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Measles soars as child vaccinations fall

Florida cases hit recent highs as immunizations continue to drop; legislators eye more exemptions

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Florida's childhood vaccination rates continued to drop in the 2025-26 school year, even as measles cases in the state soared in 2026.

The vaccination rate for Florida kindergartners now hovers just under 89% for the second school year in a row, after having been well above 90% in the decade before the pandemic, according to newly released Florida Department of Health data. In 2016, the rate had been as high as 94%.

Immunization levels for seventh-graders in Florida dropped from 92.1% last school year to 91.9% in the 2025-26 school year, the lowest level in more than a decade. Those levels are well below what is considered adequate for herd immunity, which typically requires a vaccination rate of 95% to prevent the spread of highly contagious diseases. Herd immunity protects those who are immunocompromised or can't get vaccinated for health reasons.

"This means that fewer children are protected against vaccine-pre-

ventable illnesses, which not only puts them at risk of being ill with things like measles, whooping cough, and other diseases, but also puts the people around them at risk," said Dr. Jennifer Takagishi, vice president of the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "One child who gets the measles exposes 12 people."

The newly released data comes just as Gov. Ron DeSantis has called legislators back to Tallahassee for a special session that now will take up the expansion of exemptions parents could use to opt their children out of school vaccines. DeSantis had backed a failed bill that also



While most Florida counties continued a downward trend, vaccinations in Central Florida rose slightly from 2024 to 2025. **MARY CONLON/AP**

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COMMENTARY



Paolo Banchero (5) of the Orlando Magic tries to dunk on Isaiah Stewart (28) of the Detroit Pistons during Game 1 of the first-round NBA basketball playoffs series Sunday in Detroit. **GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY**

Trump muddles messages on Iran

Pakistan prepares for new talks as Tehran's attendance uncertain

By **Munir Ahmed, Jon Gambrell and David Rising**
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump offered mixed messages Monday about the path ahead for the U.S. war against Iran, declaring that he was in no rush to end the conflict while also expressing confidence that further negotiations with Tehran will soon take place in Pakistan.

With the 14-day ceasefire set to expire Wednesday, Trump whipsawed in telephone interviews and social media posts between measured optimism that a deal could soon be reached and warning that "lots of bombs" will "start going off" if there's no agreement before the ceasefire deadline.

Trump indicated that he still expects to dispatch his negotiating team, led by Vice President JD Vance, to Pakistan's capital of Islamabad for a second round of talks, even as Iran insisted it would not take part until Trump dialed back his demands.

Trump insisted he feels no pressure to end the war until Iran agrees to his terms.

"I am under no pressure whatsoever," Trump said on his Truth Social platform, "although, it will all happen, relatively quickly!"

Pakistani officials moved ahead with preparations for a new round of talks between the U.S. and Iran as the tenuous ceasefire was further strained over the weekend by renewed conflict around the Strait of Hormuz.

Trump told Bloomberg News

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Magic flip the script

Orlando steals Game 1 from the top-seeded Pistons, rewriting expectations for the playoffs



Mike Bianchi

The Orlando Magic didn't just steal Game 1; they may have flipped the entire script on the series — and the season.

If you walked into Little Caesars Arena on Sunday night without knowing the standings,

the narratives or the expectations, you would have sworn you were watching the No. 1 seed impose its will on an over-matched No. 8. Only it wasn't top-seeded Detroit dictating the terms. It was eighth-seeded Orlando.

Magic 112, Pistons 101. And suddenly, everything we thought we knew about this series — and this team — feels a little less certain. Maybe even backward.

Because over the last 48

hours, the Orlando Magic haven't just looked competitive; they've looked like contenders, the kind many experts believed they would be before the season tipped off. It started with Friday night's demolition of the red-hot Charlotte Hornets in a do-or-die play-in game; a 121-90 blowout that felt less like survival and more like a declaration.

Then came Sunday night, on the road, in a hostile playoff environment against the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference.

The Magic didn't just win, they controlled the game from start to finish.

This wasn't a fluke or a case of one team getting hot at the right time. This was a team that looked tougher, more connected and, frankly, more talented than the team with the better record. And that's what should have the Pistons worried.

Every time Detroit made a push, Orlando answered. The

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FAA grounds Blue Origin New Glenn rocket

Agency labels mission a 'mishap' after payload fails to reach target orbit

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ORLANDO SENTINEL

The Federal Aviation Administration has grounded Blue Origin's New Glenn rocket following its Sunday launch from Cape Canaveral.

The Blue Origin New Glenn rocket lifts off from the Cape Canaveral Space Force station Sunday. **JOHN RAOUX/AP**

The rocket looked good on the way up, but the upper stage wasn't able to put its payload into the correct orbit.

"The FAA is aware that Blue Origin New Glenn 3 experienced a mishap during the second-stage flight sequence following a successful launch," according to an FAA statement released Sunday evening. "The FAA notified NASA, the NTSB, and the U.S. Space Force about the

classification of the incident." FAA guidelines will require Blue Origin to complete an investigation into the event before the rocket is allowed to fly again.

"A mishap investigation is designed to enhance public safety, determine the root cause of the event, and identify corrective actions to avoid it from happening again,"

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