



What the Evidence Shows: Federal Public Health Failures

Under Trump & RFK Jr.

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1. Federal Health Instability Raises Costs for Families

Fact: Public health instability increases insurance premiums, emergency care costs, and food insecurity—especially for SNAP families.

Why It Matters: Prevention is cheaper than crisis; chaos is expensive, Real people, their health, and their wallets are on the line.

Source:

- [Americans' Challenges with Health Care Costs | KFF](#)
- [Medicaid and Children's Health: 5 Issues to Watch Amid Recent Federal Changes | KFF](#)

2. Pennsylvania Chose Stability Where Washington Did Not

Fact: Governor Josh Shapiro and Democratic Lawmakers have preserved and introduced legislation to guarantee access to the full, evidence-based vaccination schedule and required insurers to continue coverage.

Why It Matters: That decision protects lives *and* keeps long-term costs down.

Source:

- [Shapiro Admin Releases Clear, Evidence-Based Guidance to Protect Vaccine Access | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#)

- [Shapiro Administration: Federal Changes Do Not Impact Vaccine Access, Recommendations for Pennsylvania's Children | Department of Health | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#)
- [PA Senators Collett, Hughes, Pisciotano Urge Feds to Protect Vaccine Access, Introduce Bill to Require Vaccine Insurance Coverage - Senator Maria Collett](#)
- [House Co-Sponsorship Memo 47032 Information; 2025-2026 Regular Session - PA House of Representatives](#)

3. Vaccine Uncertainty Is Already Linked to Disease Resurgence

Fact: Measles cases reached their highest levels in decades as childhood vaccination rates declined in multiple states.

Why It Matters: Measles was previously eliminated in the U.S.—its return is a policy and leadership failure directly on the hands of Donald Trump and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., not a coincidence. This does nothing to Make Pennsylvania or America Healthy.

Source:

- [Vaccination rates for kids drop across Arizona \(Axios\)](#)
- [Pediatricians are disregarding the new vaccination schedule \(Washington Post\)](#)

4. Pediatricians Are Suing HHS Over Vaccine Rollbacks

Fact: Major medical organizations—including pediatric and physician groups—have filed federal lawsuits challenging HHS-backed changes to childhood vaccine recommendations, arguing they were made without proper scientific process and endanger children.

Why It Matters: When the nation’s top groups of doctors sue the nation’s top health agency, it signals a collapse in evidence-based governance, science, and public trust.

Source:

- [Medical groups challenge Kennedy-backed cuts to vaccine recommendations for children \(Reuters, Jan. 20, 2026\)](#)
- [Lawsuit contests RFK Jr.’s new vaccine guidance for children \(Washington Post, Jan. 19, 2026\)](#)
- [Doctors Sue to Stop RFK Jr.’s ‘Dangerous’ Childhood Vaccine Schedule Purge \(Daily Beast\)](#)

5. Federal Health Leadership Removed Independent Scientific Advisors

Fact: The entire CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices—17 independent experts—was removed under RFK Jr.’s leadership.

Why It Matters: This committee exists to keep politics out of vaccine decisions. Its removal raises alarms about politicization of public health.

Source:

- [RFK Jr. removes all members of CDC panel advising U.S. on vaccines \(NBC4 Washington\)](#)
- [RFK Jr. ousts entire CDC vaccine advisory committee \(Associated Press\)](#)

6. Senior FDA Vaccine Official Resigned Over “Misinformation”

Fact: The head of the FDA’s vaccine division resigned, citing frustration with leadership promoting misinformation and undermining scientific standards.

Why It Matters: Leadership turmoil at FDA directly affects drug safety, vaccine confidence, and insurance markets.

Source:

- [Health Secretary RFK Jr appoints two vaccine skeptics to CDC advisory panel \(The Guardian\)](#)
- [New RFK Jr. pick for vaccine panel: ‘I was not anti-vaccine. I am now.’ \(Washington Post\)](#)

7. Hundreds of Federal Health Workers Warn of System Breakdown

Fact: Hundreds of current and former CDC and NIH staff publicly warned that HHS leadership is dismantling public health infrastructure and weakening disease surveillance.

Why It Matters: These are the professionals who detect outbreaks and protect communities—when they warn of danger, we should listen.

Source:

- [Former CDC leaders warn public health system is 'raging fire' under health secretary : NPR](#)
- [RFK Jr is 'endangering' Americans' health, say former CDC bosses](#)