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KidWell Resource:

SFTP Reports Now Available (AmeriHealth & Aetna)

Access to updated performance data to support care gap review and quality efforts

The latest **AmeriHealth (Q1 2026)** and **Aetna reports** are now available on the **SFTP site**: <https://fts.nemours.org/>

AmeriHealth (Q1 2026)

What's Included

- Gaps in Care Data
 - Payer claims through February 28, 2026
 - Internal data through March 16, 2026

Key Notes

- Reporting reflects 2025 measure targets
- 2026 targets will be incorporated once available



Aetna (Rolling 12)

What's Included

- Gaps in Care Data
 - Payer claims through January 31, 2026
 - Internal data through March 16, 2026

Key Notes

- Reporting follows a rolling 12-month view
 - Includes a combination of 2025 and 2026 compliance
- Performance may appear to meet targets early in the year and adjust over time as data updates
- Current reporting reflects 2025 targets; 2026 targets will be shared when available

Considerations for Use

Practices may consider:

- Reviewing performance to identify potential care gaps
- Monitoring trends over time, particularly for rolling measures
- Using available data to support ongoing quality improvement efforts

Support

For questions or additional support, please feel free to reach out to Practice Transformation:
Asya Richardson, asya.richardson@nemours.org

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KidWell Resource:

WCC Measure Toolkit Now Available (January 2026)

Supporting your practice in closing care gaps and improving WCC & immunization performance

We're excited to share the January 2026 WCC Measure Toolkit—a practical resource designed to help your team streamline workflows, strengthen scheduling strategies, and stay aligned with key quality measures.

What's Included

WCC & Immunization Measure Guidance – Clear direction on measure requirements
Scheduling Guide – Actionable strategies to support timely visits and gap closure
Vaccination Resources – Tools to support patient care, education, and compliance

Why It Matters

This toolkit has already been successfully implemented by practices such as **PAC and Beacon**, with strong results in improving workflow efficiency and measure performance. It is a valuable resource for all practices across the network.

Suggested Ways to Utilize This Resource

Practices may consider:

- Reviewing the toolkit with care teams to identify opportunities for alignment
- Exploring scheduling approaches that support completion of recommended visits
- Incorporating vaccination resources into patient education and outreach efforts

The full WCC Measure Toolkit is attached to this email for your reference.

Coming Soon: The 2026 Measure Grid. In the meantime, the **2025 Measure Grid embedded within the toolkit** can continue to serve as a guide.

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For questions or additional support, please feel free to reach out to Quality Improvement: Nicole Schwegler, Nicole.Schwegler@nemours.org



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KidWell Resource:

Community Education: Spring & Summer Programming Expanding community outreach opportunities across the Delaware Valley

As we enter the spring and summer season, the **Community Health Education (CHE) Team** is actively scheduling events through August and welcomes opportunities to partner with organizations across the region.

Program Highlights

- Available for **health fairs, community events, and resource programs**
- Engaging presentations for **schools, summer camps, and youth programs**
- Additional offerings for **parents, caregivers, and educators**

The CHE team operates as a **“we come to you” resource**, supporting a wide range of community settings including schools, libraries, community centers, YMCAs, and more.

Service Area Update

Programming continues to be available across:

- Kent County (expanded focus for 2026)
- Sussex County (case-by-case)
- New Castle County
- Southeastern Pennsylvania



Why It Matters

Since launching in 2023, the CHE team has continued to make a meaningful impact across communities—providing education that supports child health, safety, and wellness in accessible, engaging ways.

Learn More

The **March 2026 CHE Newsletter** is attached for additional details
A full list of **2026 program offerings** is also included

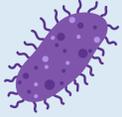
Organizations interested in partnering are encouraged to explore available programs and submit requests using the QR code provided in the attached materials.



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



KidWell Flu Corner

Flu activity is trending down, with strong early vaccination efforts across the network

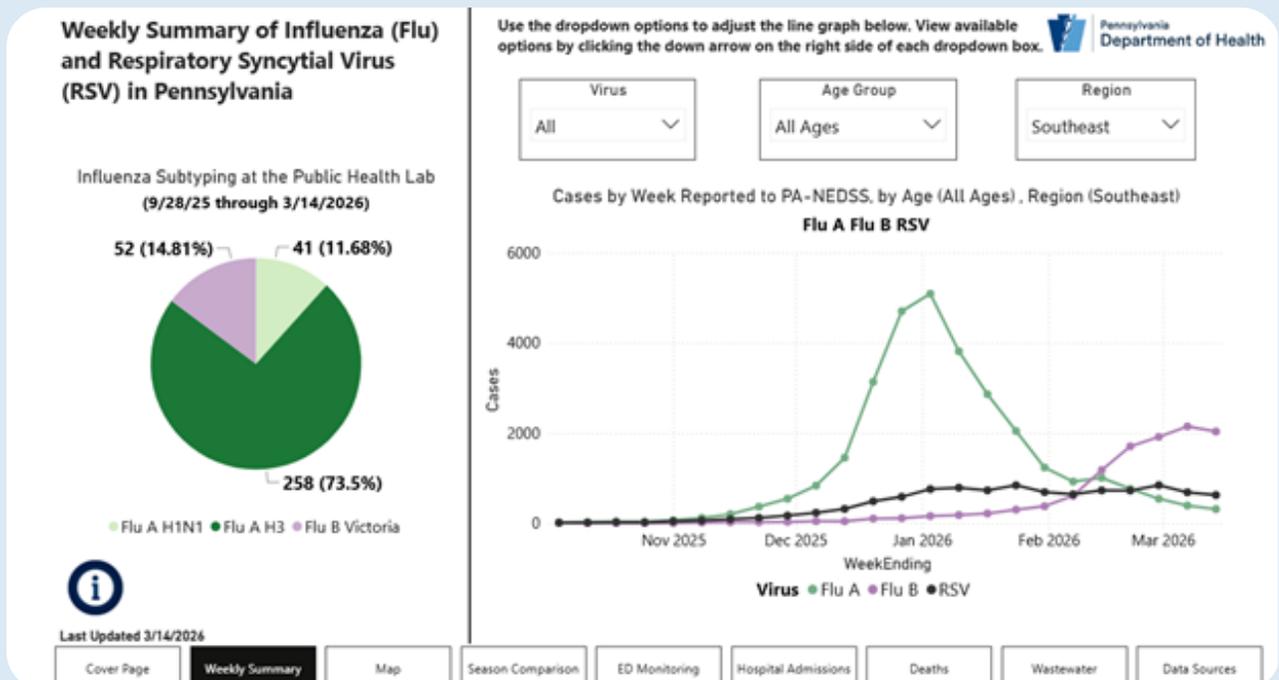
Quick Take

- Flu activity decreasing across DE and PA
- Strong early vaccination efforts this season
- Opportunity to close remaining care gaps

Reminder. *It's not too late to vaccinate.*

What We're Seeing

- **Delaware:** Respiratory virus activity remains **LOW**
- **Pennsylvania:** **Flu B is trending down**
- **National:** Seasonal activity continues (CDC Flu View)



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KidWell Community Snapshot

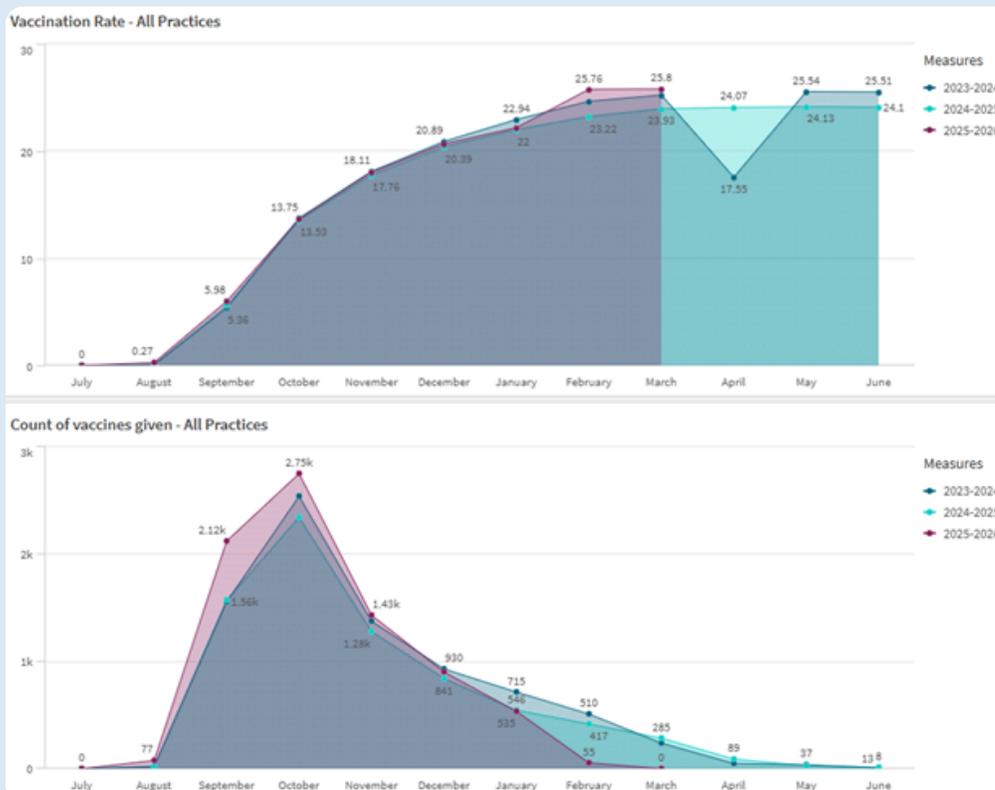
- Vaccination rates are **consistent with prior years**
- **Higher vaccine volume earlier in the season** (strong early outreach)
- Continued progress in protecting patients across the network

Note: Data may be slightly underreported; trends remain encouraging.

Opportunities to Consider

Practices may find it helpful to:

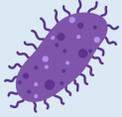
- Review patients **eligible but not yet vaccinated**
- Request **practice-specific performance data** for deeper insight



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Practice Tools & Workflow Strategies ***Sustaining Momentum as Flu Activity Declines***

As flu activity trends downward across the region, many practices have already made strong progress with early-season vaccination efforts. This stage of the season presents an opportunity to **close remaining care gaps** and capture vaccinations among patients who may not have been reached earlier.

While volume may be lower, late-season opportunities often occur during **acute visits, follow-ups, and transitional care encounters**.

Workflow Opportunities Observed in Practice

- Revisiting flu vaccine status during intake or rooming, particularly for acute visits
- Using brief eligibility checks for patients who may have deferred earlier in the season
- Leveraging EMR alerts or health maintenance flags to support real-time awareness
- Incorporating end-of-visit checks to identify last-minute vaccination opportunities

These small touchpoints may support consistency without adding additional burden to care teams.

Care Team Messaging Approaches **Reframing Late-Season Value**

"We're still seeing flu activity, and vaccination can continue to provide protection."

Convenience-Based Messaging

"Since you're already here today, we can take care of that before you leave."

Supportive Framing

"If you've been meaning to get it, this is a great time to check it off your list."

Consistent, team-based messaging across roles may support a more seamless experience for families.

Additional Insight

- Focus on patients who deferred or missed earlier opportunities
- Leverage already scheduled encounters rather than additional outreach
- Maintain awareness through routine workflows and touchpoints

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Flu Fighter Staff Spotlight

Know a team member supporting flu vaccination efforts?

Nominate them for this month's **Flu Fighter Spotlight** and help us recognize their impact across the KidWell community.

Submit nominations to:

Nicole.Schwegler@nemours.org

Educational Resources & Support

Tools to support conversations with vaccine-hesitant families:

- AAP Vaccine Confidence Resources
- Vaccine Confidence Campaign Materials

These resources may be helpful in supporting consistent, patient-centered vaccine conversations.

CHE Flu Education Sessions

Invite the Community Health Education (CHE) Team to your practice for brief, targeted education sessions for patients and families.

Request a session:

[Community Health Education Request Form](#)

Additional Support Quality Improvement

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For questions or to explore flu-related insights and data within your practice, please feel free to connect.

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For questions or to explore workflow-based opportunities within your practice, please feel free to connect.

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KidWell Surgical Corner

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CUTTING EDGE

Keeping Practices Sharp With the Latest In Surgery

Chest Wall Program

Specialized care for pediatric chest wall conditions

Presented by: Duane Duke, MD, FACS, FAAP

The **Chest Wall Program at Nemours Children's Health** provides expert care for children and adolescents with chest wall conditions, most commonly **pectus excavatum (funnel chest)** and **pectus carinatum (pigeon chest)**—often identified during pre-teen and teen growth spurts.



Questions or Referrals?

Email: surgerydepartment@nemours.org

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Chest Wall Program

Key Highlights

- **Comprehensive evaluation at first visit**, including noninvasive heart, lung, and imaging assessments
- **Nonsurgical treatment options**, including the vacuum bell to help reshape the chest wall at home
- **Minimally invasive surgical care**, including the **Nuss procedure**
 - Small incisions
 - Typical hospital stay of **1–2 days**
- **In-house bracing** for pectus carinatum for added convenience
- Care for **new and complex cases**, including patients with prior procedures
- Focus on **advanced pain management**, minimizing or avoiding narcotic use

Why It Matters

With a focus on effective treatment and patient-centered care, most children experience **positive outcomes and improved quality of life**.

Learn More

The **Chest Wall Program brochure** is attached for additional details, including conditions treated and full program offerings



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KidWell Announcements:



KidWell Spring Practice Visits – See You Soon!

Spring site visits are officially scheduled, and we look forward to connecting with you

The KidWell team has completed scheduling for all **Spring 2026 practice visits**, and we're excited to be back on-site with practices throughout April.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for coordinating time with our team—we truly value the opportunity to connect in person.

Visit Focus

During each visit, we'll center our discussion on:

- **Final 2025 year-end performance by payer**
- **Early 2026 performance data** (as available)
- **Payer-specific updates or focus areas**
- Practice priorities, questions, and areas for support

What to Expect

These visits are designed to support **collaboration, alignment, and shared learning** across the KidWell Network. They also provide an opportunity for open discussion with the team.

We look forward to connecting, learning from one another, and continuing to support your ongoing efforts across the KidWell community.



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Upcoming KidWell Meetings

KidWell LLS

Date & Time

Tuesday, May 26, 2026
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Q-Connect

Date & Time

Wednesday, April 1, 2026
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

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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

May 26, 2026 | 12:00 PM

Topic: Pediatric Infectious Disease

Speaker: Dr. Stephen Eppes

Upcoming LLS Topics

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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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

April 1, 2026 | 12:00 PM

Featured Speaker:

Mandy Brady, RN & Gina Fraticelli, RN – Nemours UM

Discussion Topics:

A Community Partnership Approach to Reduce Emergency Department Visits Related to Gastrostomy Tube Displacements
KidWell co-branded education, smartphrase, and LOMN resources for KWN practices
Urology Q&A

Updates:

- Avoidable ED utilization reports
- Coding updates
- Care Integration report-outs
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Upcoming Q-Connect Topics

- 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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Additional Resources: Immunization Coalition of Delaware – At a Glance

Immunization & Public Health Update

Key highlights from the Immunization Coalition of Delaware & national sources

Current Respiratory Trends

- **Flu:** Elevated nationally but decreasing in most areas
- **RSV:** Peaked in many regions
- **COVID-19:** Decreasing nationwide
- **Delaware:** Respiratory illness activity remains **VERY LOW**

Measles Update (U.S.)

- **1,487 confirmed cases** across 32 jurisdictions (2026)
- Majority of cases are **outbreak-associated**
- Recent **exposure reported in Delaware** (Nemours Children's Hospital, Feb 18)

Additional Public Health Alerts

- **Pertussis (Whooping Cough):** 2,355 cases reported nationally (2026 YTD)
- **Foodborne outbreak:** E. coli linked to raw cheddar cheese
- **Global travel alerts:** Measles, dengue, polio, and other infectious diseases

Key Updates & Resources

- **Flu vaccine effectiveness data released (CDC)**
- **New CDC outbreak response tools** available
- **Adolescent Immunization Week:** April 6–10
- FDA launched new **Adverse Event Monitoring System (AEMS)**

Learn More

For full updates, resources, and upcoming events:

Immunization Coalition of Delaware
<https://www.immunizedelaware.org/>





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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. Your paragraph text



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

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See you next month,

The KidWell Network Team

