

# **Seqirus Media Monitoring**

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### **Health agency: Flu lingering in Arizona longer than usual**

Arizona health officials say the flu is lingering in the state longer than usual, with nearly 1,300 laboratory-confirmed cases in June, compared with 200 typically

[http://www.ccenterdispatch.com/news/state/article\\_40f7f0f6-59f3-5ab2-8c2c-17faee046a70.html](http://www.ccenterdispatch.com/news/state/article_40f7f0f6-59f3-5ab2-8c2c-17faee046a70.html)

### **Health Agency: Flu Lingering in Arizona Longer Than Usual**

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/arizona/articles/2017-07-06/health-agency-flu-lingering-in-arizona-longer-than-usual>

### **India declares itself free from Bird Flu**

India has declared itself free from bird flu (H5N1 and H5N8) and notified it to the World Organisation for Animal Health

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-declares-itself-free-from-bird-flu/articleshow/59475945.cms>

### **India declares itself free from highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 and H5N8**

<http://www.jagranjosh.com/current-affairs/india-declares-itself-free-from-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-h5n1-and-h5n8-1499254801-1>

### **India is now free from bird flu**

<http://zeenews.india.com/health/india-is-now-free-from-bird-flu-2021800>

### **India declares itself free from highly pathogenic avian Influenza**

<http://www.uniindia.com/india-declares-itself-free-from-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza/science-technology/news/922215.html>

### **Shareholders Take Chinese Biotech Giant to Court**

With the SEC probing bribes that the former head of Sinovac Biotech paid drug regulators in China, investors hit the Beijing company with a federal class action

<https://www.courthousenews.com/shareholders-take-chinese-biotech-giant-court/>

### **Glancy Prongay & Murray Announces the Filing of a Securities Class Action on Behalf of Sinovac Biotech Ltd. Investors and Encourages Investors to Contact the Firm**

<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20170705005795/en/Glancy-Prongay-Murray-Announces-Filing-Securities-Class>

### **Antiviral to treat H1N1 no longer controlled**

In India, the Union health ministry has taken oseltamivir off the schedule X list, making it widely available to treat H1N1 infections

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/antiviral-to-treat-h1n1-no-longer-controlled/articleshow/59480925.cms>

### **Restrictions on sale of swine flu drugs lifted partially**

<https://www.nyoooz.com/news/mumbai/859698/restrictions-on-sale-of-swine-flu-drugs-lifted-partially/#>

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/mumbai/restrictions-on-sale-of-swine-flu-drugs-lifted-partially/article19226682.ece>

## **DNA-based strategy protects against multiple flu strains in study**

Researchers at the Wistar Institute, in collaboration with MedImmune and Inovio, developed a novel, synthetic, DNA-based strategy to protect against an array of flu viruses in preclinical models

[https://www.upi.com/Health\\_News/2017/07/06/DNA-based-strategy-protects-against-multiple-flu-strains-in-study/2181499348650/](https://www.upi.com/Health_News/2017/07/06/DNA-based-strategy-protects-against-multiple-flu-strains-in-study/2181499348650/)

## **New DNA-based strategy shows promise against a range of influenza viruses**

<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2017-07-dna-based-strategy-range-influenza-viruses.html>

## **Scientists develop novel DNA-based strategy to protect against broad array of influenza viruses**

<http://www.news-medical.net/news/20170706/Scientists-develop-novel-DNA-based-strategy-to-protect-against-broad-array-of-influenza-viruses.aspx>

## **New DNA-Based Strategy Shows Promise Against a Range of Influenza Viruses**

<http://www.infectioncontroltoday.com/news/2017/07/new-dnabased-strategy-shows-promise-against-a-range-of-influenza-viruses.aspx>

## **Inovio's Monoclonal Antibody Platform Achieves Proof-of-Principle Validation**

Inovio announced a DNA-based monoclonal antibody product for flu producing broadly cross-reactive antibodies, which provide complete protection from a lethal challenge, with multiple viruses from both influenza A and B types in a preclinical study

<http://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/Inovio-s-Monoclonal-Antibody-Platform-Achieves-Proof-of-Principle-Validation-1002152483>

## **Inovio's DNA-based Monoclonal Antibody Platform Achieves Further Proof-of-Principle Validation**

<http://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2017/07/06/1039676/0/en/Inovio-s-DNA-based-Monoclonal-Antibody-Platform-Achieves-Further-Proof-of-Principle-Validation.html>

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<http://www.nasdaq.com/press-release/inovios-dna-based-monoclonal-antibody-platform-achieves-further-proof-of-principle-validation-20170706-00429>

## **New technique can help predict and combat potential pandemic virus**

Allergy Therapeutics has published data from two preclinical studies analysing its immuno-therapy platform as a potential vaccine against malaria and the flu

<http://www.news-medical.net/news/20170705/New-technique-can-help-predict-and-combat-potential-pandemic-virus.aspx>

## **New method helps fighting future pandemics**

[https://www.eurekalert.org/pub\\_releases/2017-07/su-nmh070517.php](https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2017-07/su-nmh070517.php)

## **New flu vaccine patch contains dissolving needles**

Scientists have developed an influenza patch which has been successful in its first human clinical trial

<https://www.healthcarepackaging.com/article/applications/healthcare/new-flu-vaccine-patch-contains-dissolving-needles>

## **Drug weapons: Computer designed proteins prepare to battle the next pandemic**

Scientists at the University of Washington have demonstrated a new way to shut down the flu, using computer modelling to build a new kind of antiviral protein with three sticky hands

<https://geneticliteracyproject.org/2017/07/06/drug-weapons-computer-designed-proteins-prepare-battle-next-pandem>

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### **Avian, human influenza may infect bats**

Researchers are studying whether bats can be co-infected with avian and human influenza viruses, and have the potential to contribute to the emergence of new pandemic influenza strains

<https://www.farmanddairy.com/news/avian-human-influenza-may-infect-bats/428707.html>

### **France will make Vaccinations For 11 Diseases Compulsory From Next Year**

France is making 11 vaccinations compulsory from next year, including influenza

<http://www.iflscience.com/health-and-medicine/france-is-making-vaccinations-for-11-diseases-compulsory-from-next-year/>

### **No vaccines, no public school: is it time for Canada to emulate France?**

No vaccines are mandatory anywhere in Canada, though the issue comes up regularly. The Ontario government passed a bill requiring abstaining parents to undergo education on immunization

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/no-vaccines-no-public-school-is-it-time-for-canada-to-emulate-france/article35575459/>

### **School and the compulsory vaccinations, vaccines will be widely available in pharmacies**

A number of vaccines will be compulsory for Italian children and pharmacies will be allowed to administer them, according to a Senate amendment

[http://www.sanita24.ilsole24ore.com/art/in-parlamento/2017-07-06/obbligo-scuola-vaccini-somministrabili-anche-farmacia-183644.php?uuid=AEtwgDtB&refresh\\_ce=1](http://www.sanita24.ilsole24ore.com/art/in-parlamento/2017-07-06/obbligo-scuola-vaccini-somministrabili-anche-farmacia-183644.php?uuid=AEtwgDtB&refresh_ce=1)

### **Last Year's Flu Vaccine Failed to Protect Elderly Patients**

According to a report from U.S health officials, elderly citizens suffered the most hospitalizations and deaths during the most recent flu season

<https://www.pastemagazine.com/articles/2017/06/last-flu-vaccine-failed-to-protect-the-elderly.html>

### **Compulsory vaccines: Requirement extended to health workers**

The President of Friuli Venezia Giulia proposed extending the mandatory vaccines to health workers in hospitals

[http://www.ilfriuli.it/articolo/Salute\\_e\\_benessere/Vaccini-points-\\_obbligo\\_esteso\\_agli\\_operatori\\_sanitari/12/168566](http://www.ilfriuli.it/articolo/Salute_e_benessere/Vaccini-points-_obbligo_esteso_agli_operatori_sanitari/12/168566)

### **Vaccini:ridotto obbligo da 12 a 10. Presentato emendamento che prevede vaccinazione anche per i docenti**

<https://www.professionistiscuola.it/varie/2858-vaccini-ridotto-obbligo-da-12-a-10-presentato-emendamento-che-prevede-vaccinazione-anche-per-i-docenti.html>

### **Open for comments - Italian regions submit views on draft compulsory vaccinations law**

Italian regions submit comments on the amendments to the compulsory vaccination law during a conference in Rome

<https://www.riviera24.it/2017/07/vaccini-viale-e-gallera-via-libera-a-documento-che-introduce-modifiche-sostanziali-al-decreto-259474/>

### **Decreto vaccini. Approvato emendamento su 10 obbligatori e 4 "consigliati". Tetto massimo sanzioni scende a 3500 euro. Via riferimento a patria potestà. Vaccinazioni anche in farmacia**

[http://www.quotidianosanita.it/governo-e-parlamento/articolo.php?articolo\\_id=52386](http://www.quotidianosanita.it/governo-e-parlamento/articolo.php?articolo_id=52386)

### **Vaccini, Lombardia e Liguria: "Sì al decreto, ma con modifiche sostanziali"**

<http://www.meteoweb.eu/2017/07/vaccini-lombardia-e-liguria-si-al-decreto-ma-con-modifiche-sostanziali/929173/#XUusZZUv7Z6KyGjq.99>

## **CDC: Flu shot was only 42 percent effective this season, but still worth getting**

New analysis puts the flu vaccine's effectiveness at 19% for people ages 18 to 49, 25% for people ages 65 or older, and 61% for children aged 6 months to 8 years

[http://lancasteronline.com/news/local/cdc-flu-shot-was-only-percent-effective-this-season-but/article\\_40a4f71c-61b2-11e7-b966-c3454124f5e6.html](http://lancasteronline.com/news/local/cdc-flu-shot-was-only-percent-effective-this-season-but/article_40a4f71c-61b2-11e7-b966-c3454124f5e6.html)

## **Peak flu season arrives and cases reported are double 2016 statistics**

South West Sydney Local Health District flu cases for January to May were double last year's statistics and in the last week of June there were 50 cases reported, a spike of 12 from the average over the three weeks prior

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/newslocal/liverpool-leader/peak-flu-season-arrives-and-cases-reported-are-double-2016-statistics/news-story/95f67d063867f438923416907f82b749>

## **One more swine flu positive in the city**

For the second consecutive day, a swine flu case was reported in Lucknow, India, taking the tally of people affected with influenza A H1N1 to 12

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/one-more-swine-flu-positive-in-city/articleshow/59464563.cms>

## **Health department review leads to 14 more Oklahoma flu-related deaths**

The Oklahoma Department of Health has revised its flu deaths numbers for the current 2016-17 season, adding 14 new deaths across the state

<http://www.newsok.com/story/35825392/review-leads-to-14-more-oklahoma-flu-related-deaths>

## **Reminder to get your jab ahead of 2017 flu season in Tasmania**

Tasmanian Health authorities say now is a good time to get your annual flu jab as flu immunity is only short lived and the mix of viruses change each year

<http://www.examiner.com/story/4776000/have-you-had-your-flu-jab-yet-poll/>

## **ED overflowing as flu season hits, hospital at capacity**

In New Zealand, Hawke's Bay health officials are warning of a rise in influenza-like illness that's putting pressure on the hospital's Emergency Department, and asking people to see their GPs

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=11885764](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11885764)

## **Hawke's Bay Hospital at Capacity**

<https://www.newscollective.co.nz/hbdhb/item/454-hawke-s-bay-hospital-at-capacity.html>

## **Meet the real culprits responsible for your nasty cold or flu symptoms**

Colds and flu are caused by viruses, but their symptoms are actually caused by a handful of chemicals in our own immune systems

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2017-07-07/real-cause-of-cold-and-flu-symptoms/8656768>

## **Flu season yet to peak**

Southern NSW Local Health District is encouraging everyone who hasn't been vaccinated against the flu yet to do so

<http://www.begadistrictnews.com.au/story/4774077/flu-season-yet-to-peak/>

## **Pharmaceutical society warns about 'flu cocktails'**

Large pharmacy groups have taken pre-packaged "flu cocktail" medicine combinations off their shelves, following a warning by the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa that dispensing these without interaction with a patient is illegal

<http://citizen.co.za/news/1561781/pharmaceutical-society-warns-flu-cocktails/>

## **Males more prone to swine flu, says civic health department**

With an increase in the number of swine flu cases in Mumbai, it has been found that 56 per cent of

the infected patients are male, aged between 15 and 44

<http://www.asianage.com/metros/mumbai/060717/males-more-prone-to-swine-flu-says-civic-health-department.html>

### **Minor scare at GMC as 1 tests positive for swine flu**

The staff at Goa Medical College and Hospital was concerned as two patients were admitted with swine flu symptoms, but so far only one has actually tested positive for the virus

<http://goacom.com/minor-scare-at-gmc-as-1-tests-positive-for-swine-flu/>

### **Only one case of Swine Flu at Mater Dei Hospital this year**

In Malta, there has only been one patient diagnosed with AH1N1 at Mater Dei Hospital, according to Health Minister Chris Fearne

<http://www.independent.com.mt/articles/2017-07-06/local-news/Only-one-case-of-Swine-Flu-at-Mater-Dei-Hospital-thi-s-year-6736176266>

### **State well-equipped to handle swine flu: Rane**

In Goa, the Health Minister has said the state is well-equipped to handle H1N1 cases and that all health centres are prepared to respond to any outbreak

<https://www.heraldgoa.in/Goa/State-wellequipped-to-handle-swine-flu-Rane/117307.html>