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## Cassidy, LA GOP target abortion pill access

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U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy and Louisiana's Republican delegation filed an amicus brief before the U.S. Supreme Court backing the state's lawsuit seeking stricter regulations on the abortion drug mifepristone, arguing the abortion drug poses risk to women's health and safety.

"I am grateful to my home state of Louisiana for leading the effort to defend women and babies in our state and across the country," Cassidy said in a



Cassidy

Louisiana U.S. Senator John Kennedy said by leading the way against dangerous mail-order chemical abortion drugs, Louisiana's proving once again that it stands strong for innocent life. He said he'll always be proud to sup-

news release. "Safeguards protecting against coercion, such as the in-person dispensing requirement, must be reinstated immediately. The Fifth Circuit got this right, and I urge the Supreme Court

port our state's pro-life values, and he hopes and prays that the Fifth Circuit's ruling — in favor of federalism and the safety of women and girls — prevails at the Supreme Court.

"We filed this brief because the Biden FDA's approval of chemical abortion drugs plainly puts young women and their unborn children at risk," Speaker Mike Johnson said. "The state of Louisiana has done heroic work in leading the fight against mail-order, on-demand abortion drugs, and the 5th Circuit was right to block the FDA from

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## Measles are on the rise in U.S.

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After the first case of measles was confirmed in Louisiana, health officials are examining the causes and potential cures.

In April, the Louisiana Department of Health confirmed a measles case in a pediatric resident of Region 1, which includes Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard parishes.

Health officials said the child was exposed during international travel and was isolated while receiving treatment at a Region 1 hospital. The patient was partially vaccinated.

Fred Lopez, professor of medicine in the Section of Infectious Diseases at LSU Health New Orleans, said that case reflects a broader statewide and national trend as measles cases rise sharply across the U.S.

**Question:** What exactly is measles, and why is it considered so contagious?

**Answer:** It's a highly contagious virus. Maybe perhaps the most contagious virus we can encounter, if we're not immune. It said that if you put 10 unvaccinated people in a room with one infected person, then 9 of those 10 will become infected with measles. That's how contagious it is. And one of the things that makes it particularly contagious is that it's transmitted through aerosols, which can remain suspended in the air for long periods.

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Mourners gathered on May 9 at the Summer Grove Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana, to pay respects to the eight children killed in April. PHOTOS BY HENRIETTA WILDSMITH/SHREVEPORT TIMES

## 'WE ARE HERE FOR YOU'

### Shreveport honors 'Eternal Eight' children

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As a gospel choir sang at the front of the Summer Grove Baptist Church sanctuary, mourners ushered down a pathway of open caskets for the viewing of the Eternal Eight.

The eight children tragically murdered on April 19 were celebrated during a two-hour funeral service, followed by a horse-drawn carriage arrival to the burial site at Forest Park West Cemetery on Saturday, May 9.

During the funeral services, dignitaries and religious leaders from across

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A horse-drawn carriage arrives during the burial service for the "Eternal Eight" at Forest Park West Cemetery on May 9.

## Louisiana's oldest store has been operating for 163 years

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Across the U.S., there are empty storefronts and long-forgotten buildings that locals may recall as being the first store to open in the area.

While some exist in memory, others have persisted, like Caldwell-Massey in Rhode Island, which opened in 1752 and is recognized as the oldest, continuously operating retailer in the U.S.

In Louisiana, the oldest store is Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile Store and it can be found in its original building in Historic Downtown Natchitoches.

**Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile is the oldest, continuously operated store in Louisiana**

Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile Store, located at 758 Front Street in Natchitoches, was established in 1863

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