



CDC Vaccination Databases Frozen Under RFK Jr.

Description

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A lack of updated data is making it harder for health officials in the US to respond quickly to new outbreaks. It also stops them from identifying communities that might need targeted vaccine efforts.

Jeanne Marrazzo, CEO of the Infectious Disease Society of America, said the US administration's anti-vaccine stance has disrupted important data flow. She warned this could have serious consequences.

The study authors suggest that recent pauses in vaccine data collection might be due to the administration's actions or possibly from budget and staff cuts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Marrazzo believes the exact cause is not important.

She argues that regardless of the cause, there is a clear lack of concern for human life and scientific progress. This affects the work of public health professionals who help fight diseases.

Marrazzo points out that missing data makes it harder to manage outbreaks and impacts efforts to improve the CDC. Kennedy, who criticized the CDC's response to COVID-19, seems to be fulfilling his warning about its failure.

Emily Hilliard, from the Department of Health and Human Services, stated that changes to data updates are normal management decisions, not politically motivated. She said public health data reporting is based on scientific integrity and accuracy.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Outbreaks** /'aʊt.breɪks/ (noun): Occurrences of disease or health-related events that occur suddenly in a specific area.
2. **Disrupted** /dɪs'rʌptɪd/ (verb): Interrupted or disturbed the normal flow or operation of something.
3. **Consequences** /'kɒn.sə.kwənsɪz/ (noun): The results or effects of an action or condition.
4. **Targeted** /'tɑːr.ɡɪtɪd/ (adjective): Directed towards a specific goal group or area.
5. **Integrity** /ɪn'tɛɡrɪti/ (noun): The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
6. **Management** /'mænɪdʒmənt/ (noun): The process of dealing with or controlling things or people.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. Who warned about the serious consequences of the lack of updated data for health officials in the US?
Option: Kennedy
Option: Jeanne Marrazzo
Option: Emily Hilliard
Option: Study authors

2. According to the content, what could pauses in vaccine data collection be due to?
Option: Administration's actions
Option: Budget and staff cuts
Option: Both A and B
Option: None of the above

3. Who criticized the CDC's response to COVID-19?
Option: Kennedy
Option: Jeanne Marrazzo
Option: Emily Hilliard
Option: Study authors

4. Who stated that changes to data updates are normal management decisions, not politically motivated?
Option: Study authors
Option: Jeanne Marrazzo
Option: Kennedy
Option: Emily Hilliard

5. What does Jeanne Marrazzo believe is not important regarding the lack of updated data?
Option: The exact cause
Option: The consequences
Option: The impact on public health
Option: The response of health officials

6. Who is the CEO of the Infectious Disease Society of America?
Option: Jeanne Marrazzo
Option: Kennedy
Option: Emily Hilliard
Option: Study authors



True-False

7. Jeanne Marrazzo believes the exact cause of the lack of updated data is important.
8. Kennedy fulfilled his warning about the CDC's failure.
9. Changes to data updates are politically motivated according to Emily Hilliard.
10. Missing data impacts the effort to improve the CDC according to the content.
11. The lack of updated data affects the work of public health professionals, according to Jeanne Marrazzo.
12. The US administration's anti-vaccine stance disrupted important data flow, as stated by Emily Hilliard.

Gap-Fill

13. Emily Hilliard stated that changes to data updates are normal management decisions, not politically motivated. She said public health data reporting is based on scientific integrity and _____.
14. Marrazzo believes there is a clear lack of concern for human life and scientific progress, affecting the work of public health professionals who help fight _____.
15. Marrazzo pointed out that missing data makes it harder to manage outbreaks and impacts efforts to improve the CDC. Kennedy seems to be fulfilling his warning about its _____.
16. A lack of updated data is making it harder for health officials in the US to respond quickly to new outbreaks. It also stops them from identifying communities that might need targeted vaccine _____.
17. Jeanne Marrazzo said the US administration's anti-vaccine stance has disrupted important data flow and _____.



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18. The study authors suggest that recent pauses in vaccine data collection might be due to the administration's actions or possibly from budget and staff cuts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Marrazzo believes the exact cause is not _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Jeanne Marrazzo 2. Both A and B 3. Kennedy 4. Emily Hilliard 5. The exact cause
True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False
Gap-Fill: 13. accuracy 14. diseases 15. failure 16. efforts 17. consequences 18. important

Answer

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