:

Practices seeking additional surveillance data, immunization resources, and outbreak updates can visit the Immunization Coalition of Delaware at

<https://www.immunizedelaware.org/>

Source: Immunization Coalition of Delaware | CDC Surveillance (Updated Feb 20, 2026)



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Nominate a Stellar Colleague!

Do you know a coworker who consistently goes above and beyond? We want to celebrate their dedication in our Kudos Corner!

Shape the Newsletter!

We're always looking for ways to improve the departmental newsletter. Do you have ideas for future content, suggestions for topics, or feedback on the format? We value your input!

Share your thoughts and suggestions with Asya Richardson directly at asya.richardson@nemours.org.



We value your feedback and participation! **Contact Us:**

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See you next month,

The KidWell Network Team

