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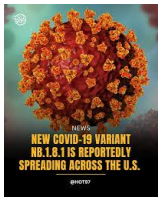
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RFK Jr's on a rampage as outbreaks flourish and docs flee US for Canada!

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From the Editor: As vaccine skeptic Robert F. Kennedy Jr. fires the CDC's vaccine advisory committee, bans scientists from publishing in top journals and cancels a bird flu vaccine contract, a new strain of Covid-19 emerges while outbreaks continue. Click on the headline for the full article; subscribe to **TMR** for \$25/year [here](#).



[Highly infectious new Covid strain from China that led to massive spike in hospitalizations has spread to the US — including NYC](#), by Ronny Reyes, New York Post, 5/27/25

TMR Topline – A new, highly infectious Covid-19 strain, the NB.1.81 variant, was first detected in the US in late March. Experts are warning that the virus' run in China shows it spreads more quickly than other dominant strains of the respiratory infection. Hong Kong authorities say Covid-19 cases have spiked to the worst levels in at least a year after officials announced a "significant increase" in ER visits and hospitalizations in the last month due to the variant. Dr. Edwin Tsui of Hong Kong's Centre for Health Protection said that the new variant "should not be taken lightly," warning Chinese health officials and others around the world that evidence suggests the virus may have evolved to even further evade the protections of the Covid vaccines.



[RFK Jr. Says Healthy Pregnant Women Don't Need Covid Boosters. What the Science Says](#). By Jackie Fortier, NPR, 6/2/25

TMR Topline – As HHS Secretary RFK Jr. says that healthy pregnant women don't need the Covid vaccine, experts at the CDC and science still put them in a high-risk group of people who should receive boosters. Pregnant women who contracted

Covid-19 were more likely to become severely ill and to be hospitalized than non-pregnant women of the same age and demographics. Inflammation and blood clots [in the placenta](#) could be connected to an increased risk of stillbirth according to studies published in major medical journals as well as by the CDC. Recent data suggests that pregnant women sick with Covid still have a higher risk of pregnancy complications such as preeclampsia, preterm birth, and miscarriage, even with existing immunity from previous infection or vaccination. Getting a Covid vaccine while pregnant also helps protect newborns after birth. Pregnant women who get vaccinated pass that protection to their young babies, who can't get their own shots until they are at least 6 months old.



[WHO sounds the alarm as US measles cases mount](#),

by Lauren Gardner and Kelly Hooper, Politico, 6/6/25

TMR Topline – Dr. Katherine

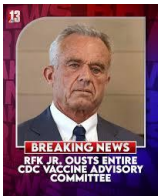
O'Brien, the WHO's vaccines director, said that US [political leaders should clearly endorse and promote measles vaccination](#) to prevent the country from losing its disease-elimination status. If measles spreads continuously for a year, it would be considered endemic for the first time in 25 years. "It's really a sign of a country going backwards in terms of their ability to protect people," O'Brien said. HHS Secretary RFK Jr. has couched his promotion of the MMR shot with statements emphasizing that vaccination is a personal choice and has touted supplements like vitamin A as a disease treatment.



[HHS cancels \\$590 million contract with Moderna for bird flu vaccine](#), by Katherine Dillinger, CNN, 5/28/25

TMR Topline – HHS is terminating a \$590 million contract with drugmaker Moderna to develop a vaccine to protect against bird flu. Moderna's early-phase trial of its mRNA-based vaccine against H5 bird flu in about 300 healthy adults showed "a rapid, potent and durable immune response," Moderna CEO Stephane Bancel said in a [statement](#), "These clinical data in pandemic influenza underscore the critical role mRNA technology has played

as a countermeasure to emerging health threats.” HHS said that the project doesn’t meet scientific or safety expectations for continued investment. Dr. Ashish Ja, the White House Covid-19 response coordinator in the Biden administration, described “*The attack on mRNA vaccines is beyond absurd,*” noting “*It was President Trump’s Operation Warp Speed that gave us mRNA vaccines. If Bird Flu starts spreading from people to people, we will come to regret this as the day we decided to put the lives of the American people at grave risk.*”



[RFK Jr. ousts entire CDC vaccine advisory committee](#), by Laura Ungar and Amanda Seitz Associated Press, 6/9/25

TMR Topline – HHS Secretary RFK Jr. removed all 17 members of the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, stating in a Wall Street Journal opinion piece that “*A clean sweep is needed to re-establish public confidence in vaccine science.*” Former CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden said Kennedy’s actions were based on false conflict-of-interest claims and set “*a dangerous and unprecedented action that makes our families less safe*” by potentially reducing vaccine access for millions of people.



[RFK Jr. may bar federal scientists from publishing in top journals](#), by Niha Masih and Amy B. Wang Washington Post, 5/28/25

TMR Topline – HHS Secretary RFK Jr. announced the latest in the Trump administration’s attacks on scientific institutions. “*We’re probably going to stop publishing in the Lancet, New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA and those other journals because they’re all corrupt,*” stating they are under the control of pharmaceutical companies. HHS plans to publish its own journals that will “*become the preeminent journals, because if you get (NIH) funding, it is anointing you as a good, legitimate scientist.*”

TMR’s Take: Will treatment with leeches be next on RFK Jr.’s agenda? **TMR** is speechless!



[Docs say 'broken promises' could slow private equity-linked deals](#), by Alex Kacik, Modern Healthcare, 5/29/25

TMR Topline – Part of the private equity (PE) sales pitch typically includes a com-

petitive compensation package and a commitment to take purchasing, billing, regulatory, technology and other day-to-day administrative tasks off physicians’ hands. PE-linked [investment](#) in physician groups has [grown exponentially](#) since 2012, especially in supporting [management services organizations](#) (MSOs). However, some doctors continue running into bureaucratic hurdles within those employment models, potentially limiting long-term revenue and patients’ access to care. Some MSOs force physicians to run an equipment purchase proposal through several committees before inking a contract. The line between clinical and administrative decisions is [not always clear](#), physicians say. The AMA plans to review an amended policy proposal on corporate investors. The proposed language says, “*Physicians and the corporate entity should explicitly identify the types of clinical and business decisions that should remain in the ultimate control of the physician, including approving the selection of medical equipment and medical supplies.*”



[American Doctors Are Moving to Canada To Escape the Trump Administration](#), by Brett Kelman, KFF Health News, 5/30/25

TMR Topline – American doctors have shown skyrocketing interest in becoming licensed in Canada since Trump’s return to the White House. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario registered 116 US-trained doctors in the first quarter of 2025 — an increase of at least 50% over the prior two quarters. British Columbia and Quebec also have seen a surge of licensure applications. CanAm Physician Recruiting saw a 65% increase in American doctors looking for Canadian jobs from January to April. [Doctors Manitoba](#) launched a recruiting campaign after the election focusing on Florida, North and South Dakota, advertising “[zero political interference](#) in physician patient relationship” as a selling point. Canada has universal publicly funded health care, so physicians face less stress, less paperwork, and no fear of burying patients in medical debt.

TMR’s Take: Little wonder that [wait times](#) for doctor’s appointments are at an all-time high (e.g., Ob/Gyn: 41.8 days, Gastroenterology: 40 days, Cardiology: 32.7 days; Dermatology 36.5 days). The US physician shortage is not likely to diminish in the foreseeable future given the disincentives rampant under the Trump administration and the frustrations inherent in dealing with for-profit health insurers.