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As of August, Shifa Hospital in Gaza was functioning at 200-300% capacity, according to the World Health Organization. DAWOUD ABU ALKAS/REUTERS FILE

Doctors work to help
Gaza hospital rebuilding

Natalie Davies
Detroit Free Press | USA TODAY NETWORK

Doctors Against Genocide has raised more than \$400,000 to expand Shifa Hospital in Gaza as hospitals in the region struggle to keep up with the ongoing humanitarian crisis.

Israel invaded Gaza City's Shifa Hospital in November 2023 and March 2024, saying Hamas worked in the area, a claim Hamas denied. Medical professionals have continued to work out of the seriously damaged facility. As of Aug. 12, Shifa Hospi-

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The money will help engineers in Gaza buy and reuse materials – as aid entering Gaza is heavily restricted by Israel, said Michigan internist Dr. Nidal Jboor and Boston pediatric neurologist Dr. Karameh Hawash-Kuemmerle, co-founders of Doctors Against Genocide.

Florida plan to drop vaccine requirements sparks worry

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Eliminating vaccine requirements in Florida will effectively strip protections against infectious diseases for all ages, but especially vulnerable children and elders, according to medical professionals reacting to a plan unveiled by state leaders.

Gov. Ron DeSantis and state Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo announced their intent Sept. 3 that Florida will become the first state to eliminate vaccine mandates.

The state Legislature would have to support repealing some of the requirements while the state Department of Health, which Ladapo heads, has leeway on others.

Both DeSantis and Ladapo have backed the anti-vax movement since the COVID-19 pandemic when getting the shot was required by many states and businesses during the height of the epidemic and later halted.

What did Southwest Florida medical leaders say?

Leaders at hospitals to pediatricians serving the neediest children issued statements of caution to outright alarm about the potential impact of vaccine requirements that have been embedded for decades in daily life going away.

In contrast, the Collier County School District said it does not respond to proposals or pending legislation.

Lee School District spokesman Rob

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Florida reacts to fatal shooting of conservative leader Charlie Kirk

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Florida's statewide elected officials and others in politics reacted to the Sept. 10 shooting of conservative influencer and part-time Florida resident Charlie Kirk during an event at a Utah university.

Many took to social media to share concerns and condolences upon first

learning of the shooting. By late afternoon, news organizations and President Donald Trump were saying Kirk had died.

"No one understood or had the Heart of the Youth in the United States of America better than Charlie," Trump posted on his Truth Social account. "He was loved and admired by ALL,

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Charlie Kirk, conservative star and founder of Turning Point USA, signs hats and takes photos with supporters after his visit to FSU for his American Comeback Tour on Feb. 28. MISHALYNN BROWN/TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

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