

EMERGING THREATS Newsletter

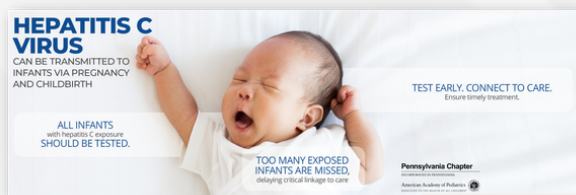
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Emerging Threats to Infants and Children

EMERGING THREATS PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

The Emerging Threats Partnership Project teams have finalized new resources to support awareness and education on emerging health threats across participating states and jurisdictions. Below is a sample of the newly developed resources. Additional updates and highlights from collaborative efforts in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, and Pennsylvania will be shared at the project's upcoming final meeting on September 17, 2026.



FEATURED NEWS

Emerging Health Threats: Clinical Insights and Collaborative Responses

Register now for the final two sessions of AAP's Emerging Threats webinar series. Join clinical experts and health partners as they explore emerging health threats affecting infants, children, and families.

- **Sept. 14, 12-1 p.m. CT:** Partnering for Maternal/Infant Health: Vaccine-Preventable Diseases
- **Sept. 21, 12-1 p.m. CT:** Responding to Rising Perinatal Hepatitis C

Designed for pediatric and family clinicians and other health professionals, this series offers practical, evidence-based strategies for prevention, screening, diagnosis, follow-up care, and family engagement. Learn more and register: [Emerging HealthThreats: Clinical Insights and Collaborative Responses](#)



Infection Prevention and Control

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NEW AAP Resource: Medical Home Preparedness

The Medical Home Preparedness Video Learning Series provides practical strategies for pediatricians to prepare their practices, staff, patients, and families for emergencies, disasters, and public health crises. Topics include vaccine and supply storage, continuity of operations, infection prevention and control, personal preparedness, and caring for children and youth with special health care needs.



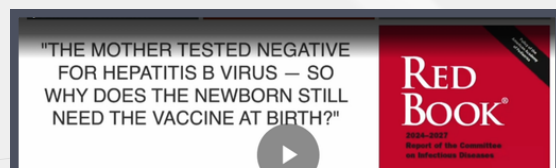
Pennsylvania Measles Outbreak Grows To 460 Cases

[Reuters](#) (8/28) reports, "Pennsylvania's health department said on Friday the confirmed number of cases linked to a measles outbreak has reached 460 this year, an increase of 36 over its update two days ago." Measles cases spread across 31 counties, include 83 hospitalizations and have resulted in two deaths this year. AAP News: [Newborn among the Pennsylvania measles deaths](#)



Online Tool Tracks Spread Of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

A new online tool, the U.S. Disease Tracker, developed and run by Johns Hopkins University, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists in partnership with state and territorial health agencies, provides state and local level data on vaccine-preventable diseases. The tool currently tracks measles, invasive meningococcal disease, and pertussis, with plans to expand to additional diseases. The site is updated weekly, on Fridays at 8:00am. Learn more here: [U.S. Disease Tracker Launches to Strengthen Monitoring of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases](#)



NEW AAP Resource: 10-Minute webinar on Hepatitis B

Brief but impactful webinar that provides practical tips and key messaging to help pediatricians address common questions about the hepatitis B birth dose. Learn how to discuss the vaccine's safety, effectiveness, and critical role in protecting newborns from day one.