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Vaccine rates to be made public

Amid measles resurgence in Pa., move will allow parents to track safety in schools

By Michael D. Sallah, Jimmy Cloutier, Hanna Webster and Mike Werschagin
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

As measles cases in Pennsylvania spike to levels not seen in decades, state officials say they will disclose the vaccination rates in

classrooms across the state in a move that will allow parents to track the safety of their children's schools.

Starting this fall, the rates in thousands of schools — public and private — will be available online from the Department of Health, nearly a decade after the agency was urged by a special

state panel to make the numbers accessible and improve enforcement of the vaccine mandate.

The decision by the health agency to make the information public follows a Post-Gazette investigation in April that revealed the number of children getting shots that fight the measles and other diseases has dropped for the past six years, leaving many schools stripped of critical protections that have been in place for years.

The decline has led to more

classrooms losing what medical experts call herd immunity — the level needed to stop the spread of infectious diseases.

In a joint letter signed by State Health Secretary Debra Bogen and Department of Education Secretary Carrie Rowe on Wednesday — and addressed to school leaders and nurses — the two agency leaders acknowledged that cases of measles, whooping cough and other diseases are increasing at

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WAR IN THE MIDEAST

MULTIPLE TARGETS STRUCK IN IRAN

Stalled peace talks prompt Trump to act

By Jon Gambrell, Michelle L. Price and Konstantin Toropin
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The United States launched a second round of airstrikes on Iran into Thursday morning after President Donald Trump warned that Tehran would “pay the price” for stalled negotiations. Iran responded with strikes targeting Bahrain and Kuwait.

The new assault across multiple cities comes as efforts to negotiate an end the war again appeared stuck, with Iran insisting it would maintain its chokehold on the Strait of Hormuz, which has disrupted global energy supplies and sent oil prices higher.

Iran threatened to retaliate for the strikes, and missile sirens sounded Thursday morning in Bahrain, home to the headquarters of the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, while the Kuwaiti military reported that its air defenses were firing. After the first round of American strikes on Wednesday, Iran launched missiles at Bahrain, Kuwait and Jordan.

Israel early Thursday also warned

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Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra music director Manfred Honeck receives a round of applause from the musicians after announcing that his contract is being extended through the end of the 2032-33 season.

MILLION-DOLLAR MAESTRO

Honeck extends contract with Pittsburgh Symphony to 25 years

By Jeremy Reynolds
For the Post-Gazette

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra has extended music director Manfred Honeck's contract through the end of the 2032-33 season, which will make him the longest-serving music director in the organization's history.

A devout Catholic who regularly attends Mass at the Newman Center when he is in Pittsburgh and who recently celebrated his 13th grandchild's birth, Honeck has overseen the orchestra since 2008. He has built its artistic reputation worldwide, securing accolades ranging from

Grammy nominations and awards to invitations to major European music festivals. This year, the Pittsburgh Symphony will return to Salzburg in Austria in August, and other cities.

The extension ensures a period of artistic stability in Pittsburgh at a time when major orchestras around the country, including those in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, New York, Cleveland and Boston have experienced or are experiencing a changing of the guard. The Boston Symphony Orchestra is especially volatile; earlier this year, the orchestra's board

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Honeck, who joined the Pittsburgh Symphony in 2008, conducts a rehearsal on Wednesday at Heinz Hall.

WORLD CUP

Pittsburgh's soccer community gears up

By Anya Sostek and Matt Press
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Fourteen-year-old Naomi Hull remembers waking up at 3 a.m. during the World Cup four years ago to watch Argentina versus Saudi Arabia.

Riverhounds SC midfielder Robbie Mertz recalls running through a Canonsburg house's hallways in jubilation with his club soccer team 16 years ago after Landon Donovan scored an iconic goal for the U.S.

And Jonathan Velotta, the co-owner and boys director for local soccer club Steel City FC, remembers the excitement he felt as a 12-year-old in 1994, the last time the World Cup took place in the U.S.

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