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Kennedy launches new push on vaccine injuries

HHS to study, document reported health problems

Ahmed Aboulenein
REUTERS

WASHINGTON – Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. last week launched an agencywide effort to study and document any health problems reported after vaccination, the Department of Health and Human Services said on Oct. 8.

The initiative is the latest step by Kennedy, who spent years questioning vaccine safety and founded an anti-vaccine group before taking office, to re-shape federal immunization policy.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says childhood vaccines are studied in placebo-controlled and comparison-group trials and monitored for safety after approval.

The federal Vaccine Injury Table lists 14 compensable injuries across 16 vaccine types under the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, a no-fault system in which claimants file against the government, not vaccine makers. Since 1988, it has awarded roughly \$5 billion across about 12,300 injury and death claims.

The new moves, which appear to be part of Kennedy’s decadeslong efforts to sow skepticism about vaccines, come as he faces legal challenges to his attempts to alter U.S. childhood vaccination

schedules and growing concern among public health experts about falling immunization rates, particularly against measles, which has seen a resurgence in the United States since last year.

The effort centers on a National Institutes of Health clinic opened on Oct. 5 to treat and study patients reporting health problems after receiving vaccines, HHS said in a statement.

Other measures include a proposal by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to reimburse physicians for reporting suspected injuries to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, a CDC effort to update VAERS, and HHS requiring electronic health records to capture vaccine-related ad-

verse events.

Kennedy has said U.S. children receive too many vaccines, falsely claiming repeatedly that kids get up to 90 doses before age 18, which has been echoed by President Donald Trump. Kennedy has long argued that chemicals in vaccines are dangerous, though experts say there is no evidence of harm.

In his first year heading HHS, he fired all 17 independent expert members of the CDC’s vaccine advisory committee and selected new panelists, many of whom shared his anti-vaccine views.

In January, the CDC announced a revamped childhood vaccine schedule that reduced recommended vaccines,

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Sale pending on house in ‘60 Yard Line’ movie

Filmmaker inspired by friend’s impulsive buy

Kendra Meinert
Green Bay Press-Gazette
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A 1,290-square-foot piece of Green Bay movie-making history, the one with the famous neighbor, is changing hands.

The tailgating house Stadium Drive and Oneida Street in Ashwaubenon that was both the inspiration and the primary filming location for “The 60 Yard Line” has a “Sold” sign in the yard.

The property at 880 Stadium Drive is listed with Mark D. Olejniczak Realty Inc. for \$1.5 million. The sale is pending, said Sara Olejniczak-Laughlin.

The 1946 home has three bedrooms, three bathrooms and a wet bar in the basement, but it’s location, location, location that made “The 60,” as it affectionately became known, a star. Its backyard abuts the Lambeau Field parking lot and has views of the stadium – equally great for hosting game-day gatherings or making a movie about Green Bay Packers fandom.

In the 2017 Packers-themed romantic comedy, the main character of Ben “Zagger” Zagowski blows his wedding money on buying a house near Lambeau so he can party on game days (guess how that goes over with his fiancée). Beloit native Ryan Churchill, who stars as Zagger and co-wrote and co-produced the film with Nick Greco, got the idea for the movie when his good friend, Tim Lucke, bought the house on Stadium Drive in 2004 for the sole purpose of parking cars on the lawn and hosting tailgates on Packers game days.

Former Packers offensive tackle Mark Tauscher wrote in a 2015 Isthmus article that Lucke is a buddy of his and

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YouTuber works to restore Burger Boat Co. yacht



In need of a bit of TLC, this once luxurious yacht was built by Burger Boat Company in Manitowoc, and used by Frank Sinatra. PROVIDED BY SALVAGE BOATS

Previous owner frequently lent ship to Frank Sinatra

Patti Zarling
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter
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MANITOWOC – Nearly six months ago, a YouTuber announced plans to refurbish a yacht built by Burger Boat Company with ties to Frank Sinatra. Seems like time for an update.

“I bought Frank Sinatra’s Abandoned Yacht” on YouTube kicked off

the journey of England-based Billy Pethericks, who bought the abandoned and badly neglected ship from a London marina for around 59,000 pounds, or roughly \$79,600 in U.S. dollars, according to Boat Salvage.

“My plan is to completely restore it, make her seaworthy and then go on some adventures together. This has been my dream for a very long time,” Pethericks said in his first YouTube

video, which has more than 2.2 million views.

He has since posted several videos a week showcasing progress. Most recently, Pethericks sanded the top of the boat, repaired fiberglass as needed, and gave it three coats of white paint and a poli finish to keep out water – a significant change.

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