



RFK Jr. Supports Measles Vaccine During U.S. Outbreak

Description

US Health Secretary Expresses Serious Concern Over Texas Measles Outbreak.

Robert F Kennedy Jr, the leading US health official often regarded for his vaccine scepticism, has now endorsed the measles vaccine amid a significant outbreak of the disease in Texas.

In a Fox News opinion piece published Sunday, Kennedy voiced his "deep concern" over the disease's spread, even though he had previously downplayed it as "not unusual."

Kennedy emphasized that vaccines safeguard children against measles and bolster community immunity, protecting individuals who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons. Still, he maintained that the choice to vaccinate remains "a personal one."

The US Secretary of Health and Human Services highlighted that before the MMR vaccine was introduced, nearly all children in the US contracted measles. He illustrated this with data from 1953 to 1962, showing an average of 530,217 confirmed cases and 440 deaths, a fatality rate of 1 in 1,205 cases.

Last month, US authorities reported the country's first measles-related death in a decade when an unvaccinated school-aged child in northwest Texas was hospitalized and succumbed to the disease.

As of Friday, 146 cases have been reported in Texas since late January, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. These cases have mainly affected a Mennonite community, a Christian group that emerged during the 16th-century Reformation.

Kennedy, often criticized for promoting debunked claims linking vaccines to autism, faced backlash last month for seemingly downplaying the outbreak by noting multiple outbreaks earlier this year.

Measles poses a significant threat to unvaccinated individuals, especially young infants who typically cannot receive the vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that one in five unvaccinated individuals with measles requires hospitalization, while roughly one in 20 children with the disease contracts pneumonia.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Outbreak** /'aʊt.breɪk/ (noun): A sudden occurrence of a disease in a specific area.
2. **Vaccinate** /'væk.sɪ.neɪt/ (verb): To administer a vaccine to provide immunity against a disease.
3. **Immunity** /'ɪmjʊ.nə.ti/ (noun): The ability of the body to resist infection or disease.
4. **Critical** /'krɪt.ɪ.kəl/ (adjective): Expressing adverse or disapproving comments or judgments.
5. **Hospitalization** /,hɒspɪtəl'aɪzɪfən/ (noun): The act of admitting a patient into a hospital for treatment.



6. **Confirmed** /kən'fɜːrmd/ (adjective): Established as true or valid through evidence.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who has recently endorsed the measles vaccine amid a significant outbreak in Texas?

- Option: a) Dr. Fauci
- Option: b) Robert F Kennedy Jr
- Option: c) US Secretary of State
- Option: d) Governor of Texas

2. What was the fatality rate of measles cases in the US from 1953 to 1962?

- Option: a) 1 in 500 cases
- Option: b) 1 in 1,000 cases
- Option: c) 1 in 1,205 cases
- Option: d) 1 in 2,000 cases

3. How many measles cases have been reported in Texas since late January?

- Option: a) 100 cases
- Option: b) 200 cases
- Option: c) 146 cases
- Option: d) 50 cases

4. Which community in Texas has been mainly affected by the recent measles outbreak?

- Option: a) Amish community
- Option: b) Mennonite community
- Option: c) Baptist community
- Option: d) Mormon community

5. What organization states that one in five unvaccinated individuals with measles requires hospitalization?

- Option: a) WHO
- Option: b) CDC
- Option: c) NIH
- Option: d) Red Cross

6. Who faced backlash for promoting debunked claims linking vaccines to autism?



- Option: a) Dr. Fauci
Option: b) Robert F Kennedy Jr
Option: c) US Secretary of Health
Option: d) Governor of Texas

True-False

7. Robert F Kennedy Jr previously downplayed the seriousness of the measles outbreak.
8. Measles poses a significant threat only to vaccinated individuals.
9. The recent measles-related death in Texas was of an unvaccinated child.
10. The Mennonite community emerged during the 18th-century Renaissance.
11. The choice to vaccinate against measles is a personal one.
12. The fatality rate of measles cases in the US from 1953 to 1962 was 1 in 2,000 cases.

Gap-Fill

13. Before the MMR vaccine was introduced, nearly all children in the US contracted measles. The fatality rate was 1 in _____ cases.
14. One in five unvaccinated individuals with measles requires _____.
15. The recent measles outbreak has mainly affected a _____ community in Texas.
16. Measles poses a significant threat to unvaccinated individuals, especially _____ who typically cannot receive the vaccine.
17. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that roughly one in 20 children with measles contracts _____.



18. Robert F Kennedy Jr has faced backlash for promoting debunked claims linking vaccines to

_____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. b) Robert F Kennedy Jr 2. c) 1 in 1,205 cases 3. c) 146 cases 4. b) Mennonite community
5. b) CDC

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. 1,205 14. hospitalization 15. Mennonite 16. young infants 17. pneumonia 18. autism

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which compound is commonly used in skincare products for its moisturizing properties?

- Option: Intoxication
- Option: Hypoglycemia
- Option: Glycerol
- Option: Peptide

2. What is the medical procedure called to administer a vaccine?

- Option: Outbreak
- Option: Exposures
- Option: Herd Immunity
- Option: Vaccinate

3. Which process in the body converts food and drinks into energy?

- Option: Alleviating
- Option: Metabolism
- Option: Affliction
- Option: Recommending

4. Which term is used to describe unintended or harmful effects of a medication or treatment?

- Option: Abundant
- Option: Critical
- Option: Adverse
- Option: Mitigates



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5. What type of drugs mimic the action of naturally occurring substances such as hormones?
- Option: Agonists
 - Option: Peptide
 - Option: Stimulating
 - Option: Vigilant
6. What is the body's ability to resist a particular pathogen or toxin?
- Option: Contagious
 - Option: Immunity
 - Option: Isolation
 - Option: Exposures
7. Which term describes something that is widespread or common in a particular area or among a particular group?
- Option: Confirmed
 - Option: Critical
 - Option: Prevalent
 - Option: Outbreak
8. What term is used to describe someone who has regained their health after an illness or injury?
- Option: Hospitalization
 - Option: Confirmed
 - Option: Recuperated
 - Option: Vaccination
9. What quality is needed to actively watch for possible danger or difficulties?
- Option: Vigilance
 - Option: Herd Immunity
 - Option: Intoxication
 - Option: Alleviating
10. Which term describes a sudden increase in the occurrence of a disease in a specific time and place?
- Option: Abundant
 - Option: Vaccination
 - Option: Isolation
 - Option: Outbreak

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. _____ refers to the state of being poisoned by a substance.



12. Severe cases of the illness may require _____ for proper treatment.
13. Low blood sugar levels can lead to _____ causing symptoms like dizziness and confusion.
14. A _____ is a short chain of amino acids that can serve as a building block for proteins.
15. Cancer is a serious _____ that can have a significant impact on a person's life.
16. Once the diagnosis was _____ the appropriate treatment plan could be implemented.
17. Painkillers are often used for _____ discomfort and reducing pain.
18. Regular exercise and a healthy diet can help prevent disease and _____ its effects.
19. Doctors may be responsible for _____ appropriate treatments based on a patient's condition.
20. In tropical regions fresh fruit is _____ throughout the year due to the favorable climate.
21. Healthcare workers face multiple _____ to infectious diseases in their line of work.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

22. Measles is a highly disease that can spread rapidly among unvaccinated individuals.
23. Constant is necessary to prevent security breaches in sensitive information systems.
24. When a large portion of a community is vaccinated it provides protecting those who cannot be immunized.
25. The process of administering a vaccine to stimulate the immune system is known as .
26. Patients with highly contagious diseases are often placed in to prevent the spread of the illness.



27. The patient's condition was requiring immediate intervention and monitoring.
28. The sudden of flu cases in the region prompted public health officials to issue warnings.
29. plays a crucial role in protecting vulnerable populations from infectious diseases by limiting transmission.
30. Pain relief medications focus on symptoms of discomfort to improve a patient's quality of life.
31. After a period of rest and treatment the patient from the illness and was able to return to normal activities.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Glycerol 2. Vaccinate 3. Metabolism 4. Adverse 5. Stimulating 6. Immunity 7. Prevalent 8. Recuperated 9. Vigilance 10. Outbreak

Gap-Fill: 11. Intoxication 12. Hospitalization 13. Hypoglycemia 14. Peptide 15. Affliction 16. Confirmed 17. Alleviating 18. Mitigates 19. Recommending 20. Abundant 21. Exposures

Matching sentence: 1. Contagious 2. Vigilance 3. Herd Immunity 4. Vaccination 5. Isolation 6. Critical 7. Outbreak 8. Herd Immunity 9. Alleviating 10. Recuperated

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