

Government Affairs Committee

MARCH 2026 UPDATE

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- APIC media release- Jan 20, 2026

- APIC Urges Strong, Coordinated Action as Measles Outbreak Escalates Nationwide

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- “Infection preventionists across the country are united in their concern about what sustained measles transmission means for patients, healthcare workers, and healthcare system capacity,” said Kathy Ward, RN, BSN, MPH, CIC, FAPIC, President of APIC. “This is why APIC and our local chapters are jointly calling on governors to prioritize prevention. While healthcare facilities will continue to respond to individual cases, widespread measles outbreaks cannot be managed through isolation and emergency response alone. High vaccination coverage remains the most effective way to protect communities and preserve access to care.”

- “APIC and its chapters are urging coordinated action at the state level, including strong support for measles vaccination, consistent and science-based public communication, enhanced disease surveillance and contact tracing, investment in wastewater monitoring as an early warning system, and strengthened coordination between healthcare facilities and public health agencies.”

- There is a letter template attached to the press release to send to the governor to urge immediate action to strengthen prevention and protect our communities

- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released a childhood immunization schedule after overhaul of federal schedule.

- [AAP’s 2026 immunization schedule keeps routine recommendations intact after overhaul of federal schedule | AAP News | American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

- The AAP continues to recommend vaccines to protect against 18 diseases in its [2026 immunization schedule](#) released Jan. 26, which differs significantly from a federal schedule that underwent an arbitrary overhaul.

- Primary Elections ended 3/3/26. General election 11/3/26