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A line of motorcoaches is parked Feb. 10 at the new Daimler Coaches North America headquarters in Jacksonville. Daimler Coaches aims to sell more than 300 motorcoaches per year out of the Jacksonville hub, where the big buses made in Turkey will get their final inspections before hitting the market. PHOTOS BY DAVID BAUERLEIN/FLORIDA TIMES-UNION

## Jacksonville becomes hub for Daimler Coaches

### 'Dream' for company to establish U.S. presence

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Motorists exiting Interstate 295 onto Pritchard Road in Jacksonville might feel like they're getting off the autobahn in Germany.

East of the highway interchange is the Volkswagen Group Of America's parts distribution warehouse with the VW logo on the side of the building.

West of the interchange is the new Daimler Coaches North America headquarters building that will soon get the familiar Mercedes-Benz star out front, marking the spot where Daimler Coaches aims to sell more than 300 motorcoach buses per year.

The big Tourrider motorcoaches are made in Turkey, shipped to the U.S. through Georgia ports and taken to Jacksonville for final inspections and installation of features such as audio-visual equipment and wheelchair lifts.

Company leaders said the new facility, which will start with 50 employees, shows a commitment to make Jacksonville a hub for Daimler Buses expansion in the U.S.



Daimler Coaches North America gives guided tours of its new headquarters building on Feb. 10 and the Mercedes-Benz Tourrider motorcoaches that the company will sell and deliver from its Jacksonville hub to U.S. customers.

"We are really proud to be part of this community now, and first-class coaches from First Coast certainly has a nice ring to it, I'd say," Daimler Buses CEO Till Oberworder said at a Feb. 10 grand opening ceremony.

"It really is a dream for us that we are now making our first real footprint —

our own footprint — into the United States of America and the state of Florida," Daimler Coaches North America CEO Dietrich Muller said to attendees who included Christofer Burger, consul general of the Federal Republic of

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## Insurers in FL may drop free vaccines

### CDC recommendations could change for 2027

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As vaccine-preventable measles rises in Florida and rates of vaccination against childhood diseases plummet, insurers' commitment to covering the shots at no-cost to consumers could be ticking down.

In the face of new federal vaccine recommendations, Florida's biggest health insurer — and other insurers — say they will cover all the traditional vaccinations through 2026. Still, the current federal reevaluation of long-standing recommendations could ultimately mean that insurers will not be required to provide vaccines at no cost to their policyholders if that vaccine isn't on the recommended list.

Although the federal government's fact sheet published after the changes say that all traditional vaccines will continue to be covered at no cost, the rules are that health insurers are required to cover vaccinations at no cost to the consumers if the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends the vaccine.

Those CDC recommendations are in an unprecedented state of flux.

Consider:

- In December, the CDC panel rescinded its 30-year recommendation that babies be universally vaccinated at birth against hepatitis B and changed it to being administered based on "shared decision making."

- In January, the same panel trimmed the recommended childhood immunization schedule from 17 vaccines to 11.

- The CDC panel's new chair, Dr. Kirk Milhoan, in a Jan. 22 podcast, raised doubts about whether standard vaccines, like the ones for measles and polio have been properly evaluated for risk considering the improvements in sanitation and medicine that have occurred since they were introduced several decades ago.

"As you look at polio, we need to not be afraid to consider that we are in a different time now than we were then," Milhoan said. "Our sanitation is

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## Man detained, released in Guthrie disappearance probe

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More than a week after Savannah Guthrie's mother, Nancy Guthrie, went missing from her Arizona home in a possible kidnapping, law enforcement took a person in for questioning.

Pima County Sheriff's Department deputies "detained a subject during a traffic stop south of Tucson" and questioned the person "in connection to the Nancy Guthrie investigation," according to a statement obtained by USA TODAY.

The Sheriff's office confirmed in an update Feb. 11 that the "subject" they had detained in Rio Rico, Arizona was not

charged.

"One adult male detained Tuesday afternoon for questioning has been released after speaking with investigators. This detention was part of follow-up on incoming leads," the statement read. "As with any investigation, we do not release the identities of individuals who are detained and later released without charges."

The sheriff's department did not explain what prompted officers to stop the person on the road.

The development in the case came hours after the FBI released photos and videos of a possible suspect, who was

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Investigators canvass the neighborhood after the disappearance of Nancy Guthrie in Tucson, Arizona. The search continues after footage from a doorbell camera showed a suspicious person. REBECCA NOBLE/REUTERS

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