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A New Era At IDSA

Meeting the moment and the evolving needs of our community

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The Current Environment for Infectious Diseases



Federal policy and funding uncertainty affecting research and public health



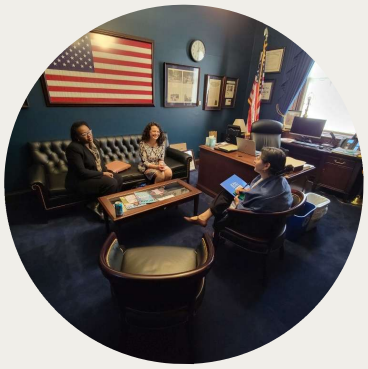
Increasing misinformation and erosion of trust in science



Growing demand for infectious disease expertise across healthcare systems

Key Issues

- Federal funding for ID research & public health
  - Annual appropriations
  - Grant delays
  - OMB proposed rule
- State ADAP advocacy (Florida+)
- ID physician reimbursement & workforce
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Outbreaks & respiratory virus season
- Vaccines
  - Lawsuit update



Key Victory

Bipartisan Senate CR blocks OMB rule through Dec. 11

Thanks to:
- OMB comments (organizations & individual members)
- Congressional outreach (organizations & individual members)
- Coordination with coalition partners

Next Steps:
- House consideration
- Longer-term block

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- Opposing Research and Public Health Funding Cuts
- Defending Science & Vulnerable Populations
- Protecting the Public Health Workforce
- Litigation Against Unlawful Vaccine Changes
- Filling the Information Void
- Media and Congressional Engagement



Midterms: Key takeaways for IDSA



Democratic majorities bring significant new opportunities

- Legislative efforts to roll back Administration changes to Medicaid, vaccines, federal grants, research/public health funding
- Oversight



Scores of new Senators and Representatives to educate

- Consistent grassroots advocacy will be critical
- Build support for IDSA priorities and strong relationships that deliver results



New Republican champions needed

- Key Republican champions (Sen. Collins, Reps. Miller-Meeks, Fitzpatrick, etc.) lost
- 60 vote threshold in Senate, vetoes, de-politicizing science, long-term success, governing realities

Filling the science and information void

Vaccine Integrity Project participation

Released guidelines for COVID, influenza, & RSV vaccines in partnership with other societies

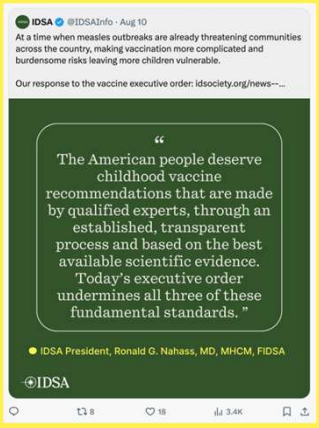
Ensuring scientific integrity

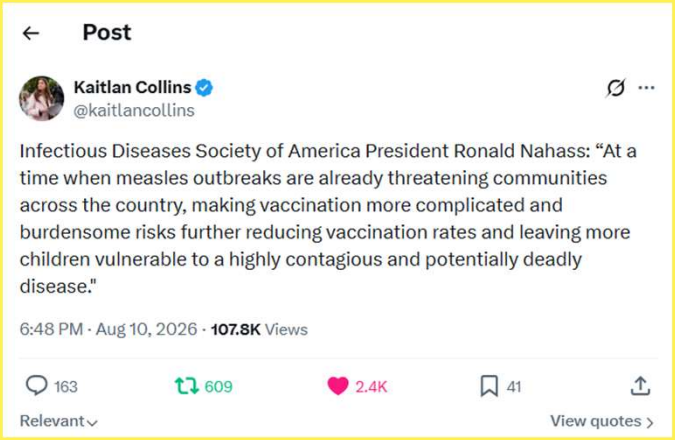
IDSA statements on ebolavirus care for US citizens, childhood vaccine schedule, access to care for people living with HIV

Educating the public and policymakers

Actively work with legislators across a wide range of key issues

Frequent press briefings to highlight hot topics (lack of HIV research funding; measles outbreak)


IDSA @IDSAInfo · Aug 10
At a time when measles outbreaks are already threatening communities across the country, making vaccination more complicated and burdensome risks leaving more children vulnerable.
Our response to the vaccine executive order: idsociety.org/news--...
“
The American people deserve childhood vaccine recommendations that are made by qualified experts, through an established, transparent process and based on the best available scientific evidence. Today’s executive order undermines all three of these fundamental standards. ”
IDSA President, Ronald G. Nahass, MD, MHCM, FIDSA
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Post
Kaitlan Collins
@kaitlancollins
Infectious Diseases Society of America President Ronald Nahass: “At a time when measles outbreaks are already threatening communities across the country, making vaccination more complicated and burdensome risks further reducing vaccination rates and leaving more children vulnerable to a highly contagious and potentially deadly disease."
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IDSA @IDSAInfo · Aug 10
IDSA and @HIVMA applaud the Senate’s bipartisan continuing resolution, which temporarily blocks implementation of the OMB’s proposed rule on federal grants and helps ensure objective merit, not political alignment, guides grant awards.
Our statement: bit.ly/4gmekQO
“
IDSA and HIVMA call on the House of Representatives to pass the Senate continuing resolution as soon as possible to ensure uninterrupted support for research, public health programs and access to health care, especially in rural communities and among populations vulnerable to communicable diseases.”
IDSA President Ronald G. Nahass, MD, MHCM, FIDSA
HIVMA Chair Anna K. Person, MD, FIDSA
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Filling the Science and Information Void

Vaccine Integrity Project Participation

- Greater support from VIP and AMA
- IDSA led respiratory virus vaccine guideline for immunocompromised patients
- Partner societies led guidelines for other populations with IDSA input
- Volunteer group scanning for additional needs

Other gaps

- HIV and other guidelines/guidance
- Surveillance
- Support for state/local public health





> **"We cannot allow the breakdown of a federal process to create a vacuum in evidence-based vaccine guidance."**
>
> *– Bruce Gellin, MD, MPH*

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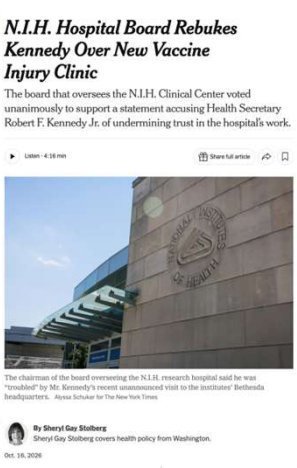
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RSV Immunization Effectiveness and Safety for the 2026-2027 Respiratory Season

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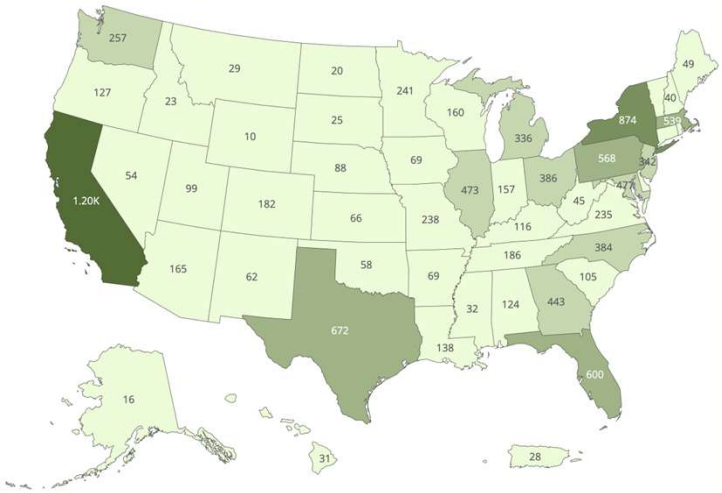




Vaccine Lawsuit

- IDSA co-plaintiff with AAP, ACP, APHA, SMFM, MA chapters
- Stays granted on changes to vaccine recommendations and ACIP members
- Federal government appealed on ACIP membership; hearing Oct 5
- Executive Order on childhood immunization schedule; expect RFK Jr to submit report called for in NOV in attempt to change schedule & appoint ACIP

The community of IDSA



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Bringing together the curiosity, compassion and knowledge of our members to strengthen the field of infectious diseases, advance science and advocate for health equity.

Join Today!

Workforce policy is preparedness policy

45%

of ID fellowship programs filled in the 2025 Match

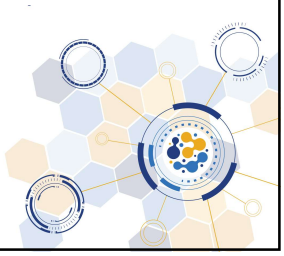
Preparedness requires capacity across the full response:

- ID clinicians and public health experts
- Infection prevention and laboratory teams
- Community-based and culturally responsive care
- A pipeline of future ID leaders

IDWeek 2026 Registration

IDWeek Celebrating 15 Years

- Overall scientific registration is up 4.7% compared with 2025, with 376 more attendees.
- In-person attendance is up 6.6%, with 452 more attendees than last year.
- Latin America registration increased 22.4%, continuing to show strong growth.
- International registration is down 6.1% overall, with declines primarily in virtual participation.
- Workshop registration increased 7.2%, reaching 1,480 registrations compared with 1,381 in 2025.



As of 10/30 (6 days Post **ID**Week)
Note: Registration remains open through November 30 for the purchase of virtual access.

IDWeek 2026 Program

- Sessions: 137 Scientific Sessions, 40 Oral Abstract Sessions, 2 Pipeline Sessions
- Workshops: 11
- Faculty: 671
- Oral Abstracts: 210
- Poster Abstracts & Cases: 2,083 Abstracts & 20 Cases
  - Rapid Fire Abstracts & Cases: 63 Abstracts & 5 Cases
- BugHub World Stage Presentations: 41



Highlighting the Latest Science at IDWeek 2026

- **3,600+ media mentions** as of October 30, including in:

REUTERS MEDPAGETODAY IDSE Infectious Disease SPECIAL EDITION THE HILL Healio McKnights Long-Term Care News

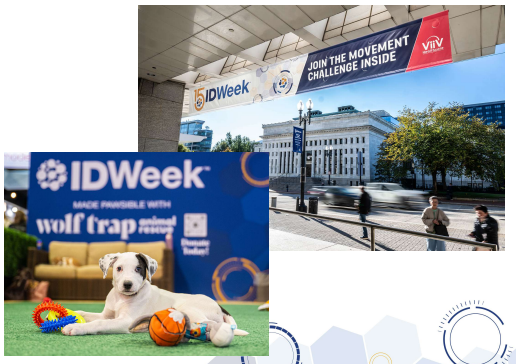
- **Promoted four featured abstracts**:
  - Drug-Resistant Infections Linked to $3.5 Trillion in Global Economic Losses in 2021
  - Long-Acting HIV Treatment Offers Strong Protection
  - Household Hepatitis B Exposure a Risk for Unvaccinated Children
  - Introducing the HPV Vaccine Early Increases Likelihood of Finishing Vaccination Series
- **Held press briefing for 30+ reporters**, including from:

npr WSJ wp AP

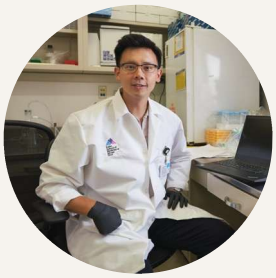


IDWeek 2026 Industry Partners

- Year over year Industry Support grew 20% from IDWeek 2025.
- With Industry Partner support, Puppy Play Zone, Movement Challenge, and NextGen ID Lounge were brought back.
- New activations; Reset & Recharge Lounge and "Doc Is In" were supported to enhance attendee experience.
- The Pipeline Innovation Theater (PIT) was offered for the first time, featuring four presentations filling beyond the allocated seats.



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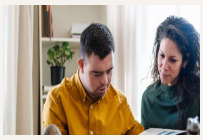



The IDSA Foundation At Work

75	Early Career Professionals Supported with Grants
1,000+	ID Professionals Engaged Through Bartlett Webinar Series
140	Students, Residents and Fellows Connected with ID Members/Mentors

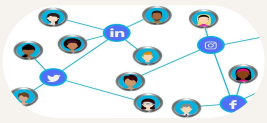
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Mentor



Help a Student, Resident, or Fellow See a Future in Infectious Diseases

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Help identify promising trainees, connect them with ID mentors and share Foundation opportunities across your state or region

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Invest in the next generation. Your gift helps expand access to career development, mentorship and professional opportunities for future ID specialists.

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