



Federal Vaccine Policy in 2018

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Today's Agenda



Overview of Federal Challenges



State Trends



What Can We Do?



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Vaccines are Not a Partisan Issue...

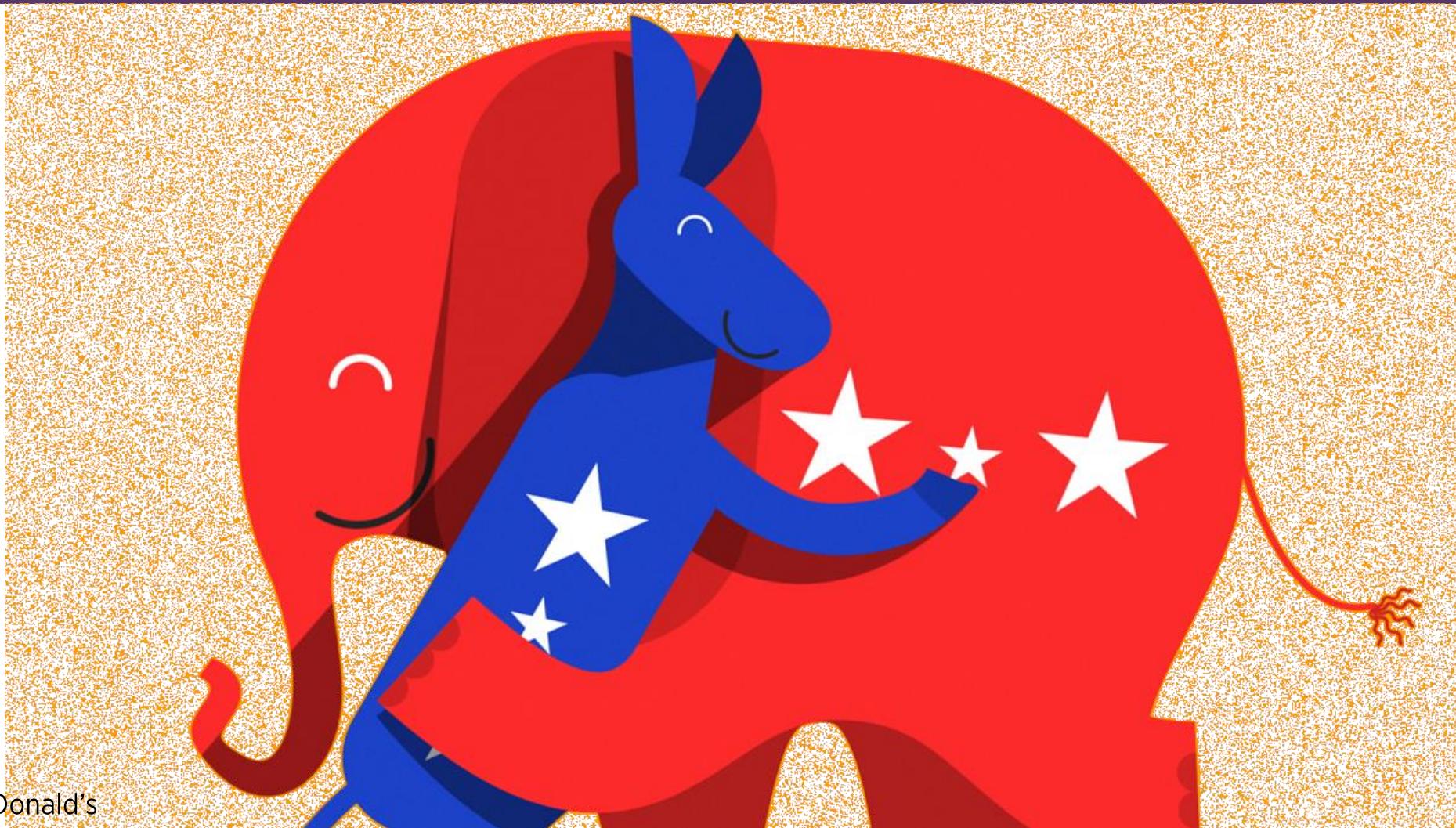


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Don't Politicize Vaccinations



By Rosalynn Carter



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accomplish this the first year we were in Washington and now laws exist in every state. We then helped develop an improved immunization program, which included large increases in research for vaccines. Dr. Bill Foege, the head of CDC remained in that position after we came home, and continued to track the outcome of our efforts. By July 1982, only one state reported cases of measles. We celebrated the news that during one week there were no new cases of measles in the United States.

Sadly, in 1989, a measles epidemic swept the country, claiming the lives of nearly 150 people, including many young children, leading us to found our organization, Every Child By Two, whose mission is to ensure that all children receive the dangers of preventable diseases. We have been successful in completing the primary vaccinations by age two. Over the first decade of the 1990s, we worked with state and federal officials and public health advocates to found immunization coalitions that today continue to work to maintain the momentum to keep children healthy. The current vaccine debate is being played out in the media as a partisan one, but historically, support for vaccines has been very nonpartisan. Major White House initiatives date as far back as Thomas Jefferson, who supported mass vaccination against smallpox. John F. Kennedy signed into law the first federal support program for vaccines as part of the Vaccine Assistance Act of 1962. President George H.W. Bush's administration set a goal of 90 percent immunization rates and led efforts to create model state plans which have become an integral part of the infrastructure serving every community. The Clinton administration's Vaccines for Children program removed cost as a barrier to eligible families."

Rosalynn Carter is the co-founder of Every Child By Two - Carter/Bumpers Champions for Immunization

Even Today's Politicians are (Mostly) in Agreement



Two very different politicians - Reps. Tom Marino (R-PA) and Adam Schiff (D-CA) – agree on the importance of vaccines.

And it's No Wonder: Vaccines Save Lives & Money

Childhood Immunization Provides Big Savings

Vaccines for Children: 23 years of protecting America's children



CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2016 will:

- Prevent 381 million illnesses
- Prevent 24.5 million hospitalizations
- Help avoid 855,000 early deaths
- Save nearly \$360 billion in direct costs and \$1.65 trillion in total society costs
- Every dollar spent in childhood vaccination ultimately saves \$10.10.

However, They are Often Caught in the Crossfire

A newsletter titled 'Every Child By Two News' with a green header and a green footer. The header features a green ribbon graphic and the text 'Keeping you informed about vaccine-related news.' The main content discusses the Affordable Care Act's impact on immunization programs and the need for Congress to support the CDC. It includes a 'Call To Action' section with a photo of the US Capitol, a 'Deadline 3 PM Today' section, and a 'Background' section. The footer contains signatures from Congress members Lamar Alexander, Orrin Hatch, and Wyden, along with a graphic of a purple umbrella over stylized human figures.

Funding is (Currently) Our Biggest Challenge

	FY 2016 Appropriation	FY 2017 Appropriation	FY18 Senate Proposal	FY18 House Proposal	CDC Professional Judgment Level
Section 317/ Immunization Program Funding	\$610,847	\$606,792	\$606,792	\$556,000	\$1.03 Billion

Nearly **53% of the funding** reflected above is allocated via the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF)

Many states have **no disease outbreak funds**

Health Reform will Continue to have an Impact

First Dollar Coverage

- May discourage individuals from seeking out preventive care

Essential Health Benefits

- Also has the potential to discourage individuals from accessing preventive care for themselves and their families

Medicaid Expansion

- Will affect adults as well as children whose parents are unable to navigate the system

CHIP Reauthorization & Community Health Centers Funding

- Failure to reauthorize CHIP, or to do so at the expense of other public health funding, will limit access

Reproductive Health

- Measures meant to target reproductive health issues may have unintended consequences for vaccines



State Trends

What Can We Expect?

Informed
Consent

Ballot
Initiatives

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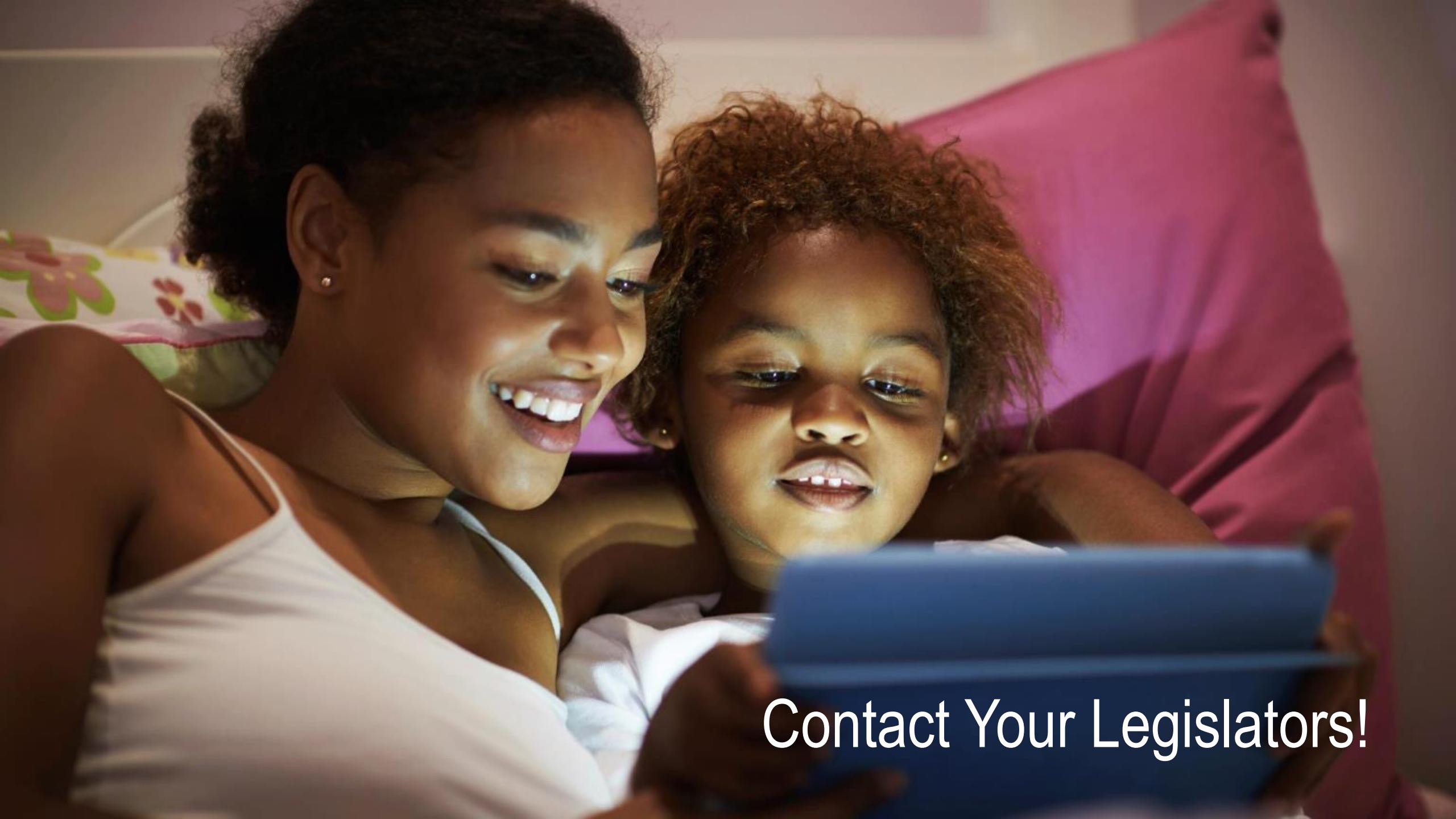
Exemptions

HCP Mandates

Funding,
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A photograph of a woman with long, wavy, reddish-brown hair, wearing a white t-shirt and sunglasses, holding a baby in a yellow and white striped onesie. The baby is looking towards the camera. They are outdoors, with a large tree and sunlight in the background.

What Can We Do?



Contact Your Legislators!

But What Do I Say?
Do They Even Care?

Some Basic Do's and Don'ts

Do:

- Start by stating you are a constituent
- Note any major groups with which your position aligns
- Be concise and actionable
- Consider setting up meetings with your legislators and/or their staff during recess sessions, when they're back in town (and follow up with a thank you!)
- Encourage family, friends, and colleagues to reach out as well

Don't:

- Feel you're imposing or wasting someone's time – it's their job!
- Be aggressive. You can be passionate, but ultimately, you want to help them understand and support your point of view.
- Wait for a bill or emergency situation to reach out.
- Leave it as a "one and done" call, email, or meeting.

Consider Using our *State of the ImmUnion* Report



Measles Cases by Year, 2010 to 2016

Year	Cases
2010	83
2011	220
2012	55
2013	187
2014	667
2015	189
2016	48

SIGNIFICANT OUTBREAKS

- Hennepin County, Minnesota**
February 15, 2011–April 24, 2011
21 cases
- Brooklyn, New York**
March 13, 2013–June 9, 2013
58 cases
- Knox County, Ohio and surrounding communities**
May 2014–June 2014
383 cases
- Disneyland, Anaheim, California**
December 20, 2014–April 17, 2015
149 cases

Looking for more on the impact of vaccine-preventable diseases in your state? You can find more information on local vaccination rates on the American Academy of Pediatrics' map and through CDC's [VarView](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

The Costs of Vaccine-Preventable Disease

When you or a loved one contracts a preventable disease, the associated costs can range from money spent on treating the disease and its symptoms, to days of school or work lost while waiting out the disease's incubation period.*

INCUBATION PERIODS BY DISEASE

Disease	Incubation Period
Chickenpox	10-21 days
Measles	8-12 days
Rubella	14-21 days
Diphtheria	2-5 days
Influenza	1-6 days
Whooping Cough	7-10 days
Hepatitis A	14-50 days
Mumps	12-25 days
Meningitis (bacterial)	2-10 days

The 2018 report will be released around this year's State of the Union on January 30. We are also preparing a **customizable state fact sheet**.

Stay in the Know!

- Subscribe for updates & gather resources:
 - Every Child By Two: info@ecbt.org
 - Trust for America's Health: www.healthyamericans.org
 - Sign up for Wellness & Prevention Digest at <https://tfah.wufoo.com/forms/register-for-the-digest/>
 - Preparedness newsletter: <https://tfah.wufoo.com/forms/sign-up-for-the-working-group/>
 - Public Health Institute: www.phi.org
 - State of the ImmUnion report: www.vaccinateyourfamily.org
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Thank You!

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