

A threatening anti-science movement needs to be counteracted with advocacy in a growing number of states.

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DATA COLLECTION THREATENED —

More US states report measles cases amid vaccine misinformation

Ohio, Maryland and Alabama among states to report new cases, with 378 confirmed in first few months of 2025

RFK Jr. claims new research effort will find cause of ‘autism epidemic’ by September

By Meg Tirrell, Sarah Oweremohle and Neha Mukherjee, CNN
7 minute read · Updated 9:30 PM EDT. Thu April 10, 2025



APRIL 4, 2025 | 3 MIN READ
Whooping Cough Kills Two Babies in Louisiana as Cases Soar
The bacterial infection pertussis has sparked an uptick in cases nationwide, but has caused two deaths in Louisiana

BY TANYA LEWIS | EDITED BY DEAN VISSER



April 14, 2025, 5:00 AM EDT
States Echo RFK Jr. Agenda in Push for Ban on Vaccine Mandates

Celine Castronuovo Reporter
Nyah Phengsithy Reporter

Experts make new recommendations on RSV and meningitis vaccines, but it's unclear what happens next
Story by Mike Stobbe · 5d · 2 min read

AP The Associated Press
Trump will nominate acting CDC director Susan Monarez for the position, White House official says

Story by SEUNG MIN KIM, AMANDA SEITZ and MIKE STOBBE · 17h · 3 min read



EXCLUSIVE
HEALTH NEWS
CDC is pulling back \$11B in Covid funding sent to health departments across the U.S.
“Now that the pandemic is over, the grants and cooperative agreements are no longer necessary,” federal health authorities wrote to funding recipients this week.



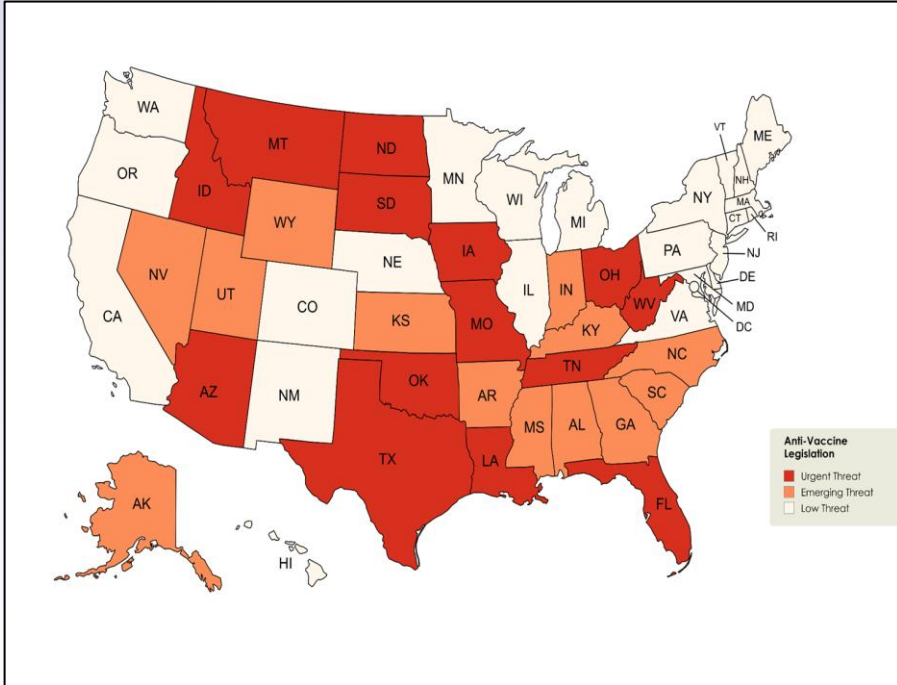
How Kennedy is already weakening America's childhood vaccine system
The Department of Health and Human Services cut \$2 billion from a program that supports vaccines for vulnerable children, forcing public health departments to lay off staff and cancel clinics.



Session Trends

IDPN States: AZ, FL, ID, LA, MT, OK, TN, WV

There is a continued rise in anti-vaccine legislation, coordination, and misinformation.

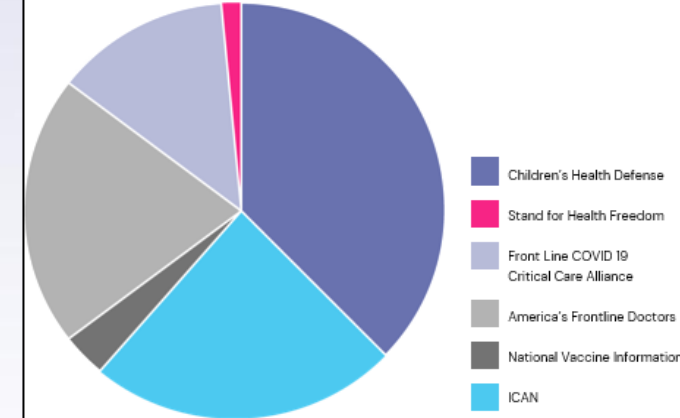


Over **263** bills across the country, including **over 100** bills in IDPN states

<p>Vaccine Confidence Bill Assures the public that an exemption exists for required vaccines that do not meet certain minimal requirements.</p> <p>VIEW BILL</p>	<p>No Liability No Mandate Bill Assures that individuals will not be mandated to receive medical products if the manufacturer of the product cannot be sued.</p> <p>VIEW BILL</p>	<p>Engineered Pathogen Bill Assures that individuals will not be infected with engineered viruses and bacteria without their express consent.</p> <p>VIEW BILL</p>
<p>Public Health Conflicts Bill Limits the ability of individuals employed by public health agencies to then be employed by certain pharmaceutical companies.</p> <p>VIEW BILL</p>	<p>Lead By Example Bill Requires elected officials to receive a vaccine before voting to require or expand the requirement for the vaccine.</p> <p>VIEW BILL</p>	<p>Medical Exemption Bill An act to standardize the process and procedure for obtaining a medical exemption from required immunizations.</p> <p>VIEW BILL</p>
<p>Package Insert Bill Requires distribution of information about the vaccine a patient will receive.</p> <p>VIEW BILL</p>	<p>No Discrimination In School Bill Provides equal opportunity and treatment of students regardless of their vaccine status.</p> <p>VIEW BILL</p>	<p>Let Science Lead Bill Release data that scientists can use to improve the delivery of health care.</p> <p>VIEW BILL</p>

Identical bills are appearing in multiple states ([ICAN Model Bills](#))

Anti-vaccine organizations 2022 funds:
\$59.3 Million Dollars



Well-funded organizations are targeting disinformation to vulnerable communities.

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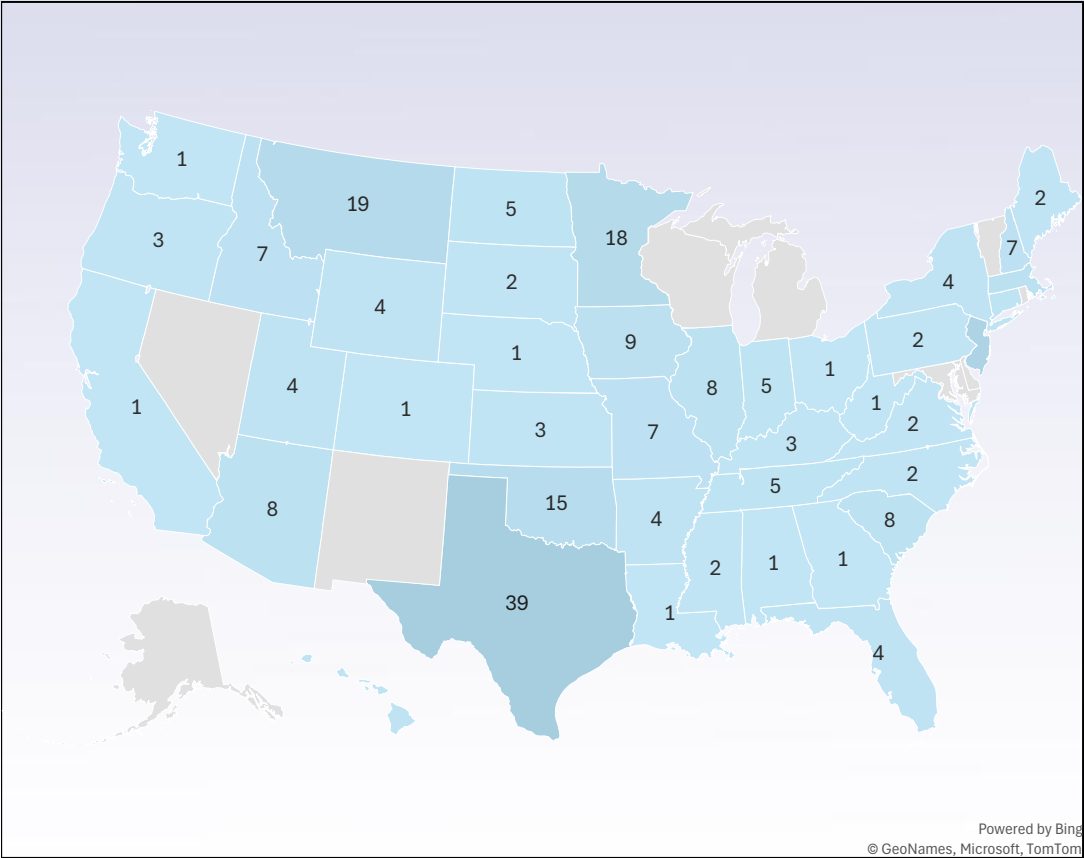
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- 1. mRNA (33)
- 2. Access (29)
- 3. Exemptions (28)
- 4. Covid-19 (26)
- 5. Medical Freedom (21)
- 6. Informed consent (13)

IDPN States - Sessions Concluded

Idaho
Tennessee
West Virginia

Count of Bills by State,
March 31, 2025



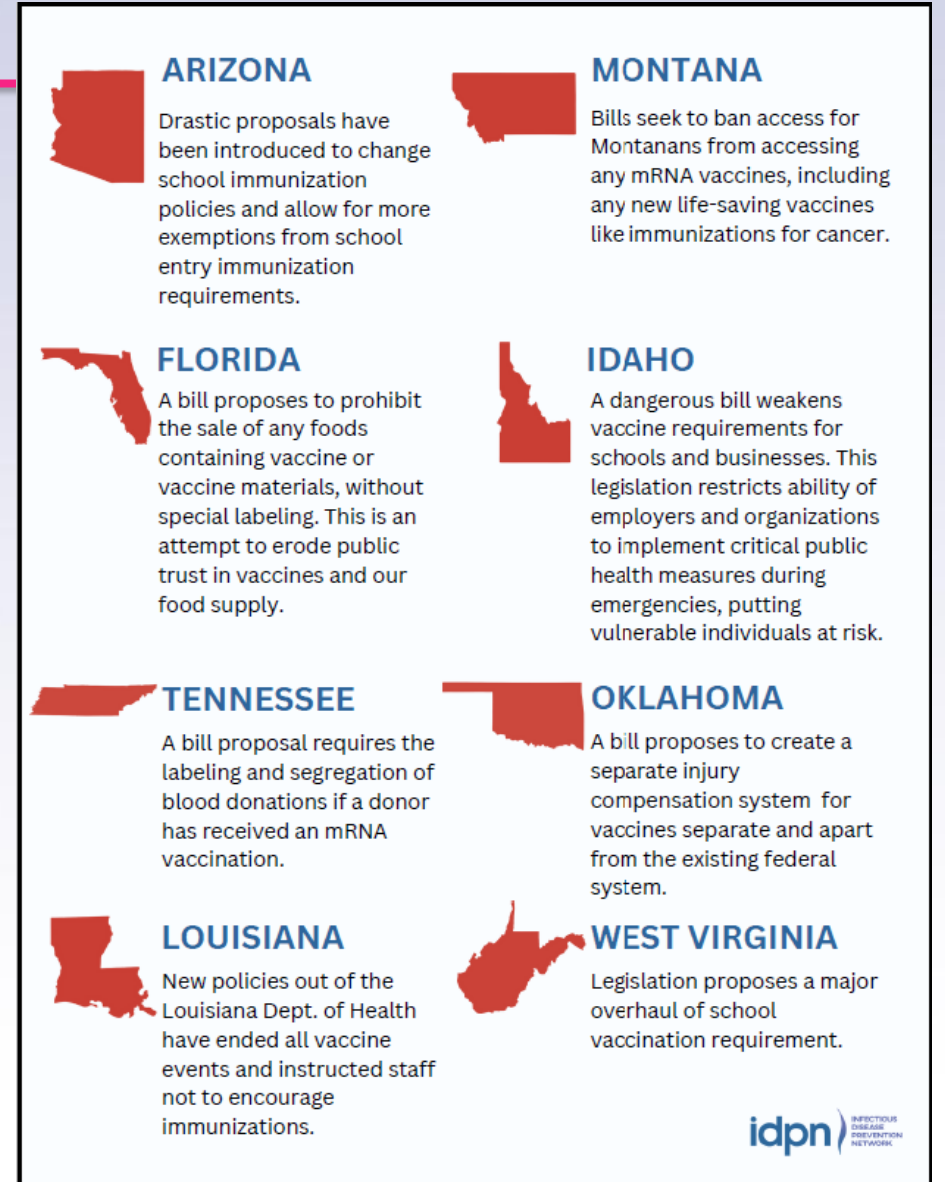
pro vaccine	Count of Bills
pro vaccine	43
(blank)	216
Grand Total	259

About IDPN

IDPN works in states facing the most severe anti-vaccine challenges where there is an urgent need to elevate **pro-vaccine advocacy** through three strategies:

1. State-based **government relations expertise (lobbying)**
2. State-based **grassroots advocacy** activities
3. Targeted, strategic **communications campaigns**

The IDPN model works. In the short time we've been operating, we have **successfully defeated OVER 80 anti-vaccine bills in IDPN states.**



State	Legislative Challenge
ARIZONA	Drastic proposals have been introduced to change school immunization policies and allow for more exemptions from school entry immunization requirements.
MONTANA	Bills seek to ban access for Montanans from accessing any mRNA vaccines, including any new life-saving vaccines like immunizations for cancer.
FLORIDA	A bill proposes to prohibit the sale of any foods containing vaccine or vaccine materials, without special labeling. This is an attempt to erode public trust in vaccines and our food supply.
IDAHO	A dangerous bill weakens vaccine requirements for schools and businesses. This legislation restricts ability of employers and organizations to implement critical public health measures during emergencies, putting vulnerable individuals at risk.
TENNESSEE	A bill proposal requires the labeling and segregation of blood donations if a donor has received an mRNA vaccination.
OKLAHOMA	A bill proposes to create a separate injury compensation system for vaccines separate and apart from the existing federal system.
LOUISIANA	New policies out of the Louisiana Dept. of Health have ended all vaccine events and instructed staff not to encourage immunizations.
WEST VIRGINIA	Legislation proposes a major overhaul of school vaccination requirement.

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Adjourned 4/22

Carringer/Watson (HB 638 / SB 1389) TennCare vaccine legislation.

- Would have prohibited healthcare providers who participate in the TennCare program from refusing to offer healthcare services to an enrollee based solely upon their refusal or failure to obtain a vaccine or immunization.
- Different versions of the bill went through House and Senate committees (amendments)
- The House bill had amendments that broadened the list of provider exemptions (oncology, organ transplant services, and providers that treat immunocompromised patients).
- The bill ultimately passed both House and Senate floor, different versions, both bill sponsors dug in.
- Watson chose to non-concur to the House version, but also chose not to go to conference, and instead, re-referred his bill back to calendar committee - **effectively ending further consideration of the bill this session.**

Physicians should be allowed to make decisions about how to best protect their most vulnerable patients.

Ask legislators to vote **NO on SB1389/HB0638**



Session: January 8 - April 12

Gov EO 7 – religious / philosophical exemption.

SB460 – EO + Medical Exemptions

House vote – FAIL 42-56 (3/24).

- Turned into Medical Exemption only.
- Then religious exemption amendment added at final stages.

Senate SB460 - Passed 3/22. Gov EO along with Medical Exemptions/Eliminated the review process and the State Immunization Officer (2/22)

We've shielded generations from disease.



Take action



Why would we change that now?

Louisiana Session Just started, Session runs April 14-June 12

Bills Watching:

- [HB 112](#), **Edmonston**. Provides relative to the prescribing, administering, and dispensing of drugs for off-label use.
- [HB 377](#), **Owen**. Authorizes an individual to refuse certain medical treatments (EUA).
- [HB 400](#), **Chenevert**. Provides relative to a minor's consent for medical procedures and treatments.
- [HB 419](#), **Amedee**. Creates the crime of intentional exposure to a self-spreading pathogen. (ICAN). *Live vaccines illegal*.
- [HB 555](#), **Amedee**. Medical Freedom. Provides relative to medical intervention.
- [HB 629](#) **Galle**. Provides with respect to informed consent for medical intervention "Medical Freedom and Informed Consent Act"

COUNCIL OF SUPPORTERS – Join Us!

Show your support for pro-vaccine policies by signing on to our shared statement of values

- Vaccines are a cornerstone of public health and all Americans, regardless of income or geography, should be able to access appropriate vaccines.
- All Americans should have the right to a healthy, safe environment at work, school or daycare.
- American businesses should have the flexibility to ensure their workforce is protected from preventable diseases and that their businesses should prosper without threat from absenteeism and shutdowns from vaccine preventable diseases.
- Families deserve access to accurate, evidence-based public health information in the communities where they live.

