

HEARCAG'S LAND AND ENSLAVED PEOPLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We invite you to recognize the written histories of the United States as fractured.

We are on the traditional land of the Coast Salish people, whose communities lived here for generations and who continue to be systematically erased by policies and practices that remove their histories from this place. We honor their past and continued stewardship of this land.

We acknowledge that the United States was built off the stolen labor of kidnapped African people. Much of what we know of this country today—its culture, economic growth, and development—has been made possible by the labor of enslaved Africans and their descendants, who suffered the horrors of the trans-Atlantic human trafficking, chattel slavery, and Jim Crow. We are indebted to their labor and sacrifices, and we acknowledge the tremors of violence throughout generations that can still be felt today.

We recognize that these difficult histories persist in present-day racial realities and privileges in our nation. We commit to dismantling this racism in all spaces of our work and lives.

Topic	Speaker	Time
Welcome Check-in question: What are your looking forward to this fall?	Bereket Kiros	10:35 – 10:50 (15 mins)
Forum Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the date: November 6th • Summit Name • Agenda • Carceral Health Group 	Kalika and planning team	10:50 – 11:10 (20 mins)
Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for members' announcements, resources and events • What is your org working on at the moment? • HEARCAG Applications (Jennell and Ginna) 	All	11:10-11:30pm (20 mins)
Immunization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory illness and childhood vaccinations • State/federal vaccine guidance 	Dr. Eric Chow, PHSKC	11:30 - 12:00 (30 mins)

Save the Date and Invite your Community

Date: Friday, November 6, 2026

Where: White Center Hub (Savusa Hall)

Purpose: Bring community together around community budgeting.

Forum is part of our work with Health in Partnerships (HiP)/ Power-Building Partnerships for Health cohort*

Budget & Policy Summit:

Our Communities, Our Power, Our Health

A forum hosted by the King County Health Equity
and Anti-Racism Community Advisory Group

Tentative Agenda

- Featured Speakers: Abigail Echohawk & Dr. Ben Danielson
- Table Discussion and Large Group Discussion
- Data Walk from Policy Brown Paper
- **Carceral Health Presentation**
- Panel w/ Q&A HEARCAG Brown Paper
- Action Commitments

Updates & Reminders

Open for members' announcements, resources and events

Fall Immunization Updates

Respiratory Virus Vaccinations and Childhood Immunizations

Eric J. Chow, MD, MS, MPH, FIDSA, FACP, FAAP

October 1, 2026

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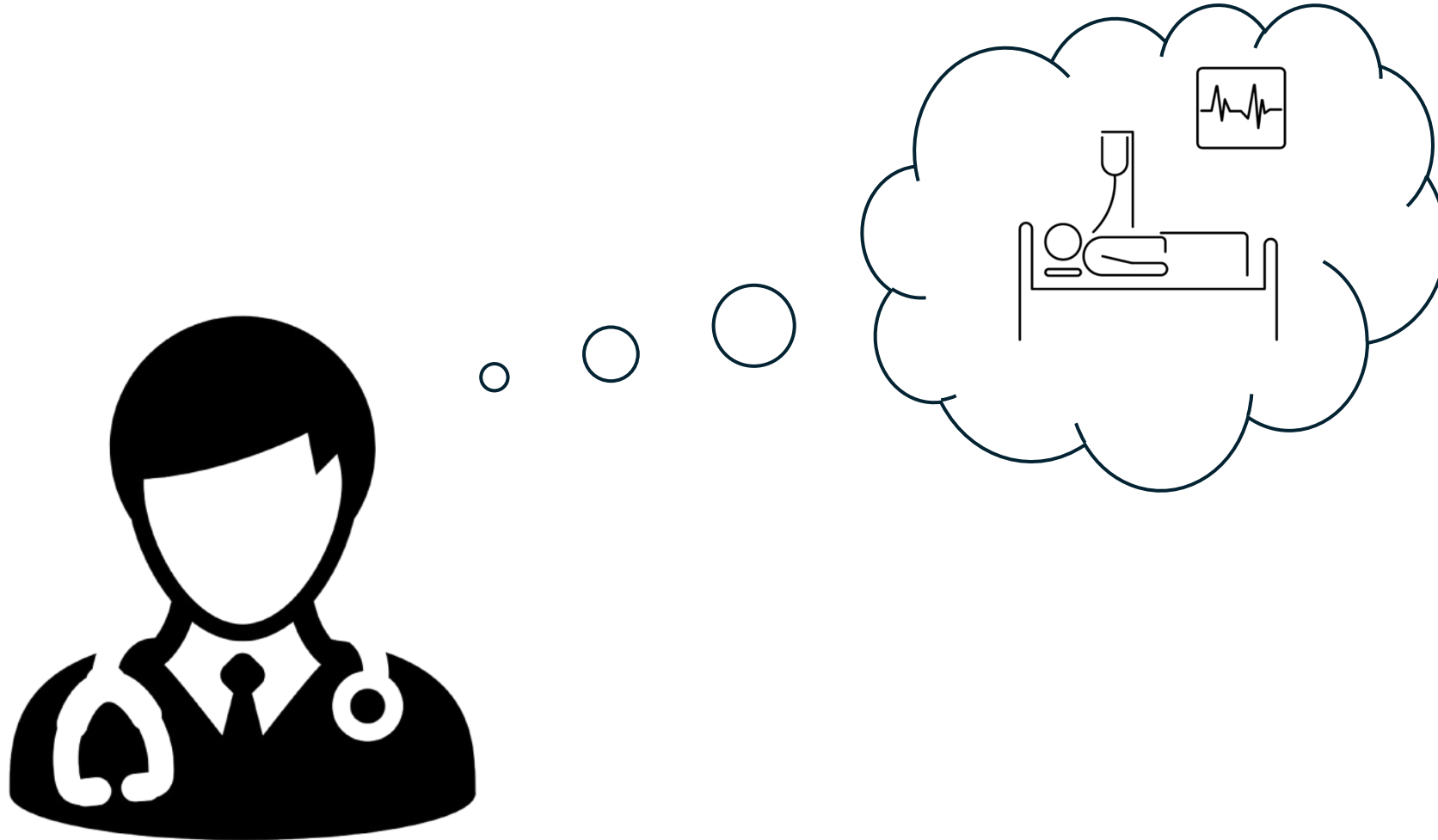
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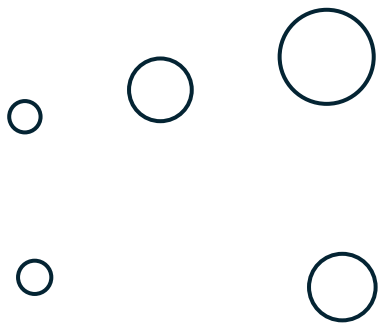
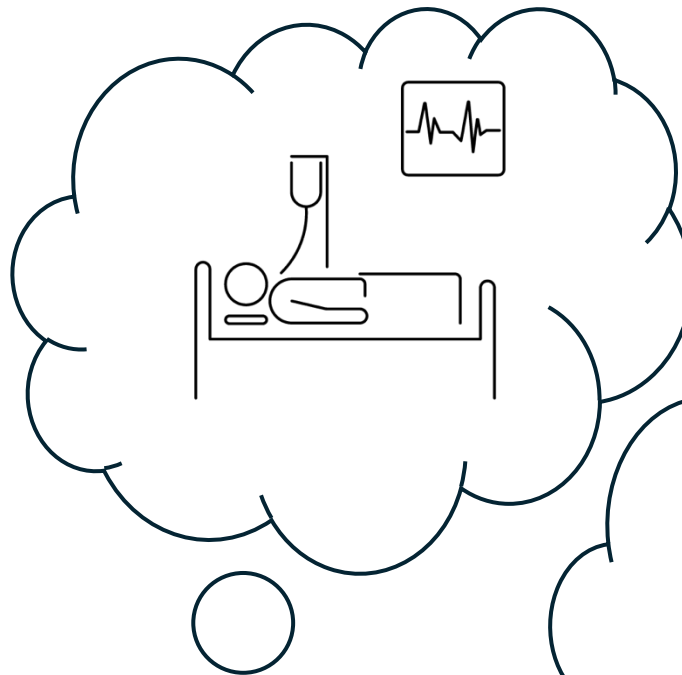
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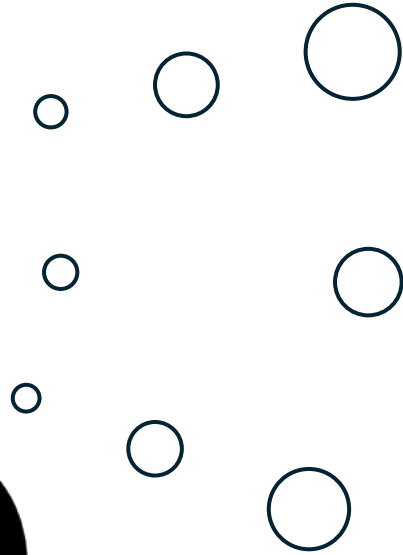
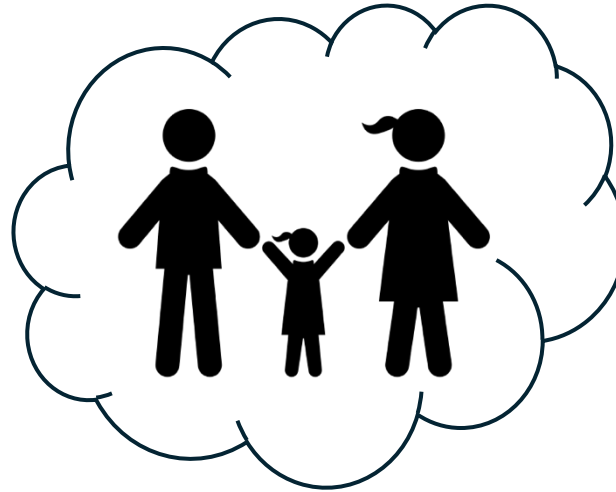
Key Takeaway Points

- COVID-19 and flu already taking off. Vaccine preventable diseases like measles and whooping cough are causing outbreaks nationwide.
- Federal vaccine policy procedures and recommendations have changed. Medical professional societies have stepped in.
- Vaccination against COVID has decreased while flu and RSV are the same. Childhood vaccination rates vary by school and district.
- Flu, COVID and RSV immunization recommendations are mostly the same. Get vaccinated now for flu and COVID. Get RSV if you're eligible.



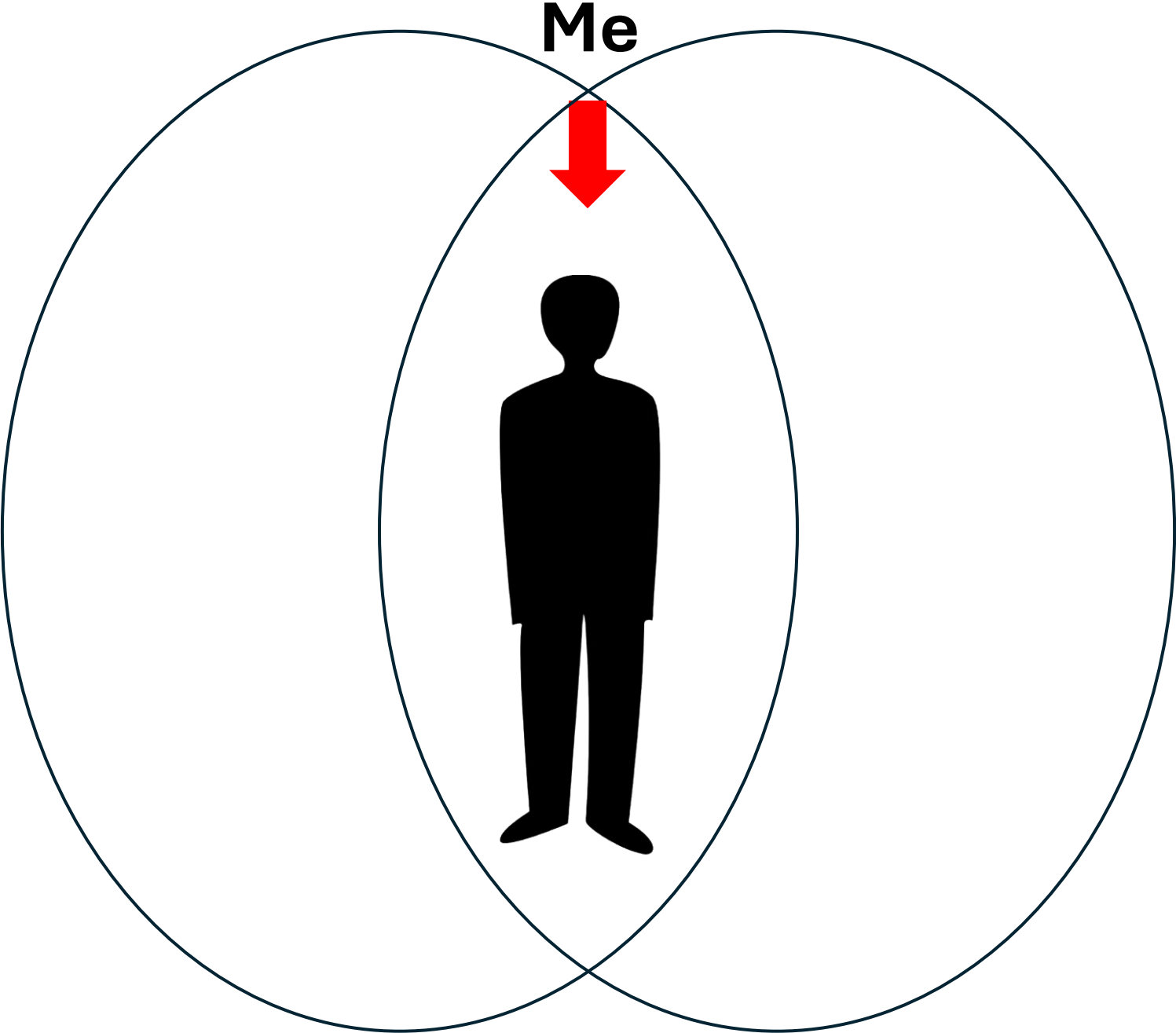


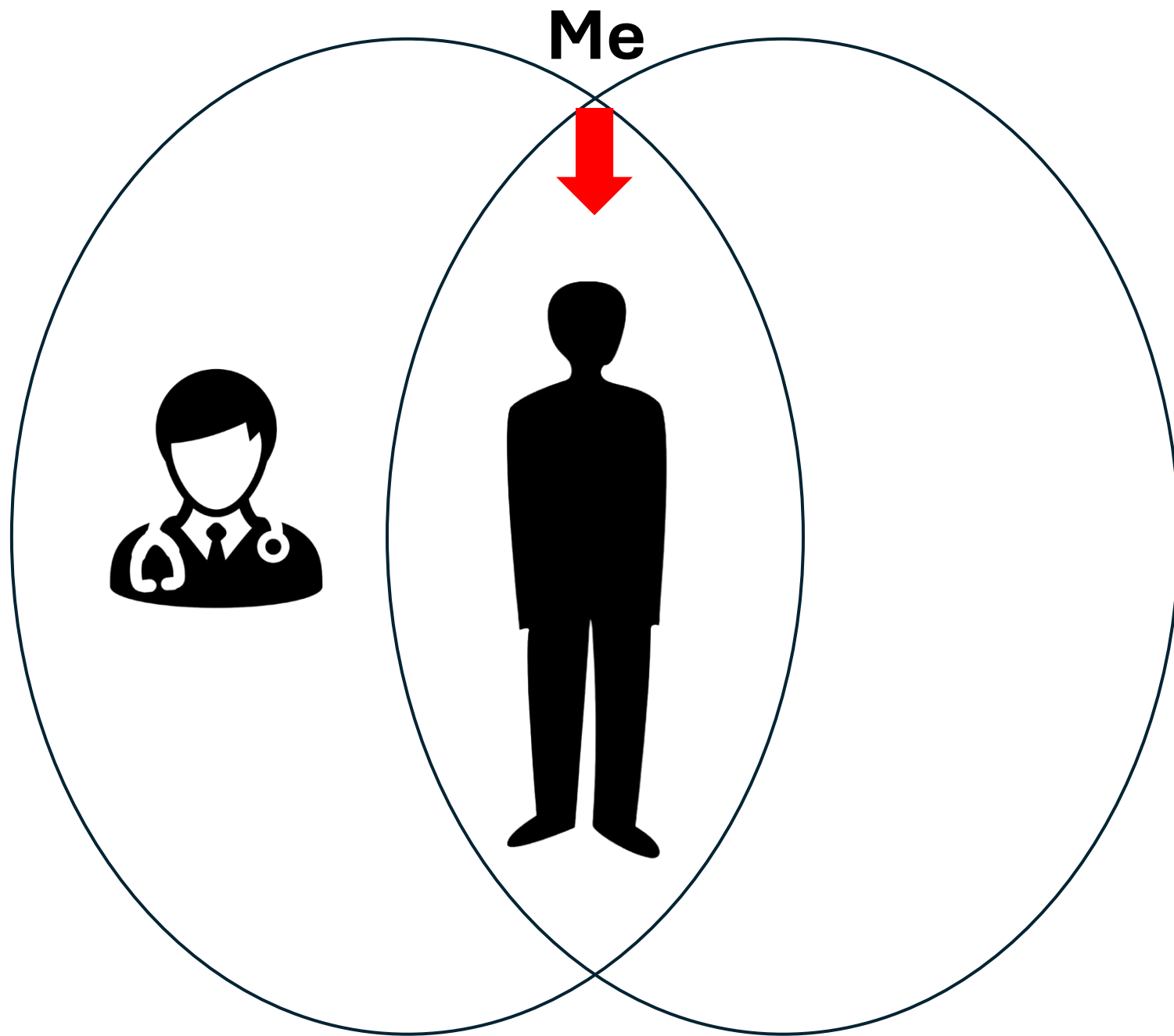


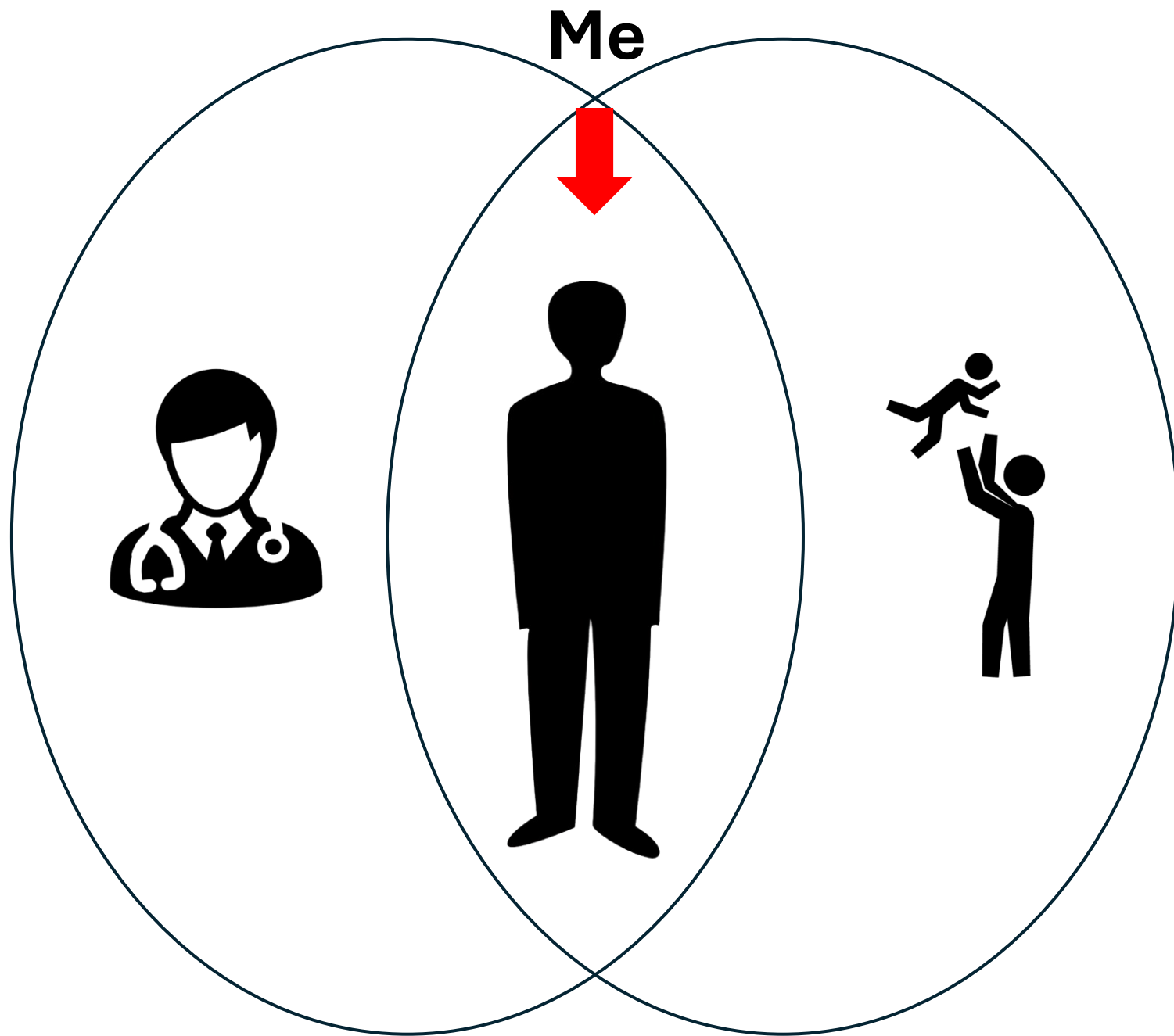


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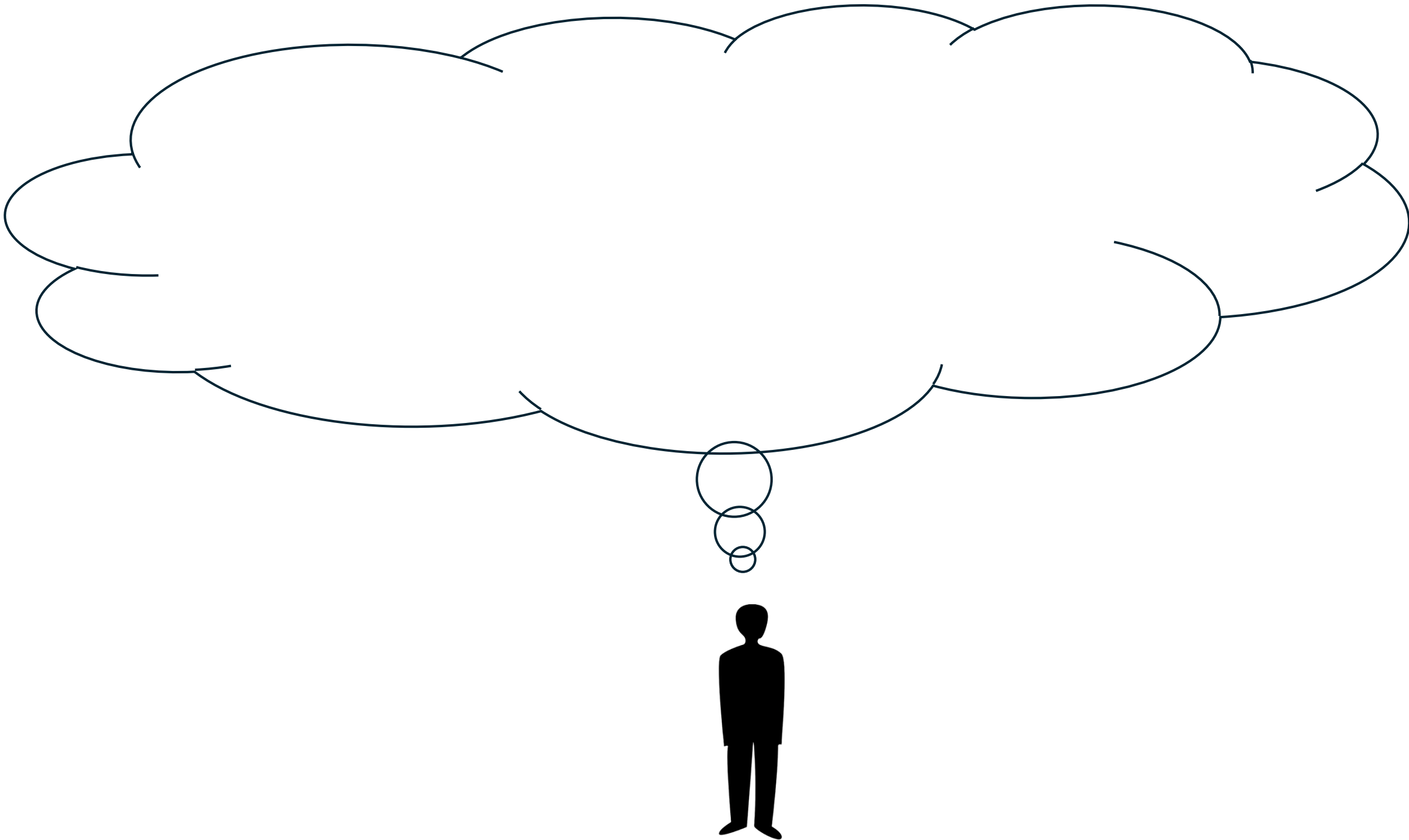


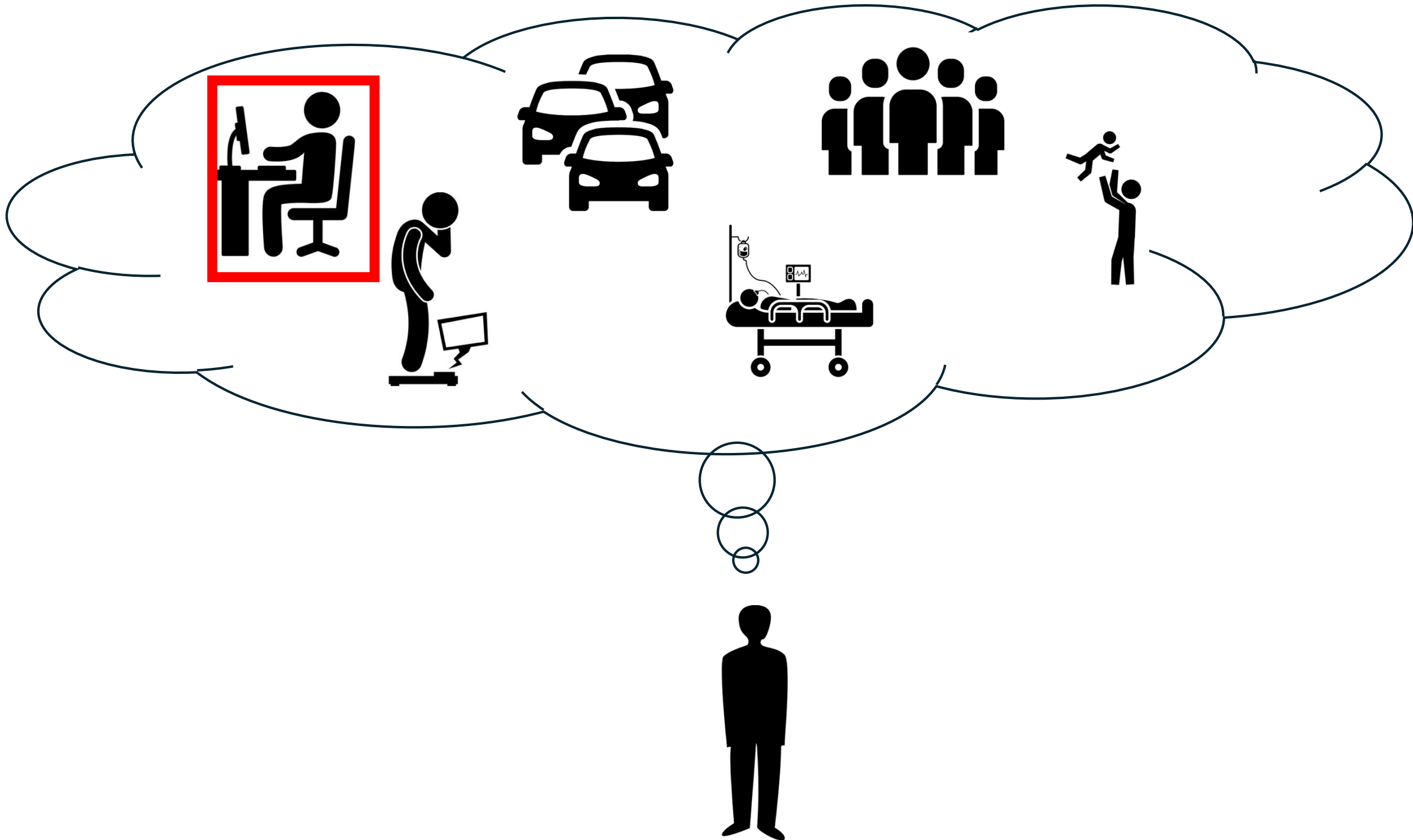


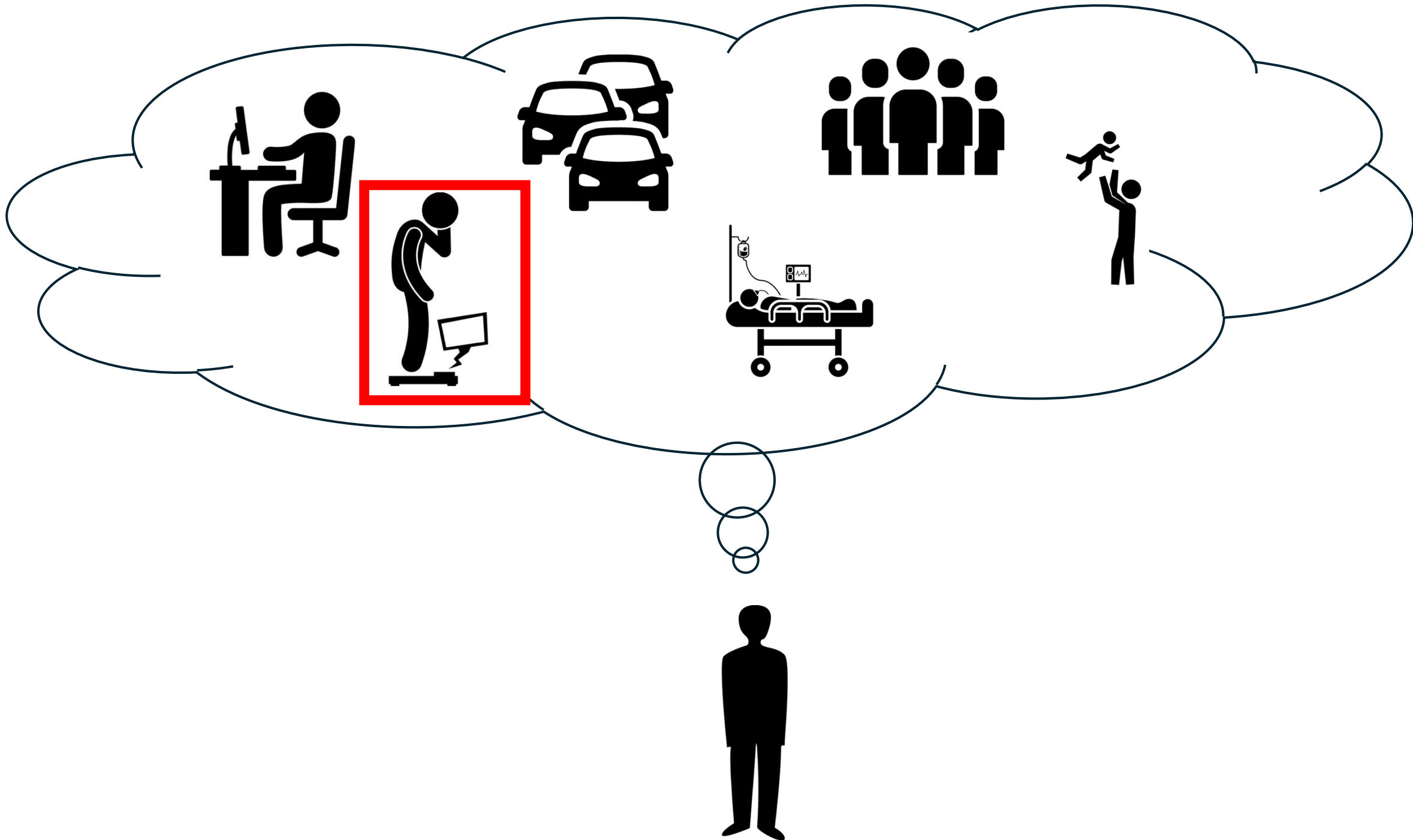


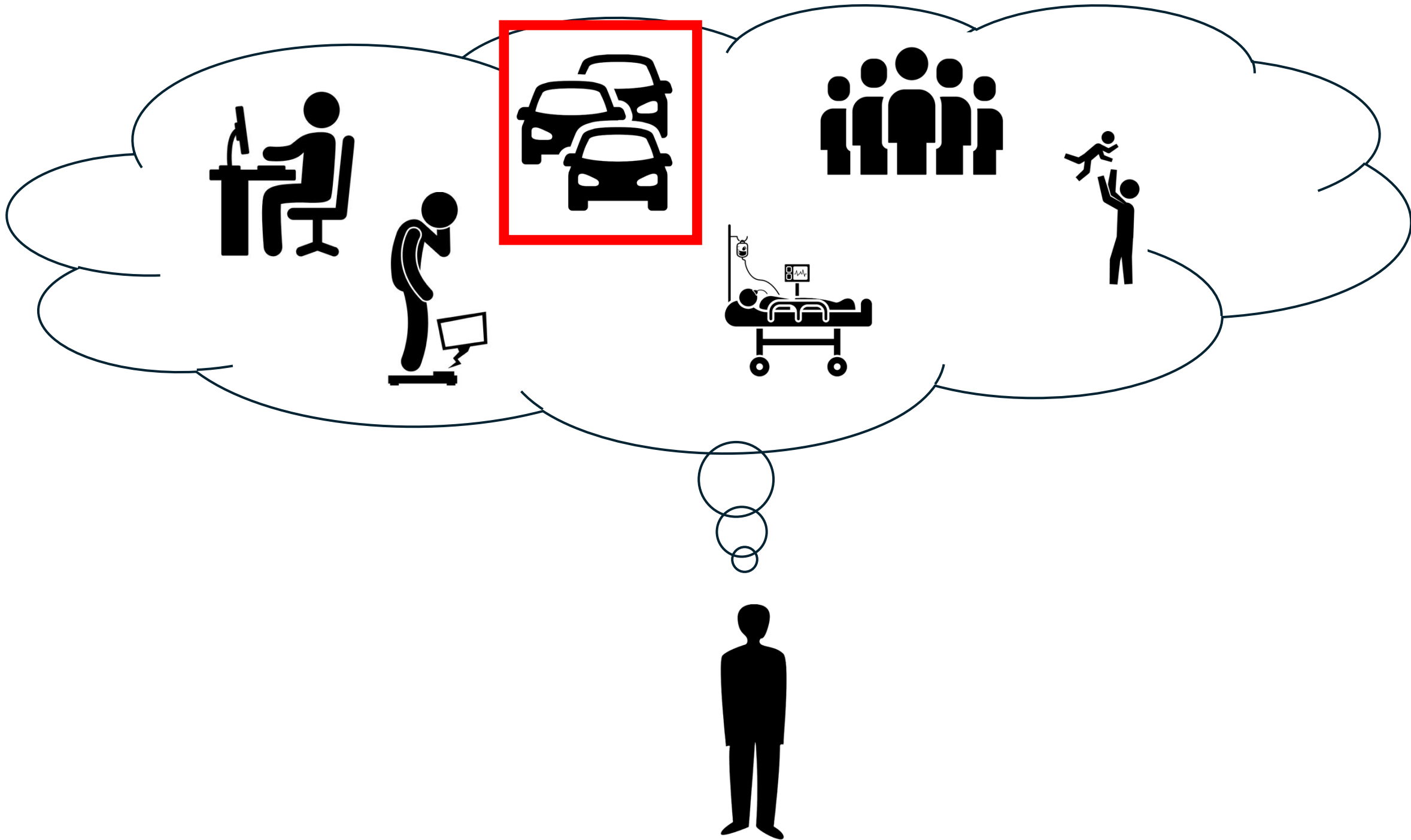


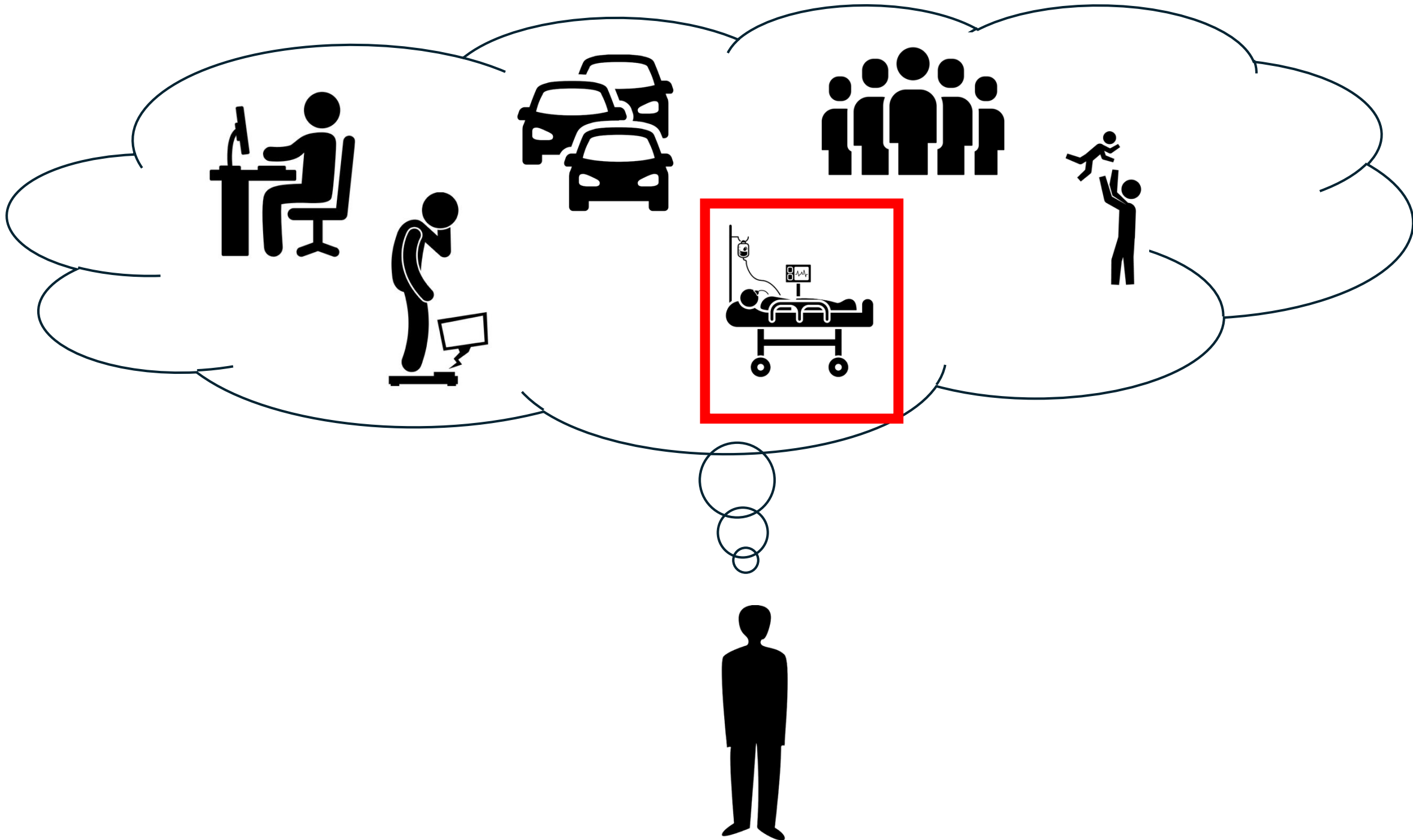


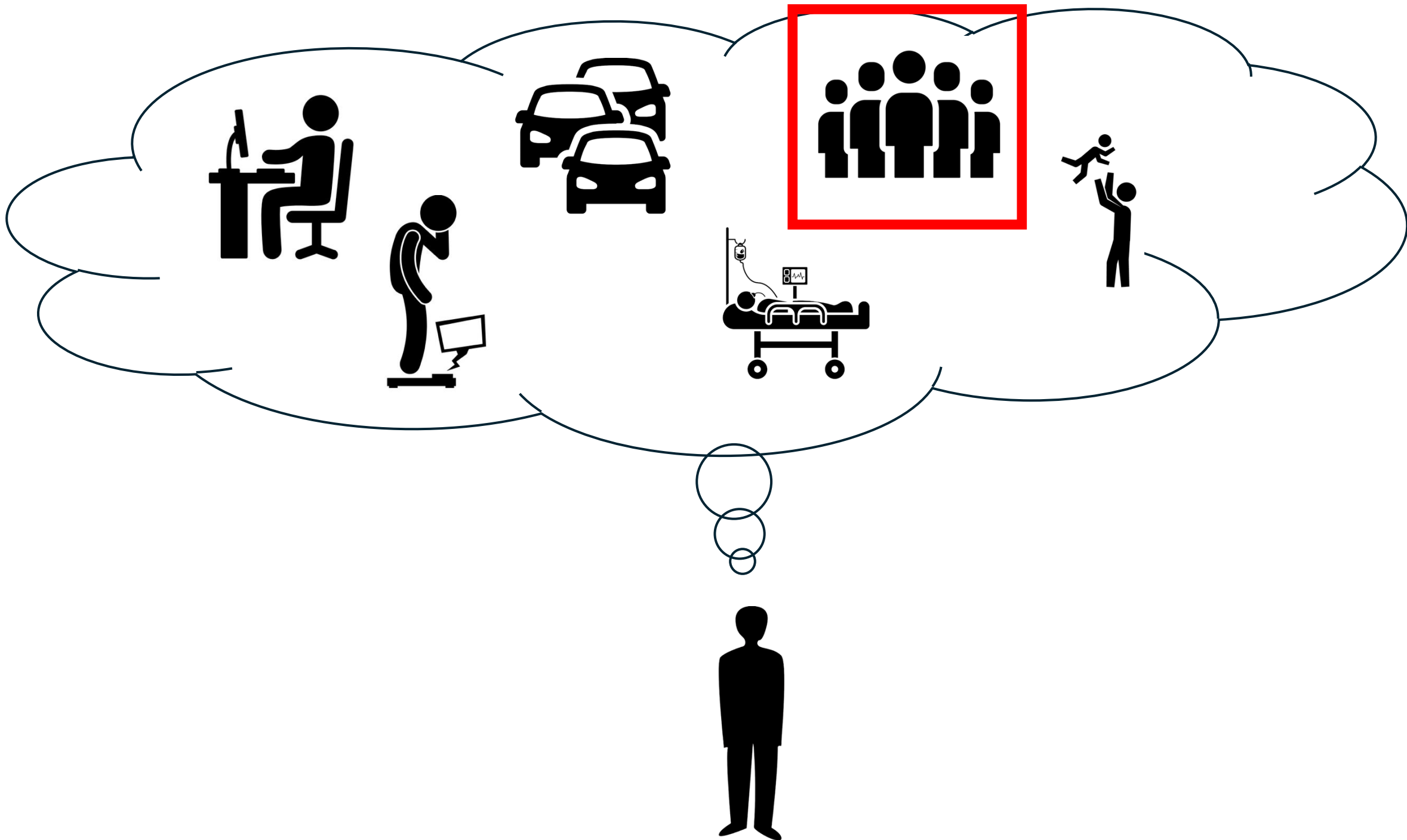


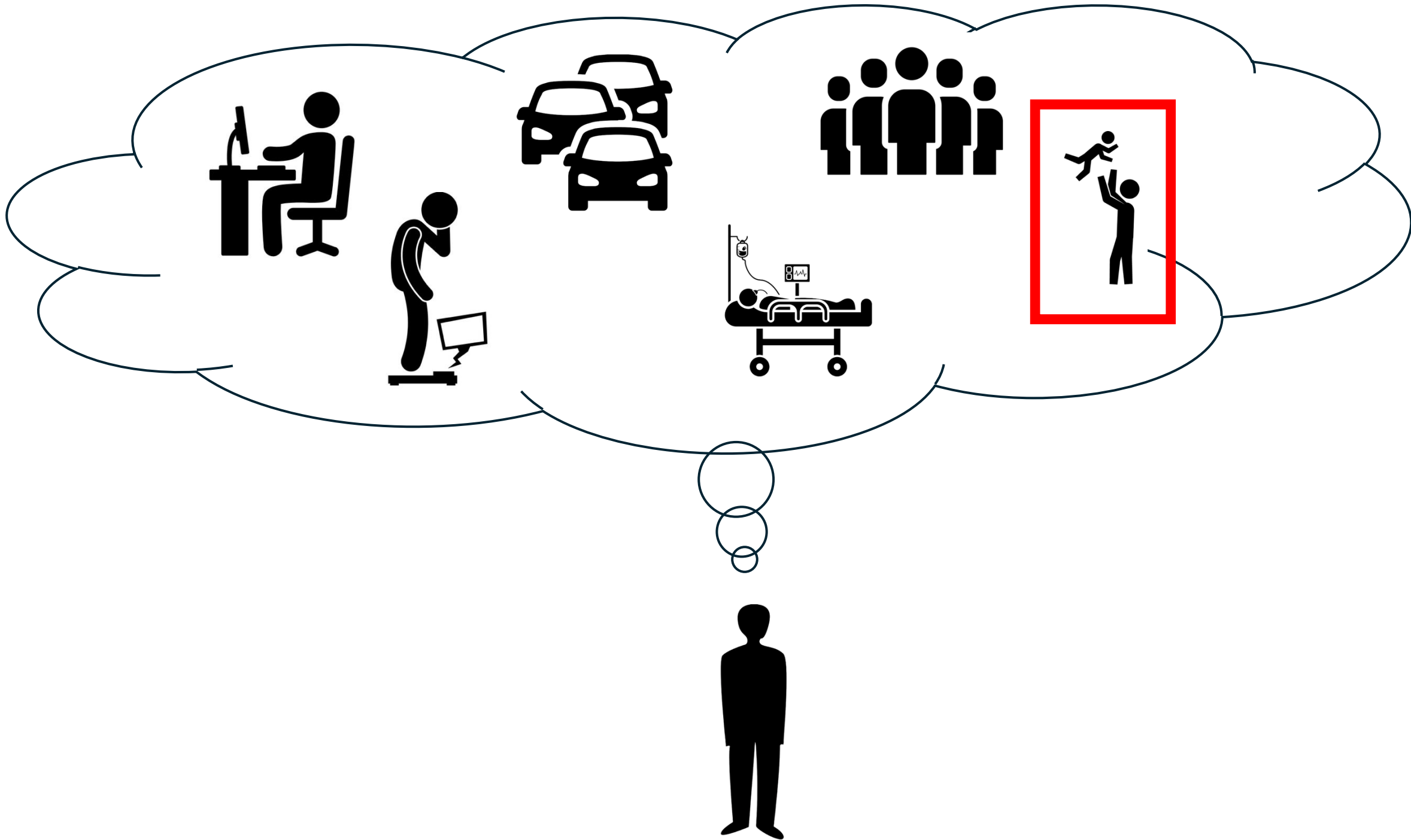














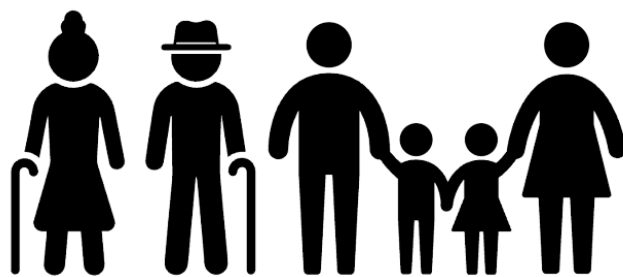
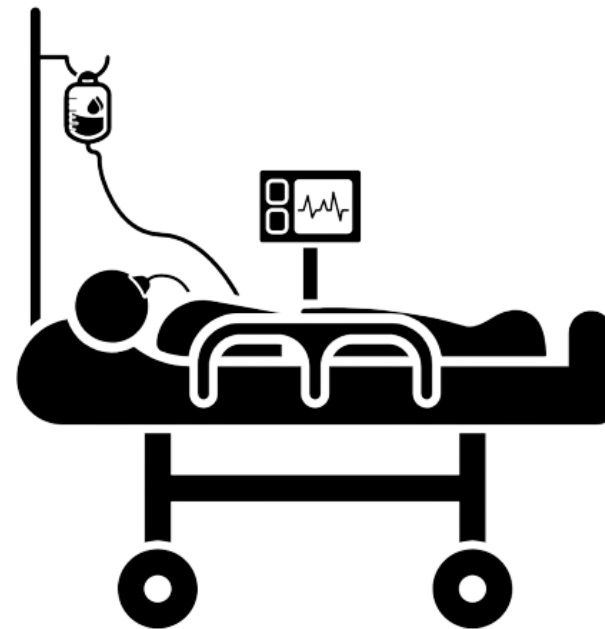
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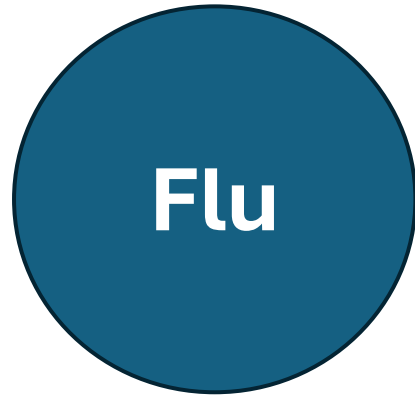
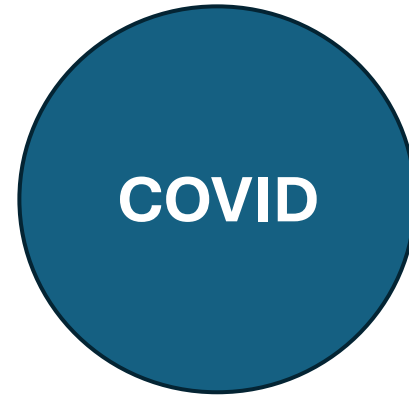


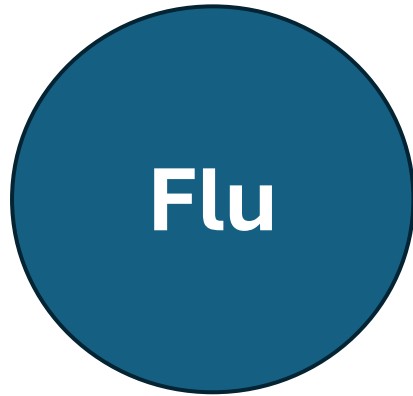
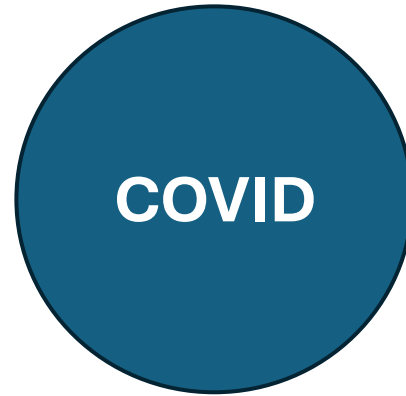
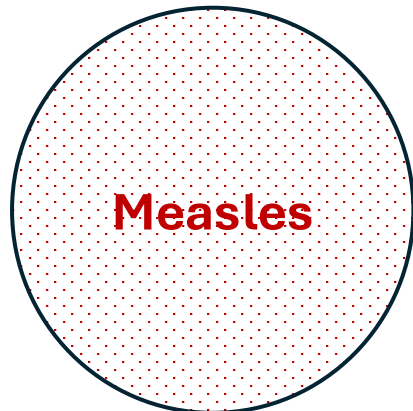
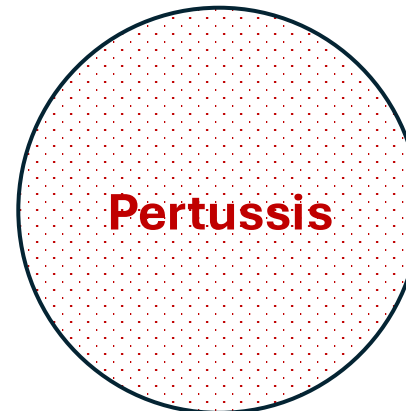
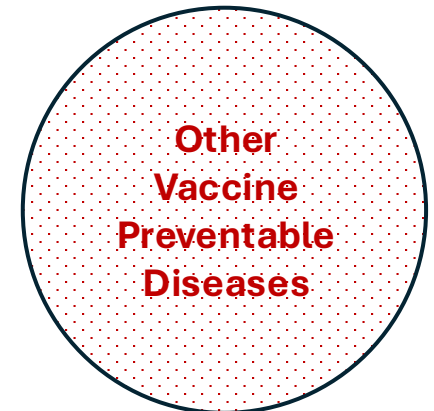


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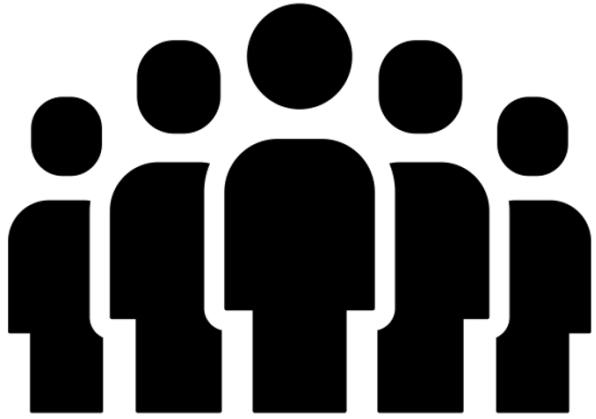
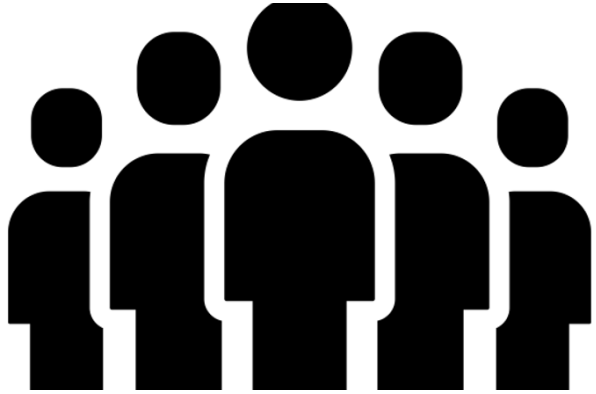
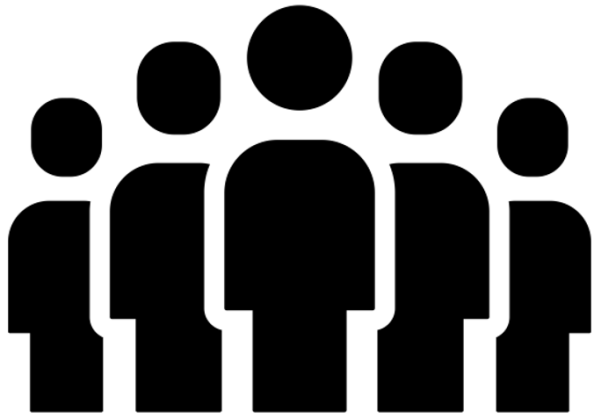
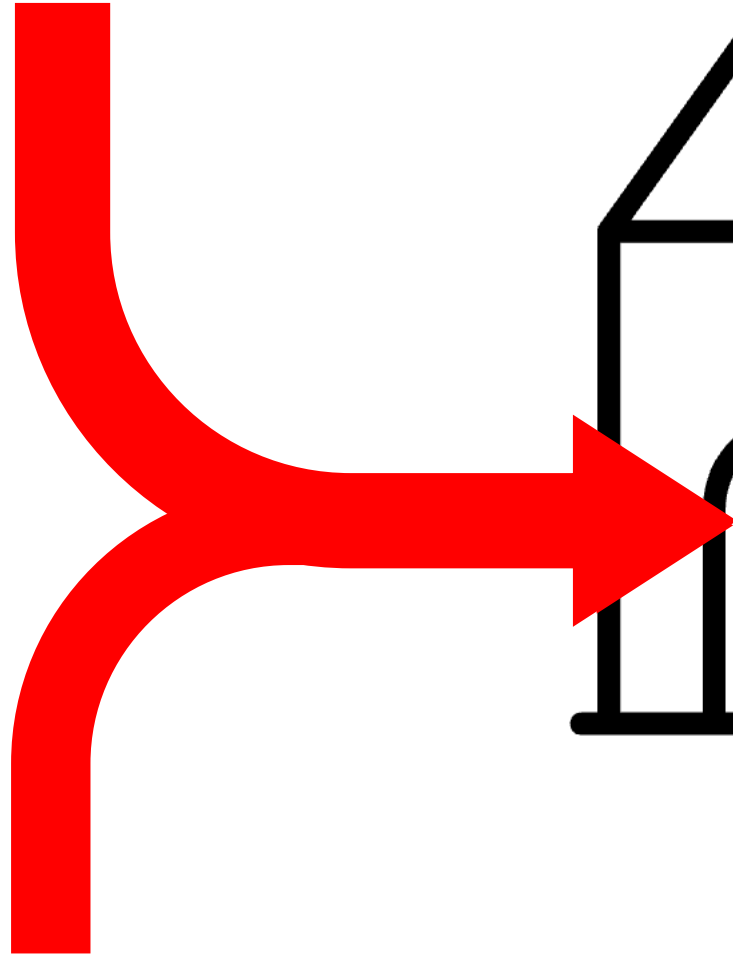
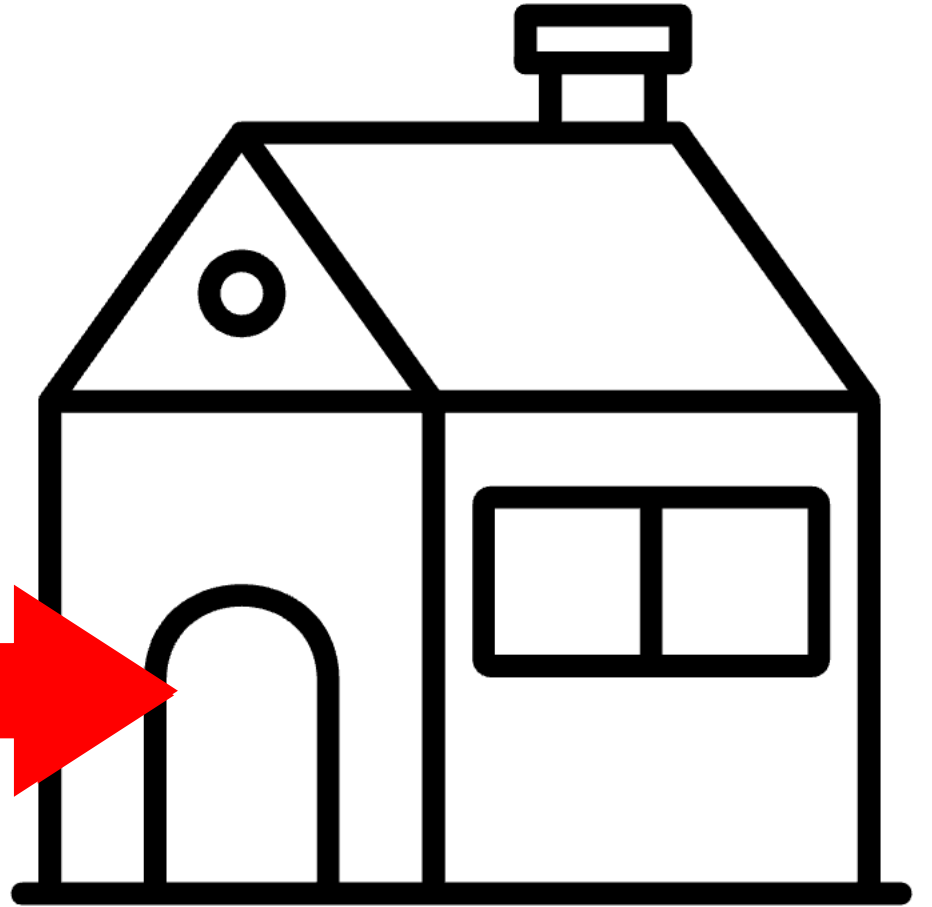




Respiratory Illnesses



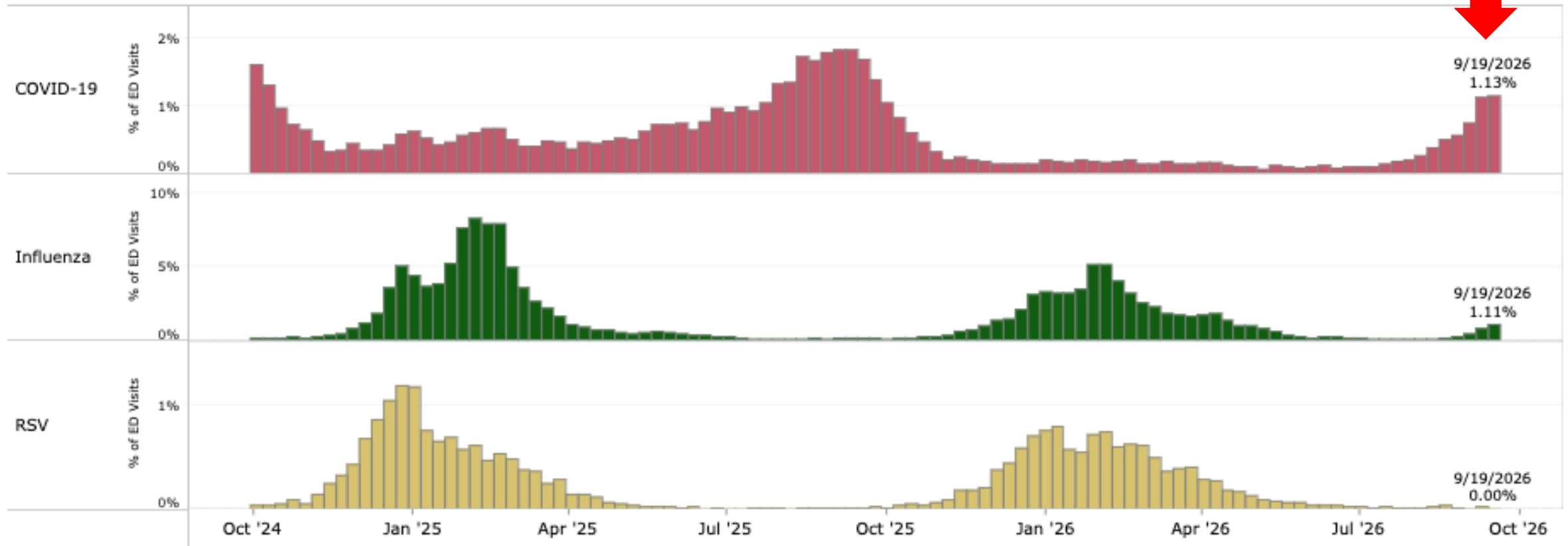


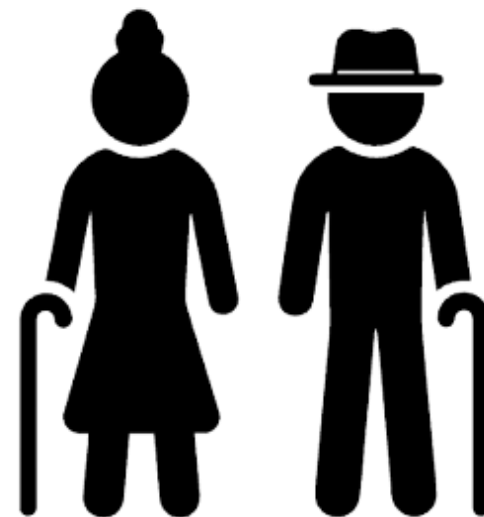




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Emergency Department Visits for Specific Pathogens for the Metro Puget Sound





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Measles Has Returned To America. We're No Longer In Containment Mode

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US measles cases continue to climb, topping 3,600

News brief | September 25, 2026
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The US measles count has climbed to 3,659 confirmed cases, with 171 new cases added this week, according to [today's update](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Of the 3,659 confirmed cases, 18% are in children age 5 and under, 43% in children and teens aged 5 to 19, and 38% are in adults 20 and older. Nine percent of case-patients have been hospitalized. Ninety-five percent of case-patients are unvaccinated or have unknown vaccination status.



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Measles Elimination Status: What It Is and How the U.S. Could Lose It

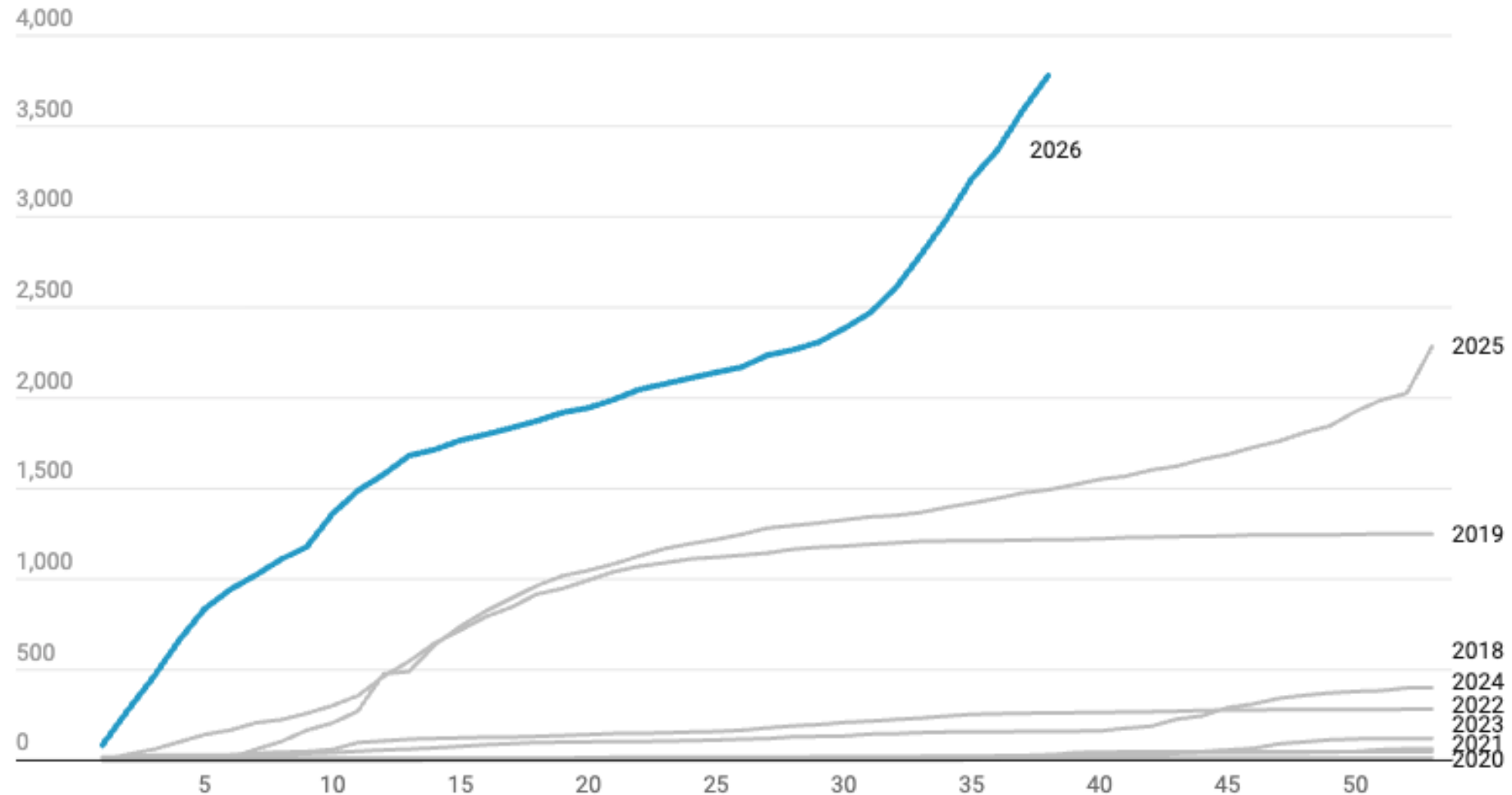
Author: [Josh Michaud](#)
Published: Apr 7, 2026

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Originally published in July 2025, this policy watch has been updated in April 2026 to reflect additional developments and updated measles trends.

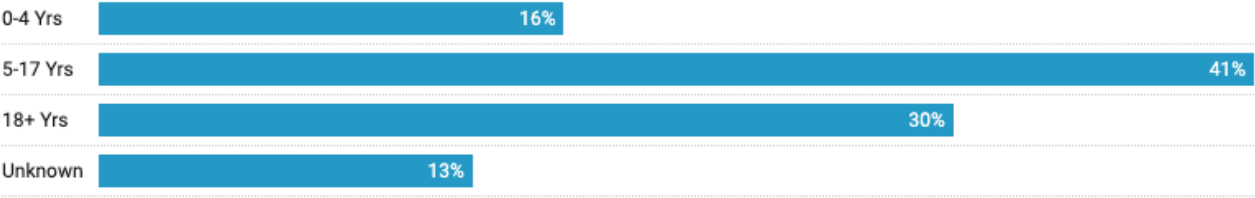
Measles has been officially “eliminated” from the U.S. since 2000, which means the country had not seen very large outbreaks and had not had 12 months or more of uncontrolled domestic transmission of the virus since before that time. However, a series of measles outbreaks began in the U.S. in early 2025 that continue today:

Cumulative measles cases reported in the United States by year



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U.S. measles cases by age



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* Age status of cases are aggregated from official state health department websites and official press releases.

Imported and locally acquired measles cases by state in the United States

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	State	Recent 2 Weeks	Total 2025	▼ Total 2026
1	Pennsylvania	217	16	890
2	South Carolina	0	333	671
3	Utah	9	197	527
4	Ohio	64	45	197
5	Texas	0	803	192
6	Virginia	0	5	179
7	Wisconsin	8	36	165
8	Florida	4	7	148
9	Arizona	1	222	123
10	New York	38	48	69
11	Kentucky	22	14	67
12	California	0	25	59
13	Washington	2	12	58
14	Oregon	1	1	58
50	U.S.	416	2,286	3,782

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4 measles-associated deaths reported in Pennsylvania amid outbreak

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 · 4:45 AM ET

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By Sydney Roach



2-Minute Listen

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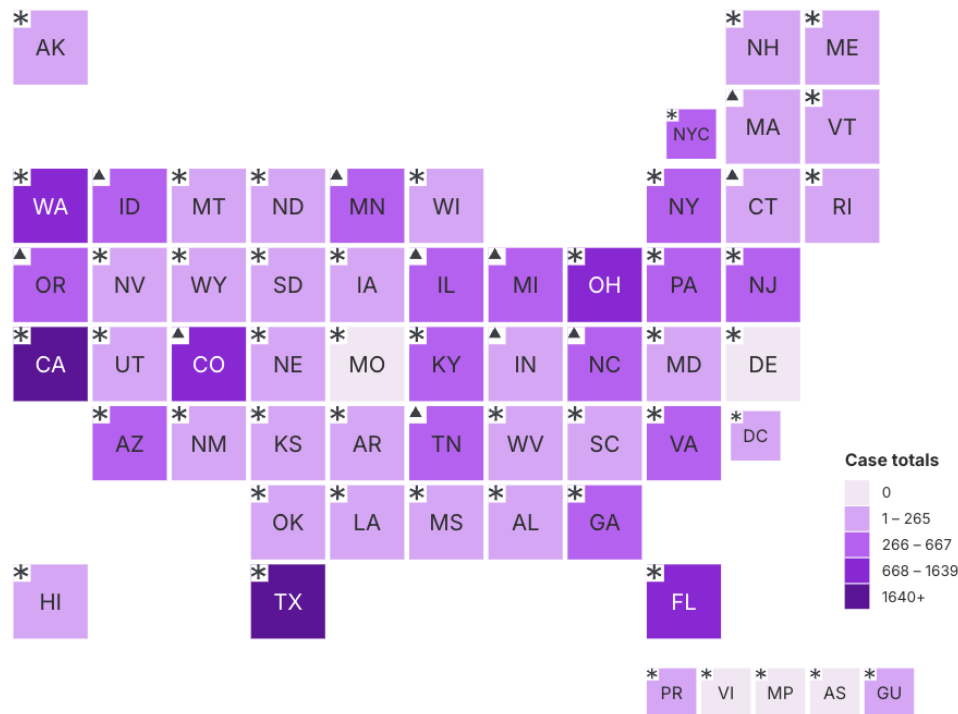
TRANSCRIPT



There have been four measles-associated deaths in Pennsylvania this summer amid a growing outbreak in the state.

Whooping Cough (Pertussis) is also increasing.

Pertussis Case Totals in the Last 12 Months (9/28/25 - 9/26/26)



Select geographic level

State data

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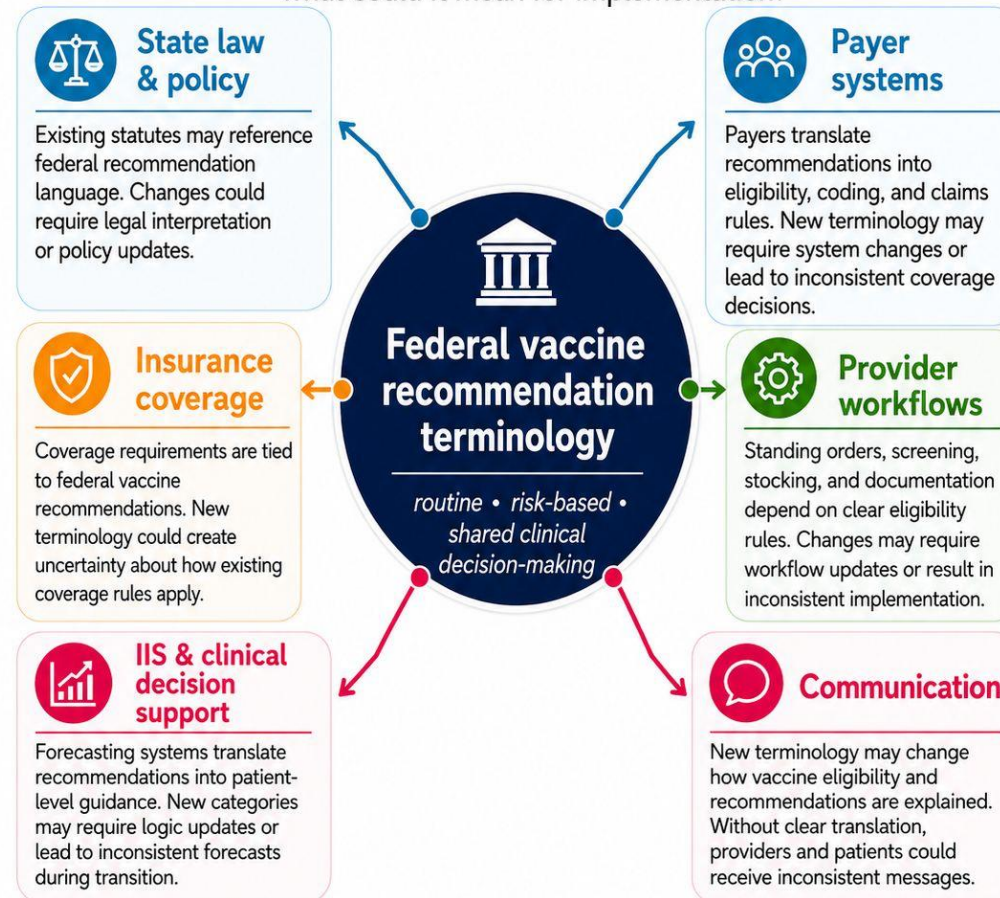
US Vaccine Policy Changes 2025-2026

New Vaccine Implementation Insights

by Dr. Katelyn Wells, PhD

Why Vaccine Recommendation Terminology Matters

If federal recommendation terminology changes, what could it mean for implementation?



May 27, 2025

**RFK, Jr., Marty Makary and Jay
Bhattacharya announce change to
COVID-19 vaccine recommendations.**



Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the health secretary, flanked by Dr. Marty Makary, left, and Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, who lead the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health, announced the end of the recommendation in a video posted on X. via X

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Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/27/health/covid-vaccines-children-pregnant-women-rfk-jr.html>

<https://www.drugdiscoverytrends.com/secretary-of-health-removes-all-current-members-of-the-cdc-advisory-committee-on-immunization-practices/>

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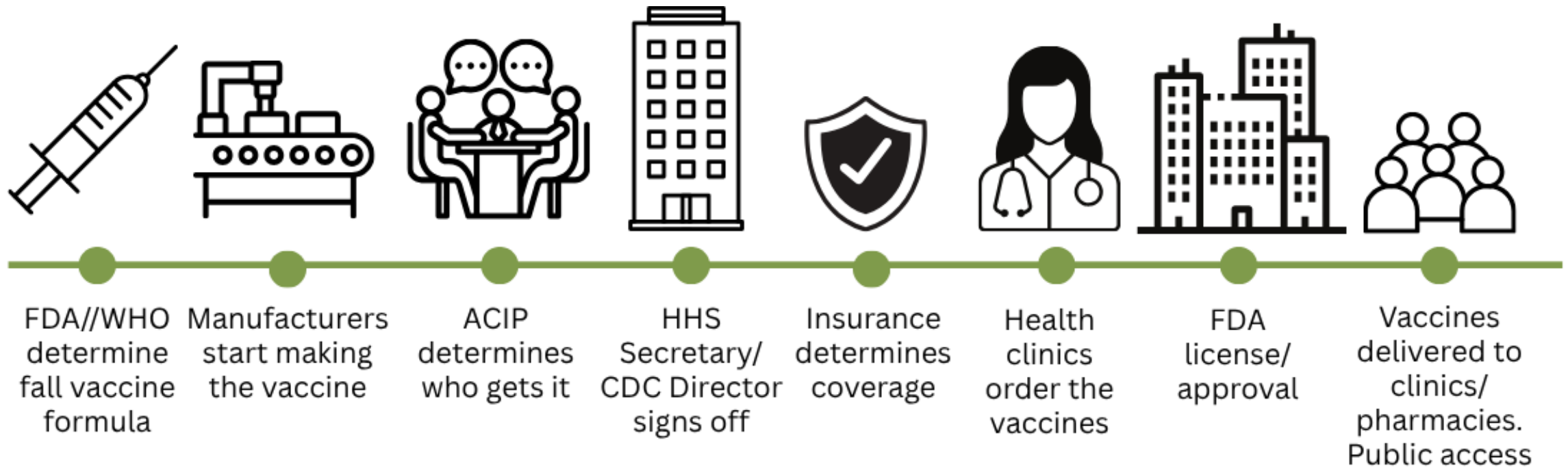
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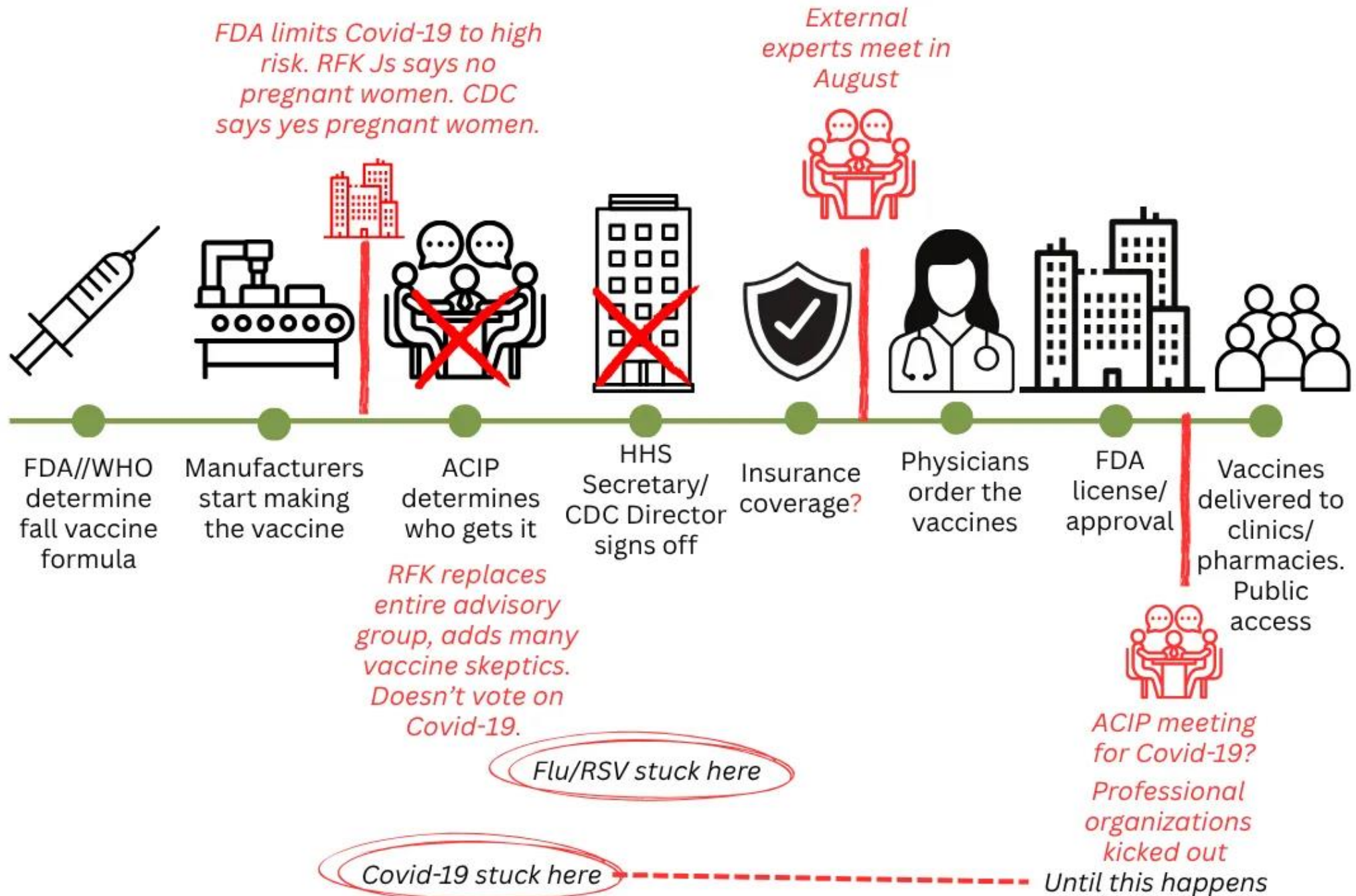
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RFK Jr. announces 8 new
members of CDC ACIP.









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Stakeholder Insights and Strategies
for Maintaining a Strong Vaccine
Infrastructure Across the US**

Report from the Vaccine Integrity Project



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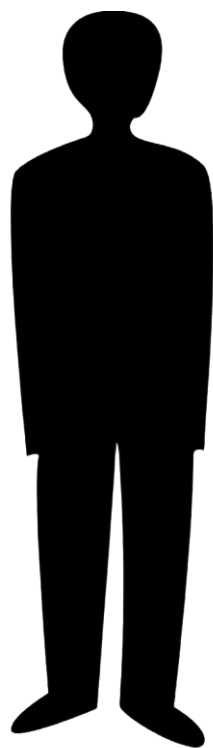
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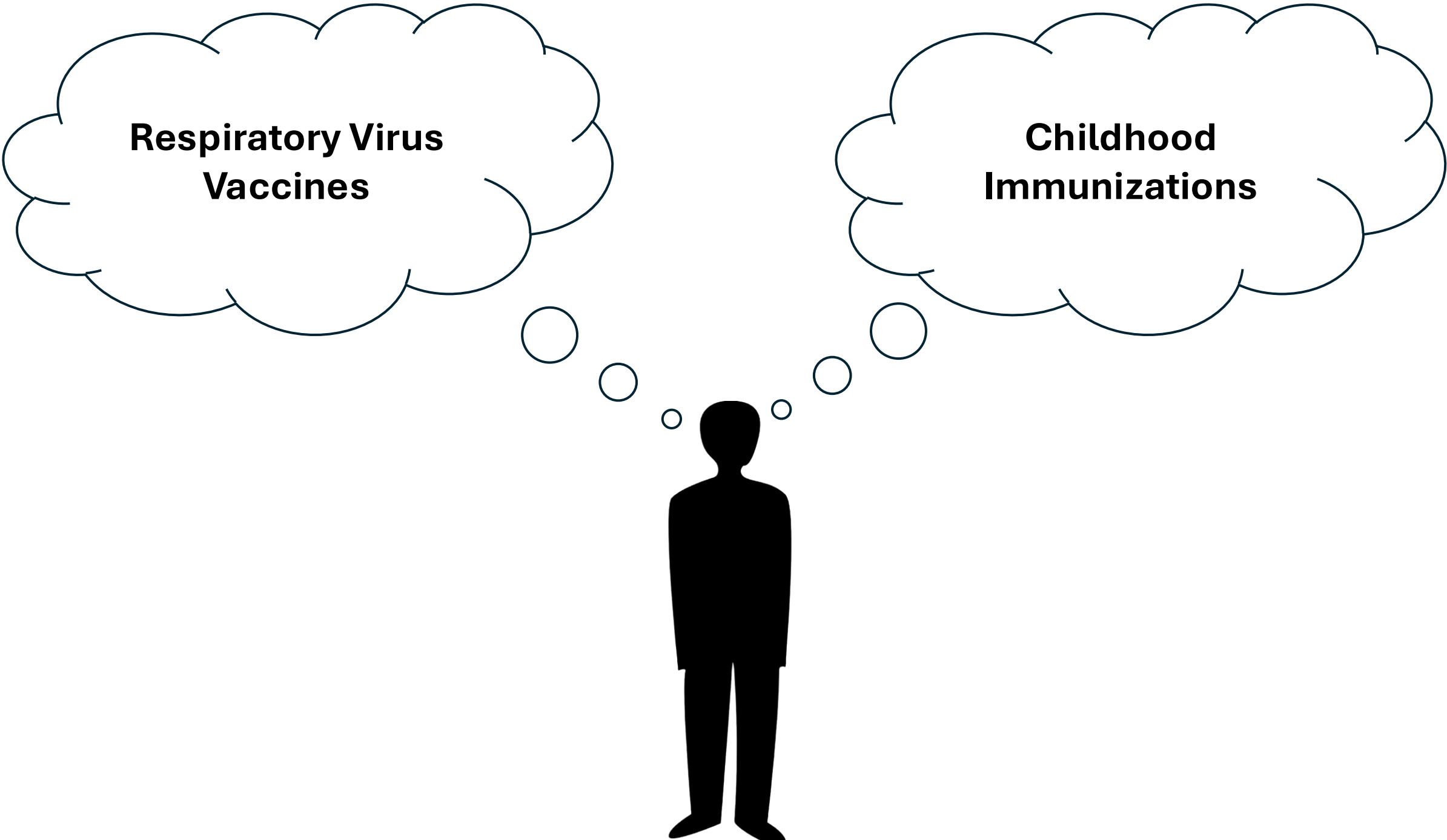


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Vaccine Uptake and Changing Trends





**Respiratory Virus
Vaccines**

**Childhood
Immunizations**

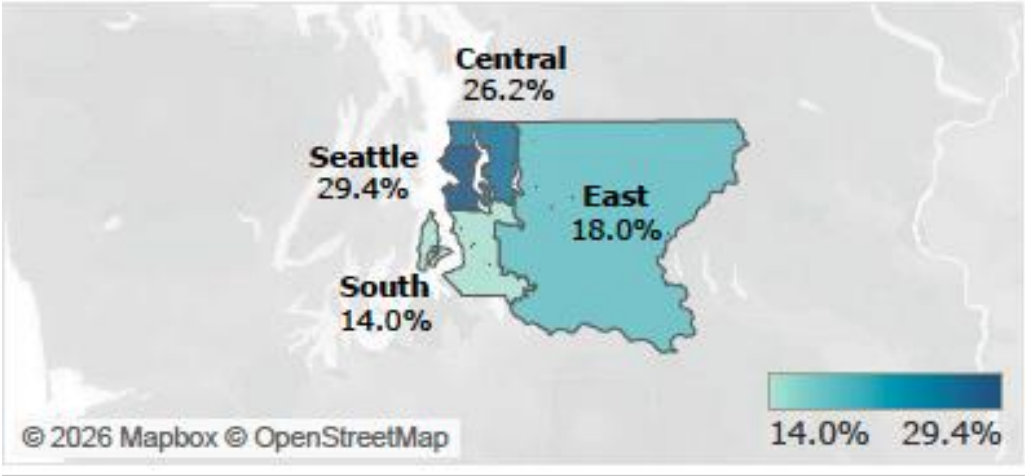
COVID-19 vaccine uptake has changed.

COVID-19 vaccination coverage at the end of August for current and prior seasons (% of eligible population)



COVID-19 vaccination coverage at the end of September 2026 for current season by demographics (% of eligible population)

Overall		<div><div></div></div> 22.5%
Age	6 months - 4 years	<div><div></div></div> 23.6%
	5-11 years	<div><div></div></div> 15.0%
	12-17 years	<div><div></div></div> 14.6%
	18-34 years	<div><div></div></div> 14.0%
	35-49 years	<div><div></div></div> 19.9%
	50-64 years	<div><div></div></div> 23.9%
	65-79 years	<div><div></div></div> 44.2%
	80+ years	<div><div></div></div> 55.4%
Race / Ethnicity	AIAN	<div><div></div></div> 29.5%
	Asian	<div><div></div></div> 17.5%
	Black	<div><div></div></div> 11.8%
	Hispanic	<div><div></div></div> 10.1%
	NHPI	<div><div></div></div> 11.0%
	White	<div><div></div></div> 27.7%
Sex	Female	<div><div></div></div> 24.5%
	Male	<div><div></div></div> 20.5%



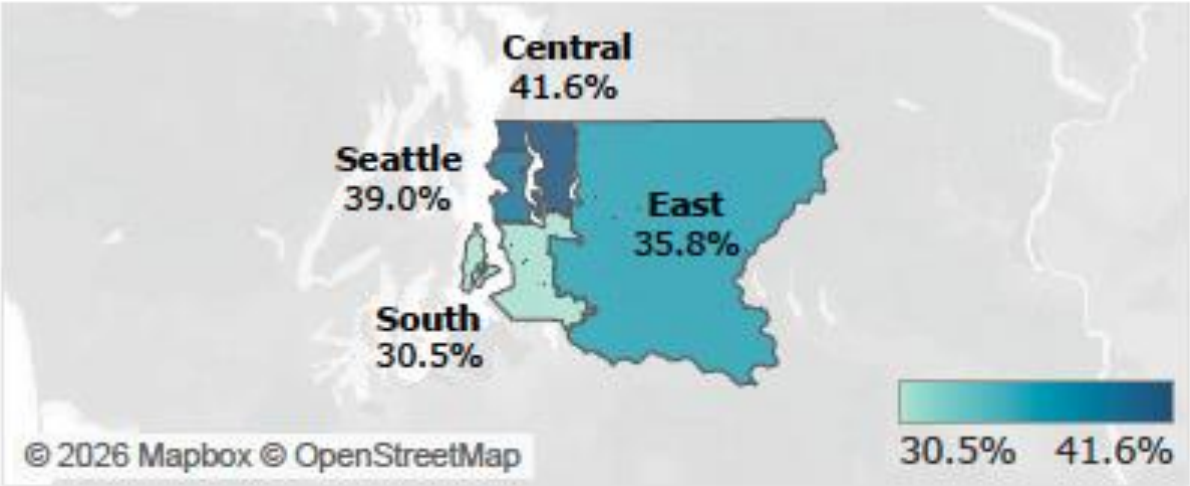
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Influenza vaccination coverage at the end of June for current and prior seasons (% of eligible population)



Influenza vaccination coverage at the end of June 2026 for current season by demographics (% of eligible population)

Overall		<div><div></div></div> 37.0%
Age	6 months - 4 years	<div><div></div></div> 54.4%
	5-11 years	<div><div></div></div> 38.0%
	12-17 years	<div><div></div></div> 32.4%
	18-34 years	<div><div></div></div> 24.3%
	35-49 years	<div><div></div></div> 31.9%
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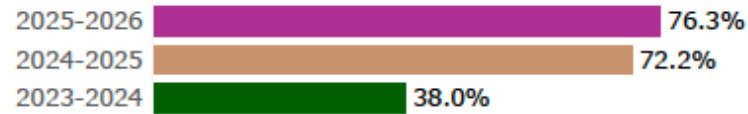


RSV immunization is available for certain risk groups.

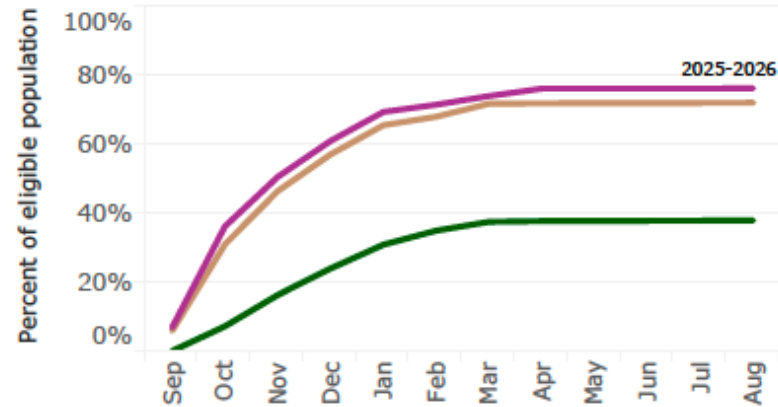


RSV immunization in infants has increased since it first became available.

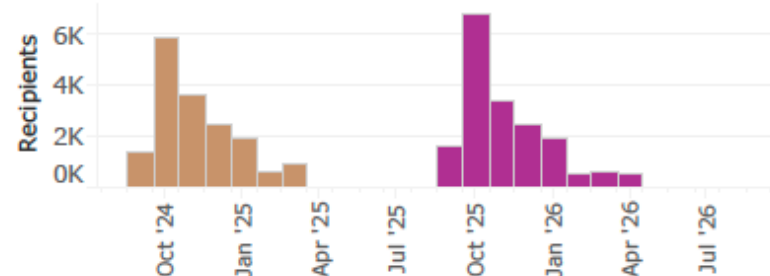
RSV infant immunization coverage at the end of August for current and prior seasons (% of eligible population)



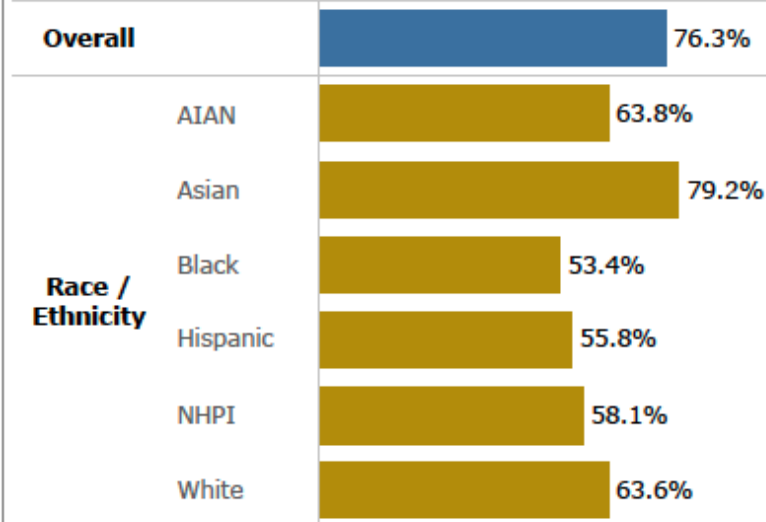
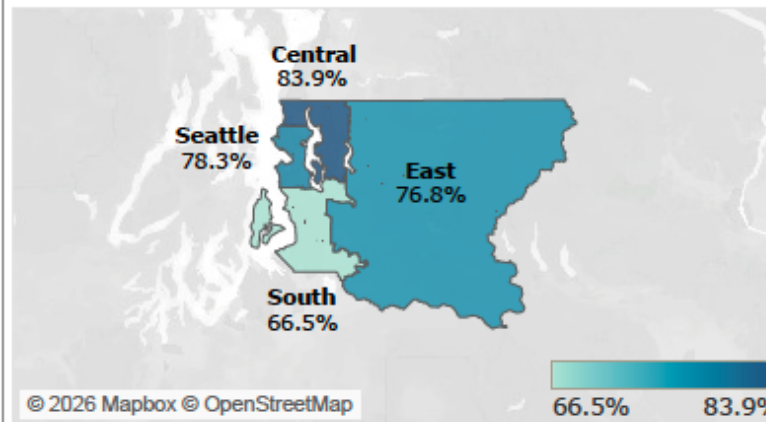
RSV infant immunization coverage by month for current and prior seasons



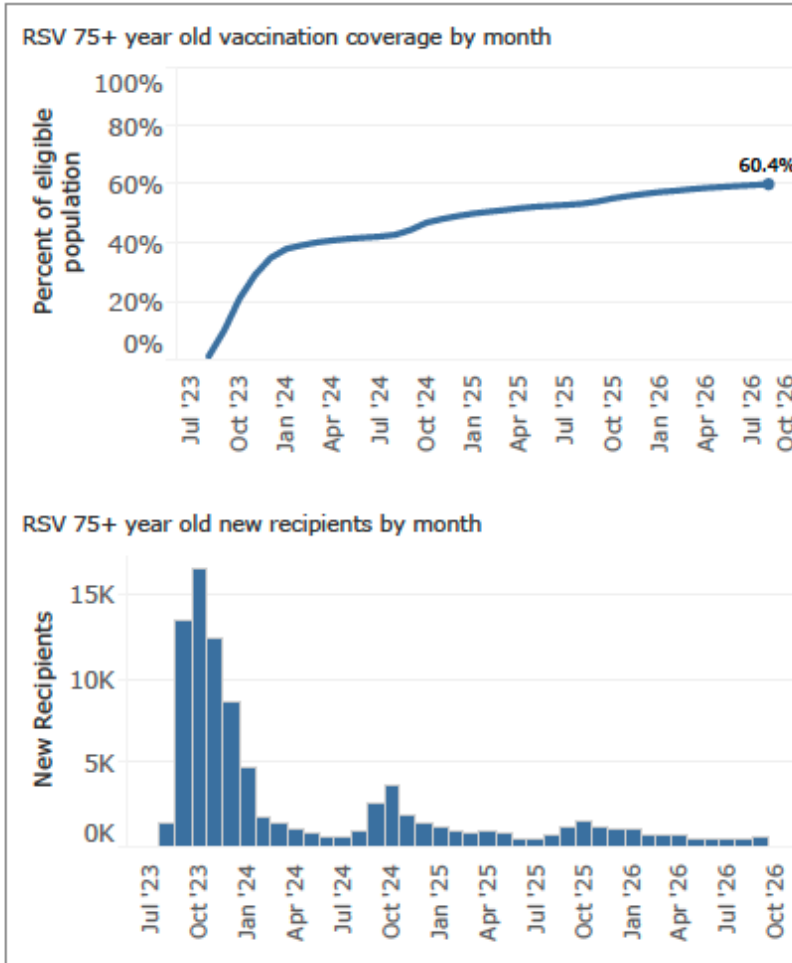
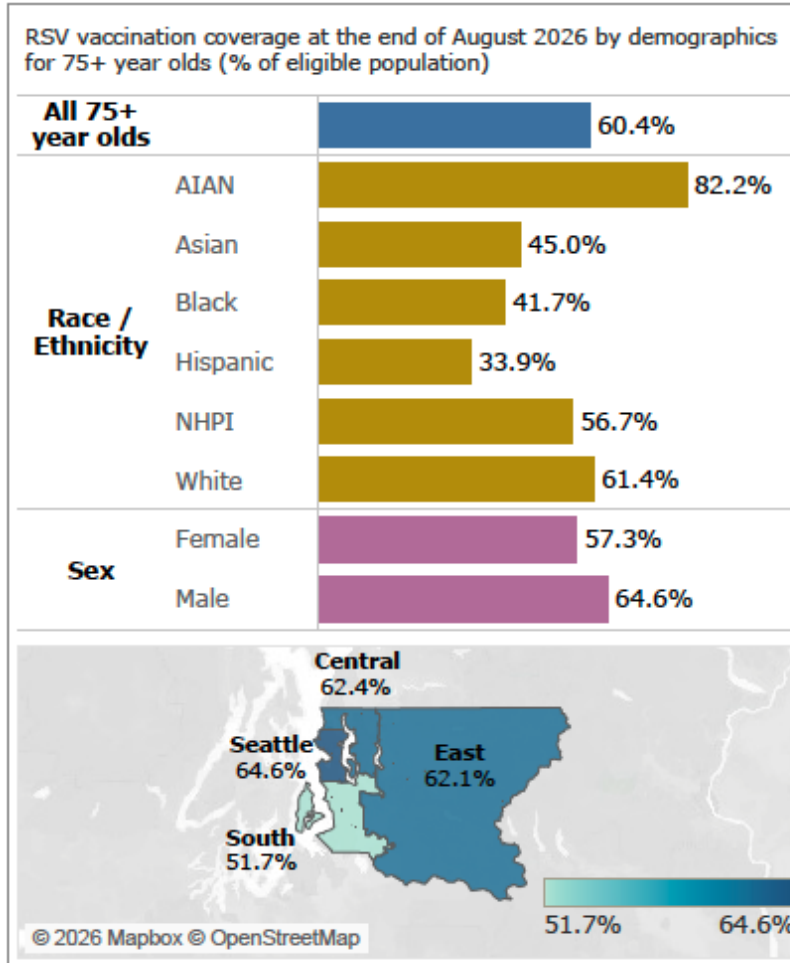
RSV infant immunization recipients by month



RSV infant immunization coverage at the end of August 2026 for current season by demographics (% of population)



RSV vaccine uptake in people aged 75+ is slowly increasing.



Childhood immunization rates vary by district and school.



School



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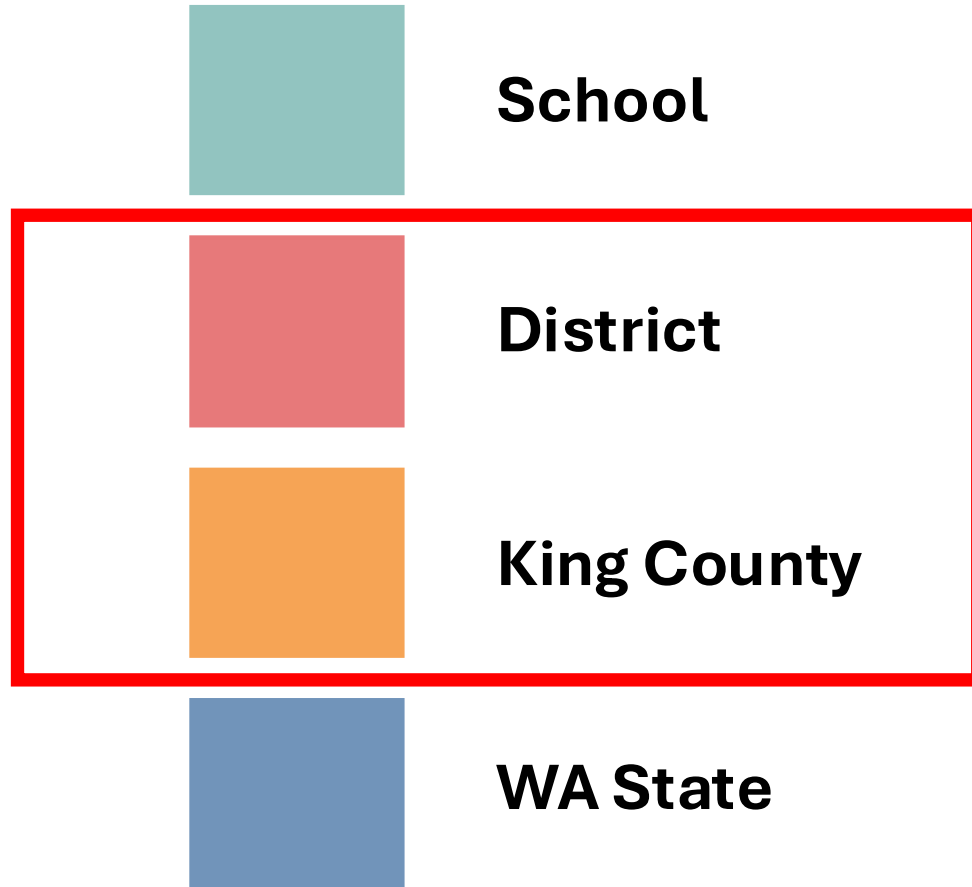


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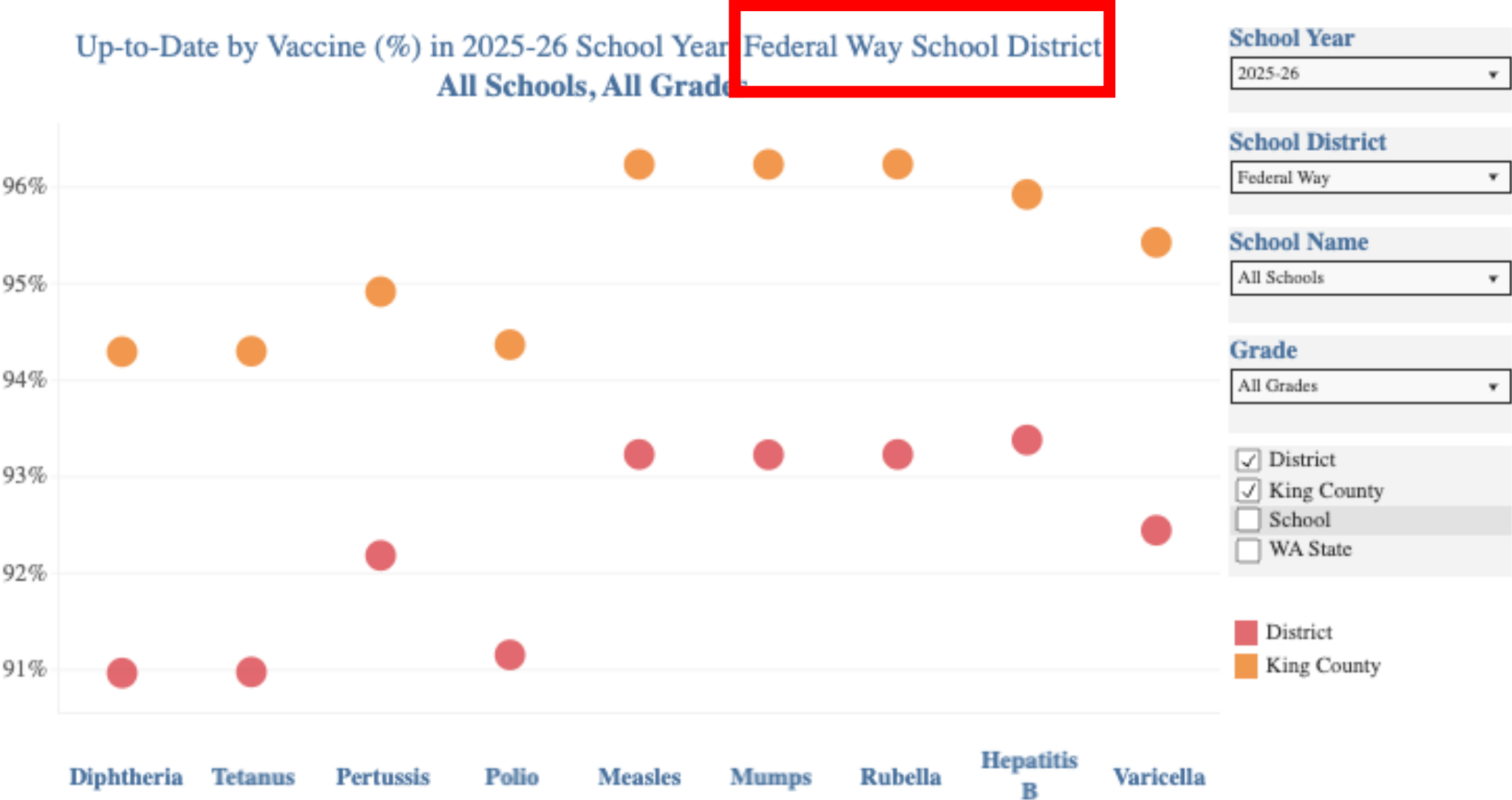


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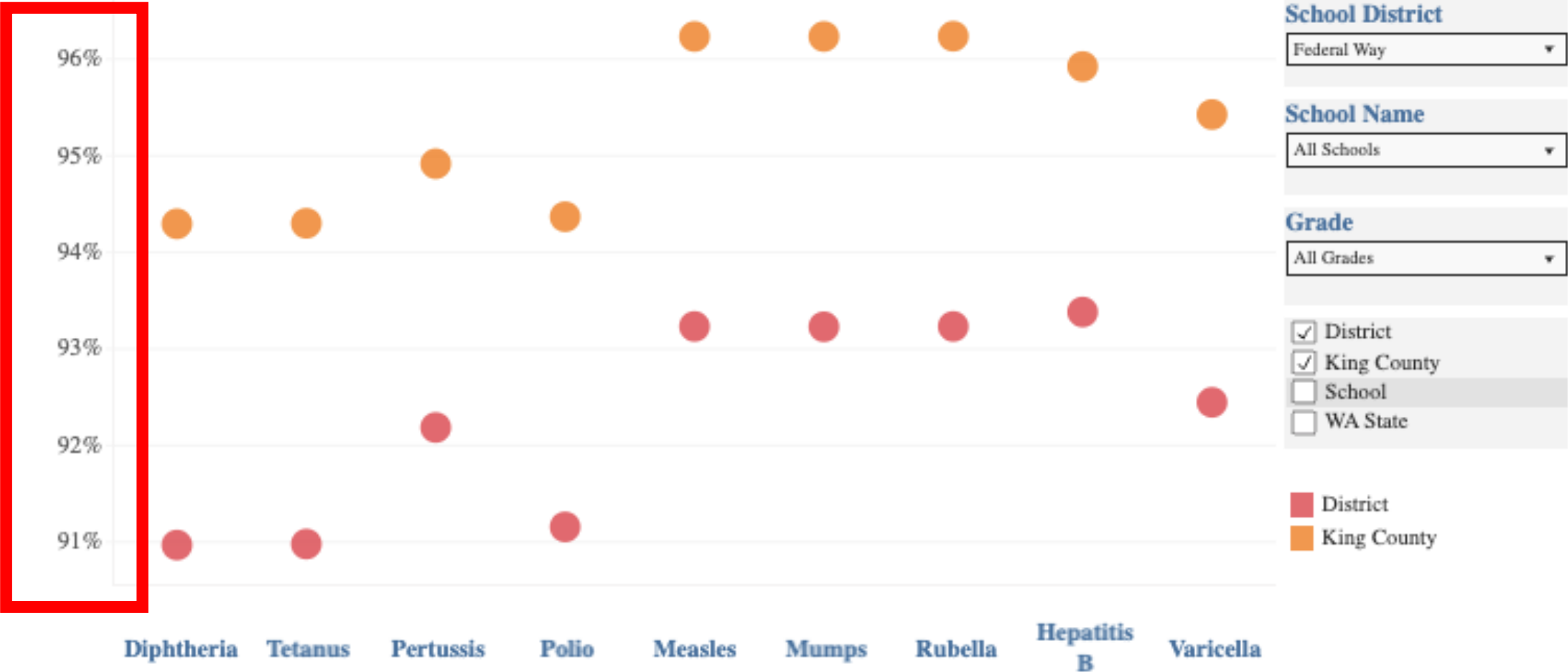
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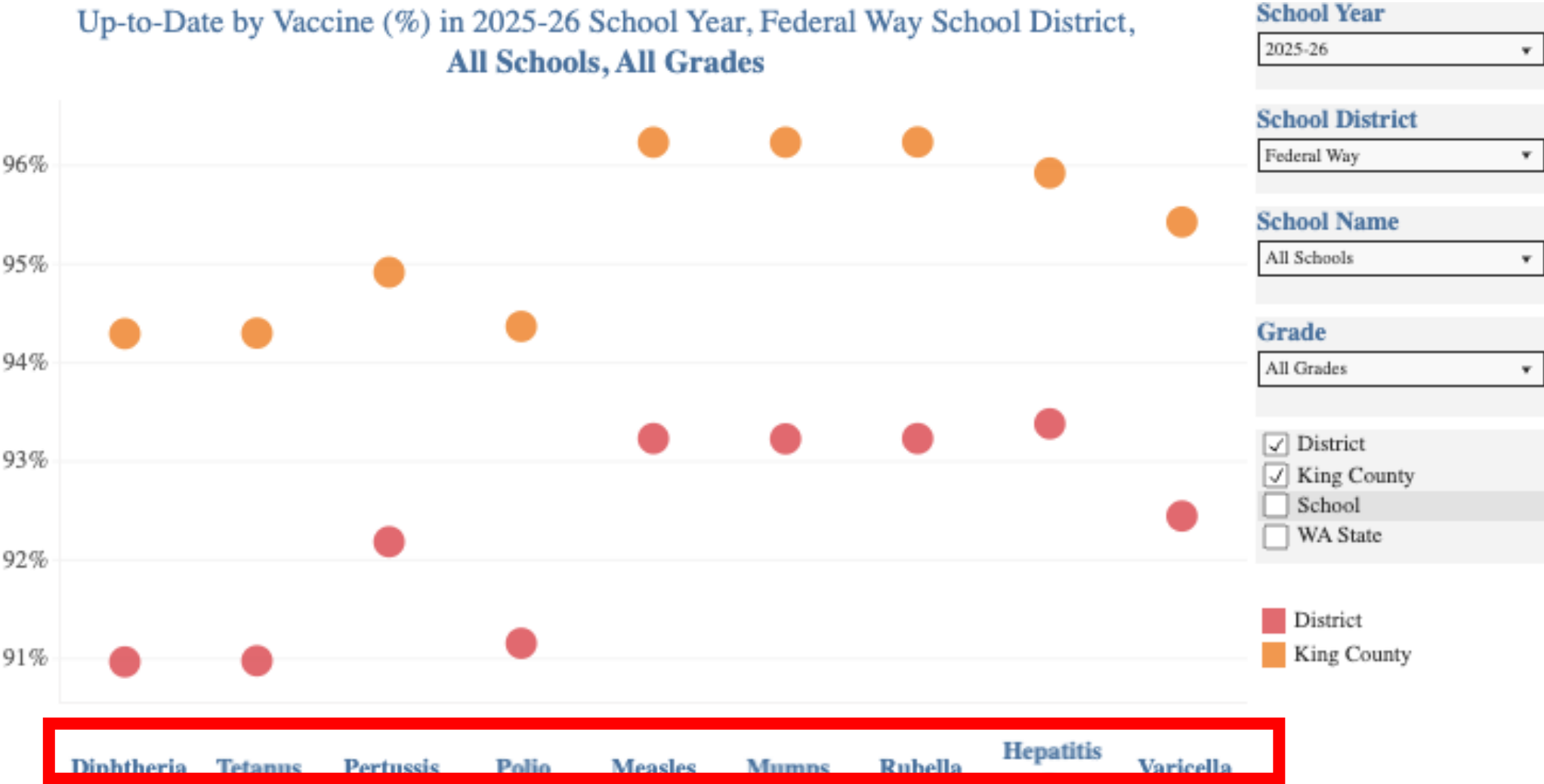
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Up-to-Date by Vaccine (%) in 2025-26 School Year, Federal Way School District,
All Schools, All Grades



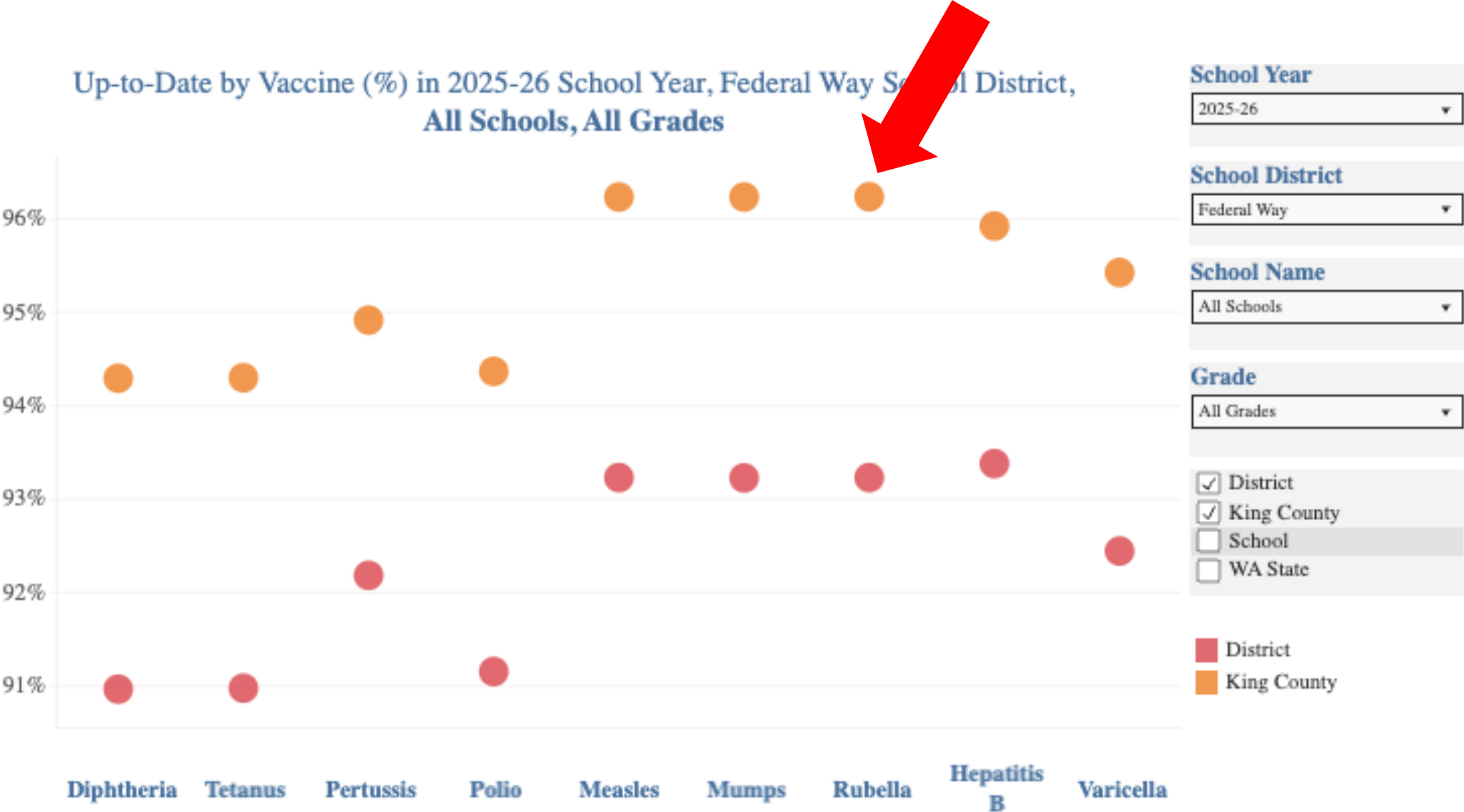
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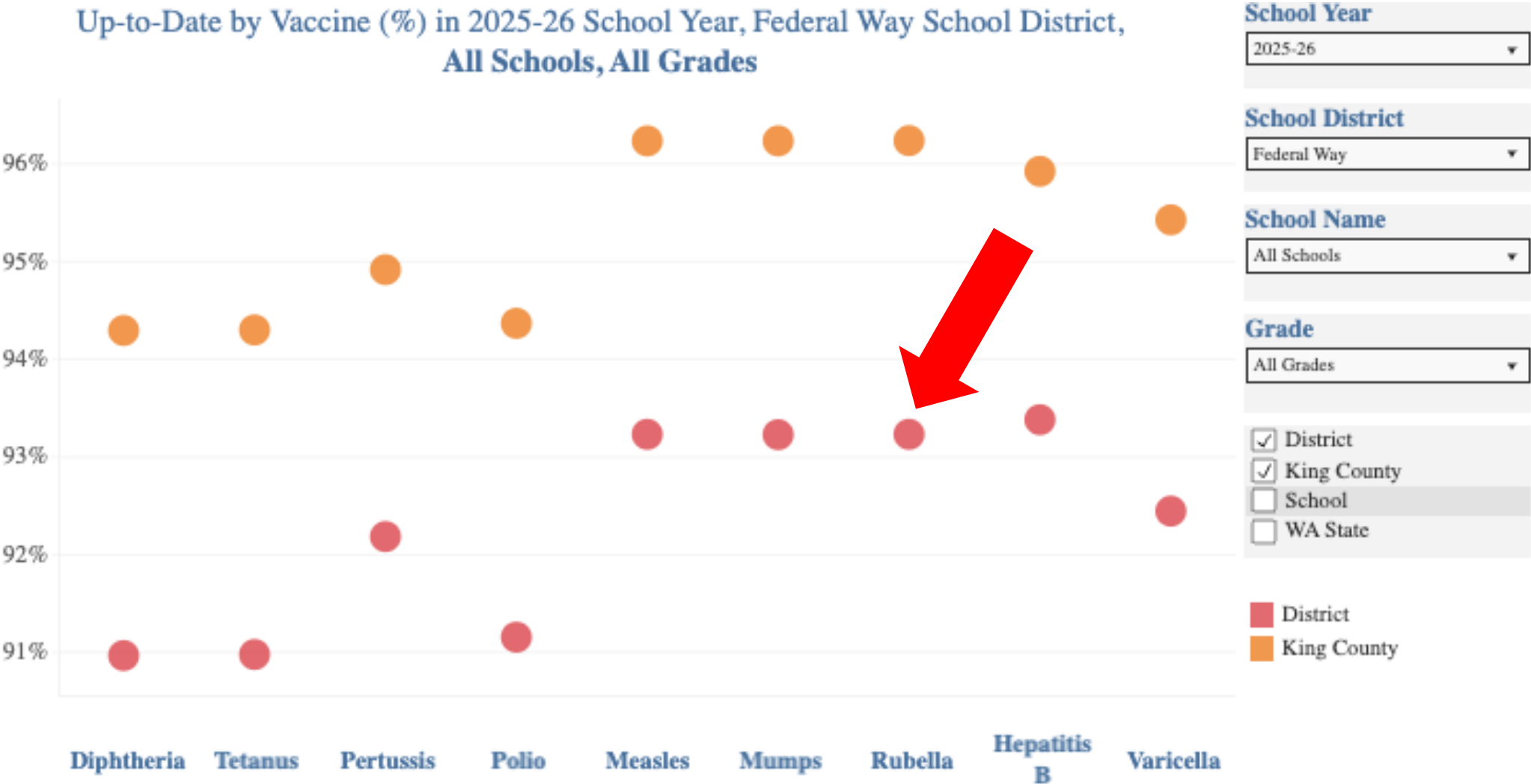
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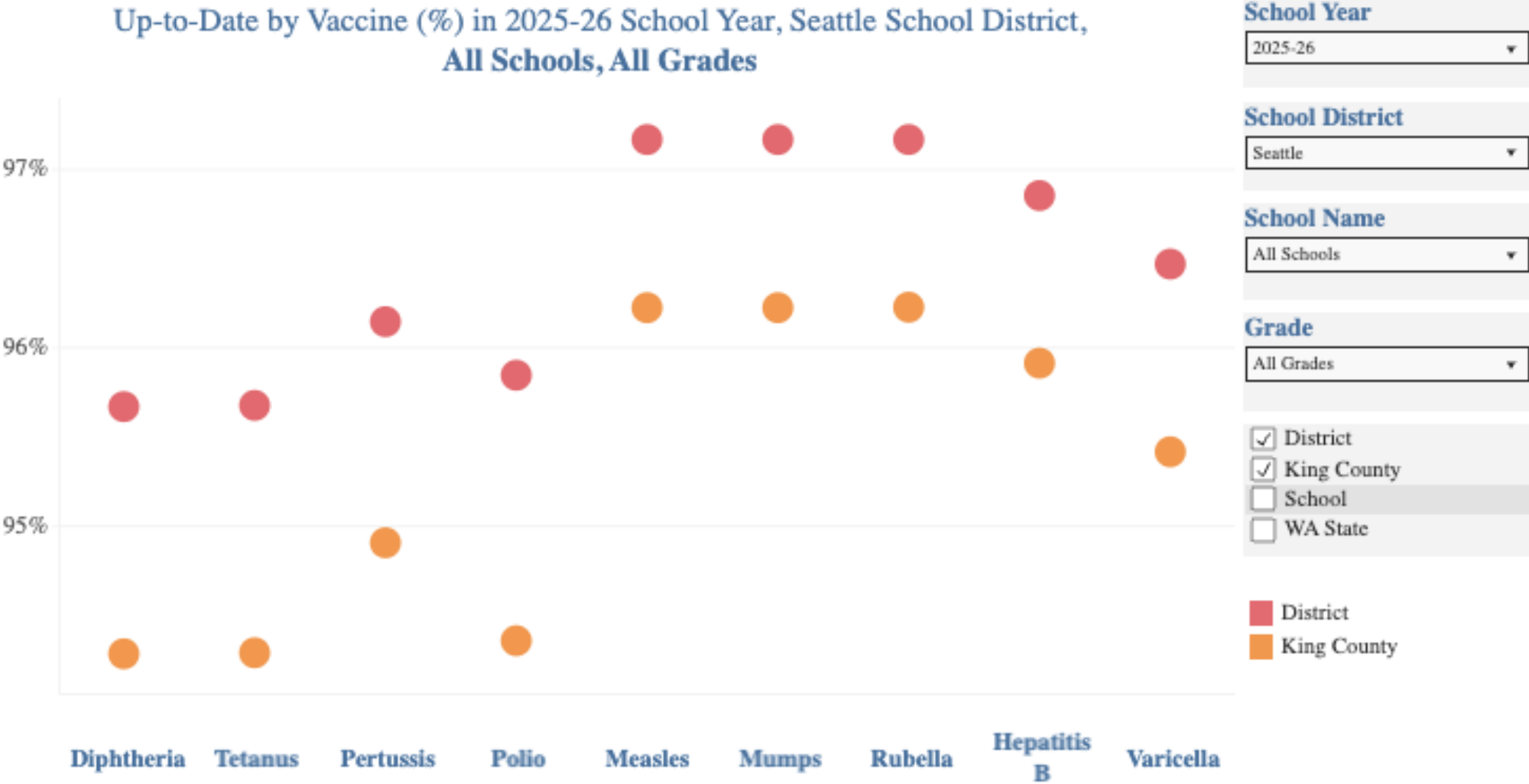
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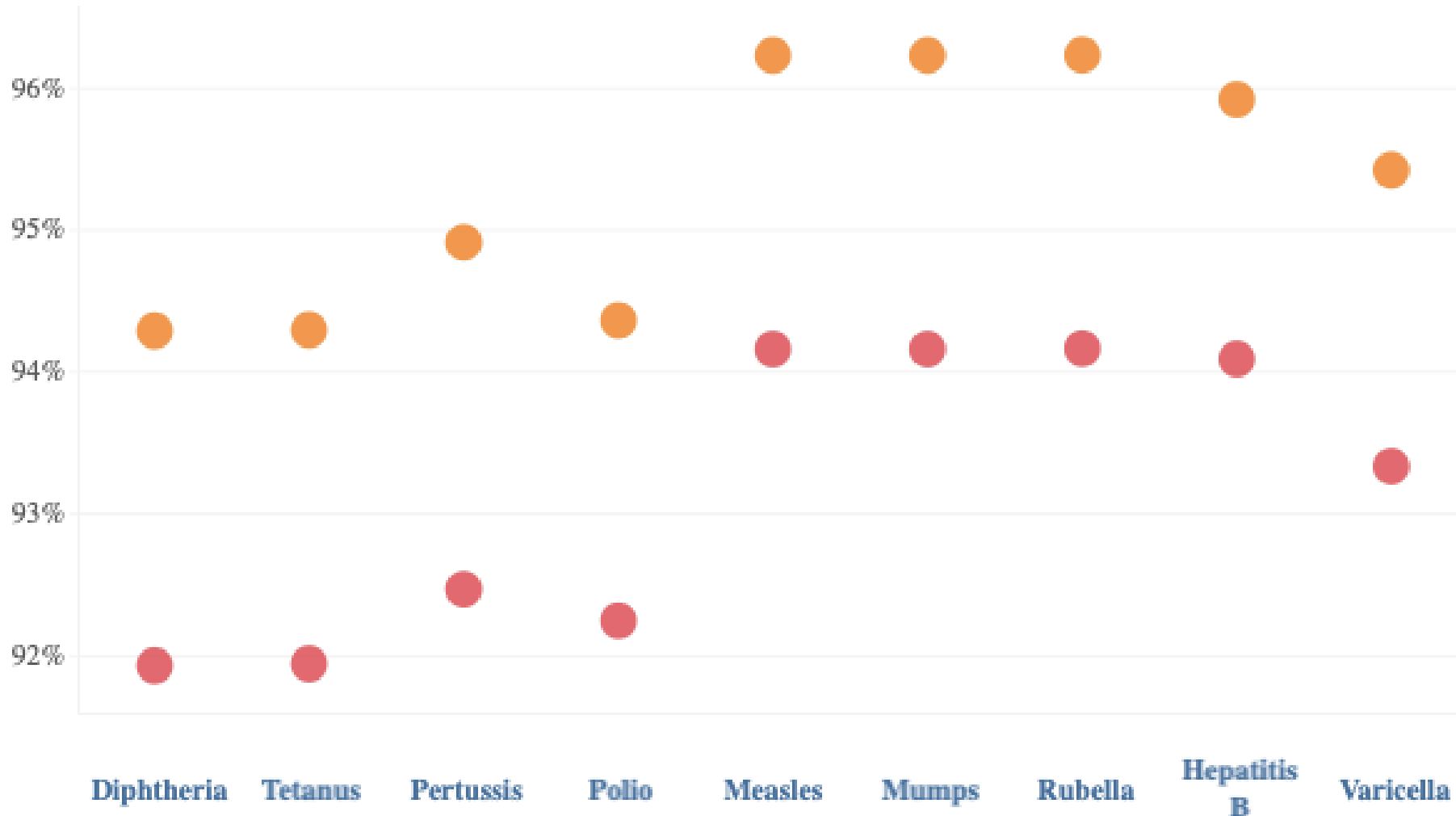
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Example: Bellevue

Up-to-Date by Vaccine (%) in 2025-26 School Year, Bellevue School District,
All Schools, All Grades



School Year
2025-26 ▼

School District
Bellevue ▼

School Name
All Schools ▼

Grade
All Grades ▼

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☐ WA State

District
King County

Immunization Recommendations: COVID, Flu and RSV

2026-2027 COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

BLUF: Everyone 6 months and older should get the updated COVID-19 vaccine this fall. No changes

- Highest risk groups: 6-23 months, children/adults with risk factors, pregnant people, adults 65+, people never vaccinated
- Long COVID still an issue

2026-2027 Flu Vaccine Updates

BLUF: Everyone 6 months and older should get an updated influenza vaccine. No changes

- Highest risk groups: young children, pregnant people, older adults, people with underlying conditions
- Many different choices for flu vaccine:
 - For healthy adults, whichever is available
 - For older adults , enhanced flu vaccines
 - For select healthy non-pregnant people: FluMist (nasal spray) is an option for those 2-49 years

RSV Immunizations

BLUF: Recommended for highest risk people including babies, pregnant people, 50-74 with risk factors and 75+. Minor changes not impacting most people.

- Vaccine for adults; no recommendation for booster
- Antibody/immunization for babies:
 - Babies <8 months if birth parent didn't receive RSV vaccine during pregnancy
 - Babies 8-19 months at high risk.

	 Influenza (flu)	 Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	 COVID-19
 Children and Adolescents 0-18 years	Annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months+	All infants <8 months, if no protection from RSV vaccine during pregnancy and children 8-19 months in certain risk groups	All young children ages 6-23 months and children 2-18 years in certain risk groups or if desired
 Pregnancy	Annual flu vaccine (avoid nasal spray flu vaccine)	One-time RSV vaccine in first eligible pregnancy if 32-36 weeks pregnant, given between September 1 and March 1	Annual updated COVID-19 vaccine
 Adults 19-64 years	Annual flu vaccine for all adults ages 19+	One-time RSV vaccine for adults ages 50-74 at increased risk of severe RSV	Annual updated COVID-19 vaccine
 Older Adults 65+ years	Annual flu vaccine for all adults, enhanced flu vaccine (high dose, adjuvanted, recombinant, or mRNA) for 65+, if possible	One-time RSV vaccine recommended for adults ages 50-74 at increased risk and all adults age 75+	Annual updated COVID-19 vaccine for adults 65+, followed by a second dose 6 months later to boost protection
 Immunocompromised	Annual flu vaccine for those ages ≥6 months (avoid nasal spray flu vaccine)	Single dose of RSV vaccine for those ages ≥18 years and for those ages <18 years, administration should be guided by shared decision making	Annual updated COVID-19 vaccine for those ages ≥6 months
 Healthcare Personnel	Annual flu vaccine	Follow age- and risk-based RSV vaccine recommendations	Annual updated COVID-19 vaccine

Childhood Immunizations

No recommendation changes in
Washington State

Anticipate new confusing
messaging from the federal
government in the coming months

Professional societies are hoping to
fill the void left by the federal
government vaccine advisory group

Key Takeaway Points

- COVID-19 and flu already taking off. Vaccine preventable diseases like measles and whooping cough are causing outbreaks nationwide.
- Federal vaccine policy procedures and recommendations have changed. Medical professional societies have stepped in.
- Vaccination against COVID has decreased while flu and RSV are the same. Childhood vaccination rates vary by school and district.
- Flu, COVID and RSV immunization recommendations are mostly the same. Get vaccinated now for flu and COVID. Get RSV if you're eligible.

Questions

Q: Are there general talking points on what to say to families to encourage vaccination?

Resources for Families

Check out this activity book for kids, [Ultra Germ Fighters](#). It's got comics, coloring pages, mazes, and other games for kids – plus a simple facts sheet for parents, [available in 23 languages](#).

You can also find other resources on our [website](#), available for ordering, such as:

- Postcards: [Childhood Vaccines: Still Recommended, Still No-Cost](#) (available in English, Spanish, Somali, Marshallese, French, Spanish)
- Brochure: [Vaccines for Older Adults](#) (available in 20 languages)
- Brochure: [Pregnancy and Vaccines](#) (available in 16 languages)
- Flyer: [Where to Get Vaccinated in King County](#) (available in 20 languages)

Q: What are the current community engagement efforts as we enter this respiratory season? Specifically, during past back to school events? Would there be mobile vaccination kiosks at cbo events or related funding? What are current efforts to reach those most vulnerable like elders and children?

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Additional Slides

Preliminary 2025-2026 U.S. COVID-19 Burden Estimates

CDC estimates* that, from October 1, 2025 through September 19, 2026, there have been:

5.3 million-
14.4 million



**COVID-19
Illnesses**

1 million- 2.6
million



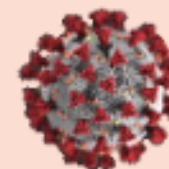
**COVID-19
Outpatient Visits**

160,000-
270,000



**COVID-19
Hospitalizations**

17,000-
47,000



**COVID-19
Deaths**

*Based on data from September 28, 2025 through Septembe...

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Preliminary 2025 - 2026 U.S. Flu In-Season Disease Burden Estimates

Since October 1, 2025, CDC estimates there have been between:

**32 Million -
57 Million**



**Flu
Illnesses**

**15 Million -
25 Million**



**Flu
Medical Visits**

**390,000 -
800,000**



**Flu
Hospitalizations**

**24,000 -
81,000**



**Flu
Deaths**

Based on data from October 1, 2025, through May 23, 2026

Because influenza surveillance does not capture all cases of flu, CDC provides these estimated ranges to better reflect the full burden of flu in the United States. These estimates are calculated using a mathematical model based on CDC's weekly influenza surveillance data and are preliminary

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu-burden/php/php/data-vis/2025-2026.html>

FluVIEW



Preliminary 2025-2026 U.S. RSV Burden Estimates

CDC estimates* that, from October 1, 2025 through June 6, 2026, there have been:

2.8 million-
5.8 million



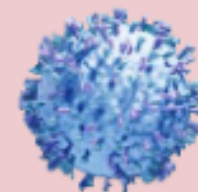
RSV
Outpatient Visits

170,000-
340,000



RSV
Hospitalizations

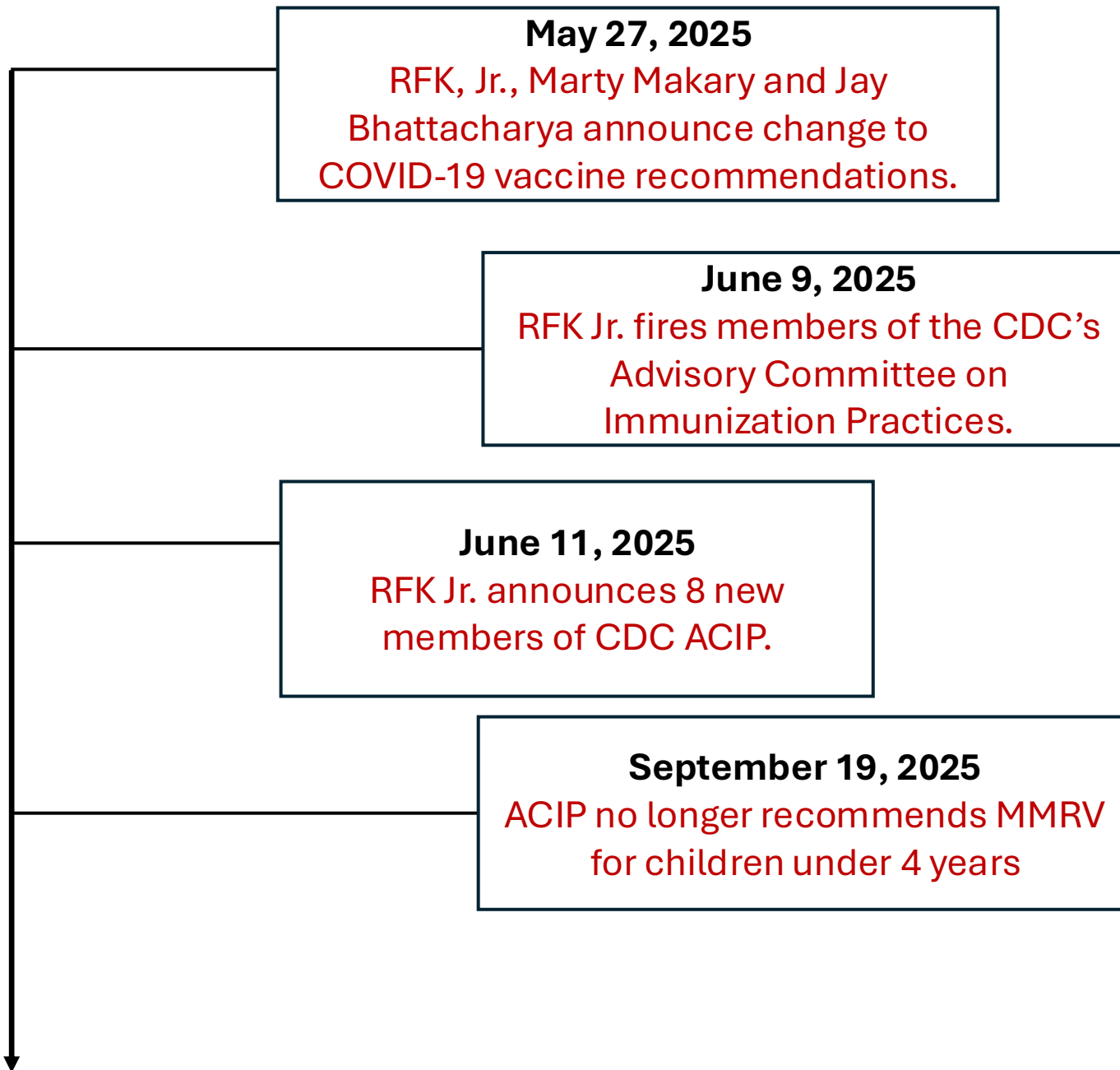
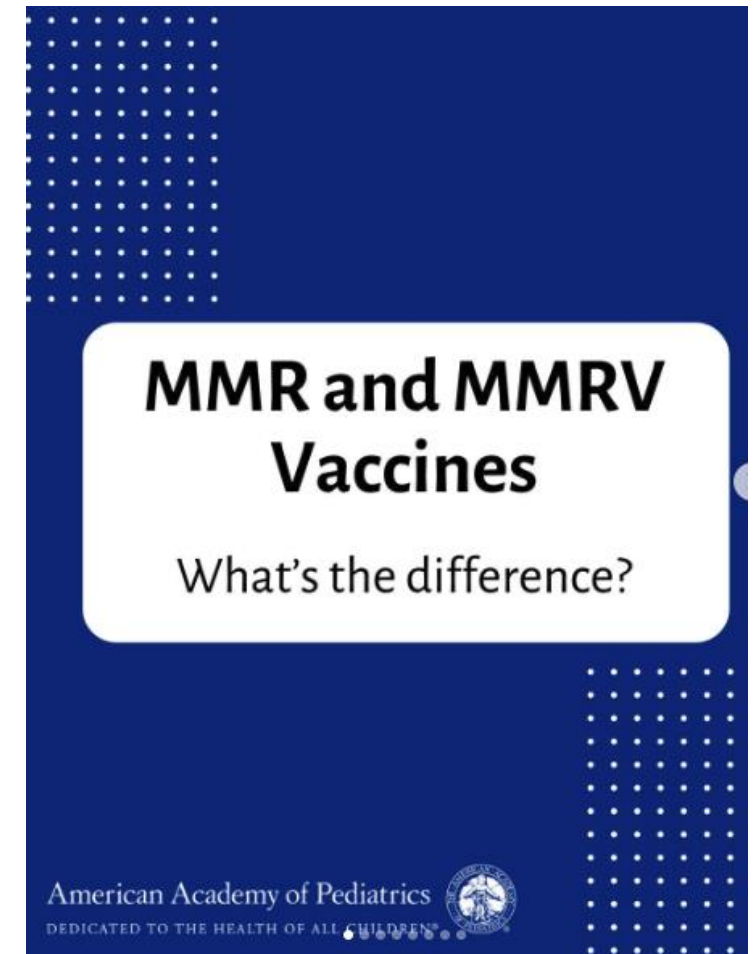
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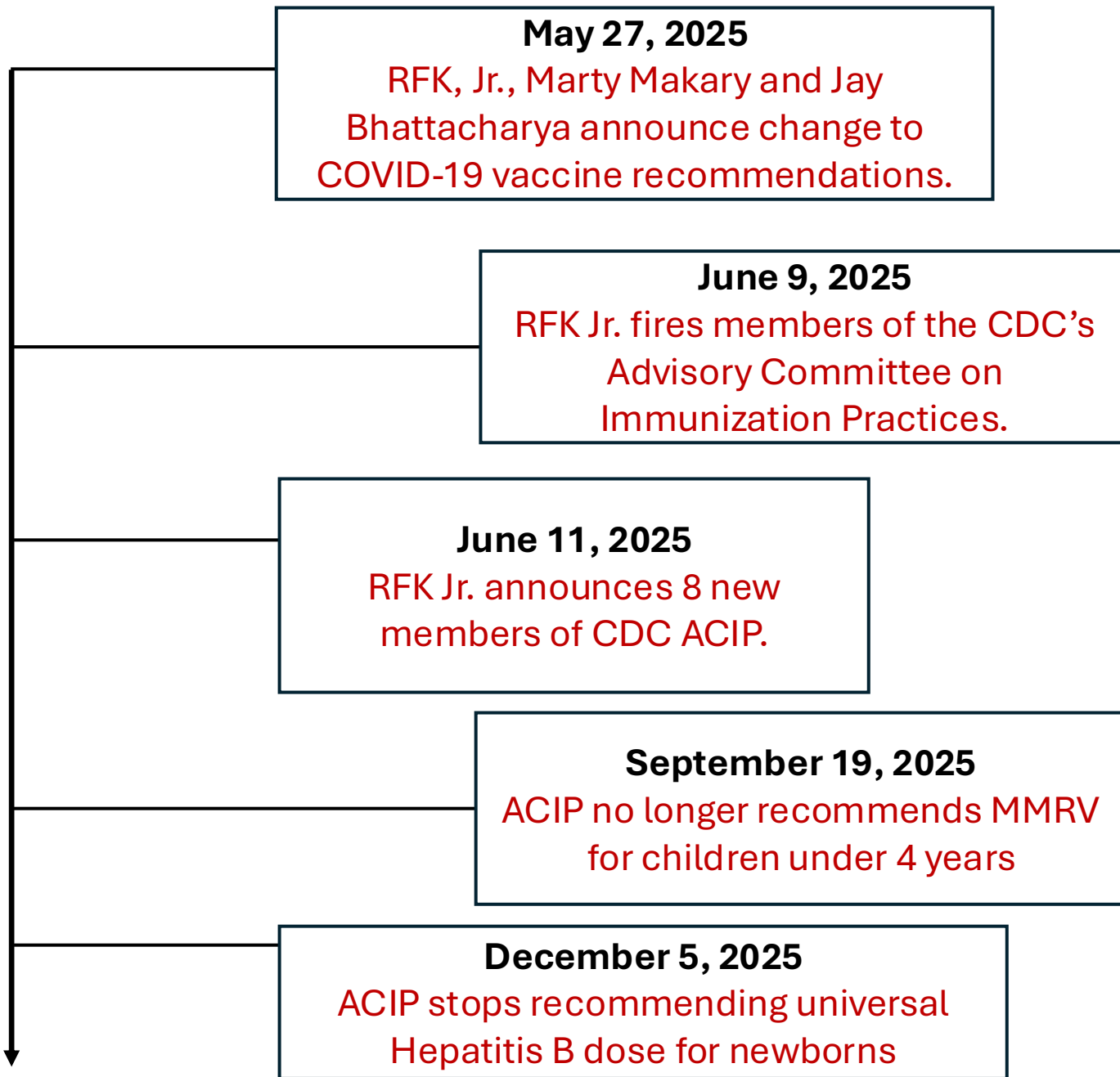
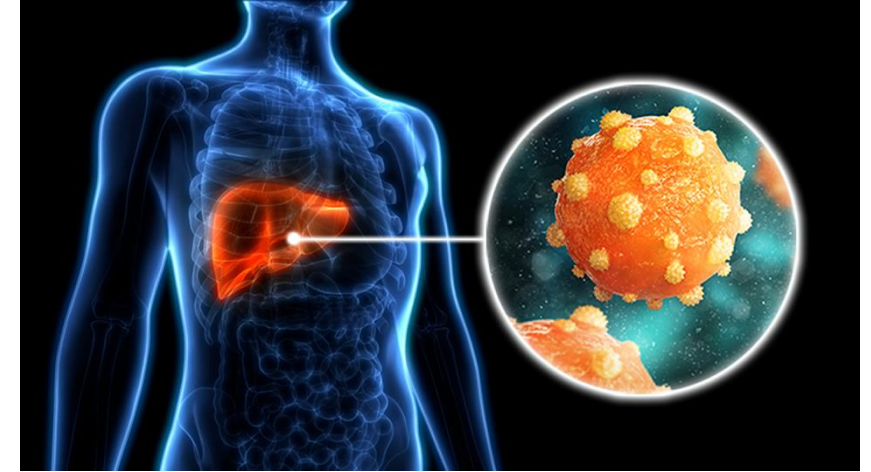


RSV
Deaths

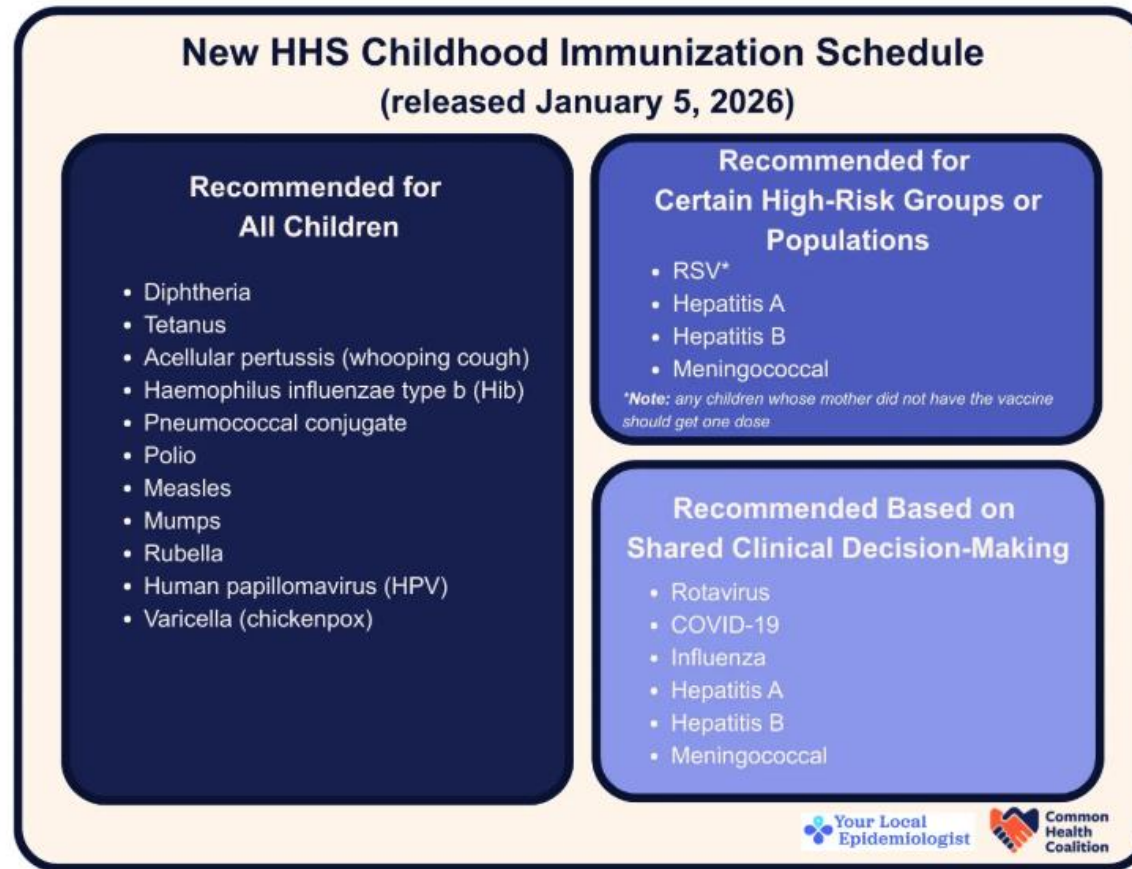
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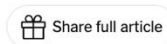
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Judge Strikes Down Kennedy's Vaccine Policies

Ruling on a lawsuit brought by several prominent medical organizations, a district court said the federal government had not based its decisions on science in limiting Covid shots and revising the childhood immunization schedule.



A meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices in Atlanta in December. Elijah Nouvelage/Getty Images



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