

## In This Issue:

### Global Health in an Interconnected World

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Since the beginning of the year, the US has had an avian influenza outbreak (70 cases in humans) and measles cases in 25 states. Outbreaks (3 or more cases) in at least three of those states have been linked, and have also spread to Mexico.<sup>1</sup> Measles cases in Canada have been linked to ones seen in Indiana.<sup>2</sup> But Global health is not only communicable diseases.

When we decided upon the topic of “Global Health in an Interconnected World” for the first DJPH issue of 2025, the United States had not yet cut funding to USAID, which in turn funds HIV/AIDS programs, maternal health programs, and famine tracking programs in Africa and Asia.<sup>3</sup> President Trump had not yet made the first steps to withdraw from the World Health Organization, keeping the US out of pandemic preparations and keeping our scientists from learning about the suggested flu vaccines for the coming respiratory illness season.

In this issue of the DJPH, you will see commentaries from public health practitioners and leaders throughout Delaware. Please note that commentaries in general represent the views of their authors, not necessarily those of the DJPH or the Delaware Academy of Medicine. Oluwadero et al discuss the effectiveness of Delaware’s Feeding Families Program in managing chronic conditions, and Melby et al discuss their findings on how antimicrobial resistance and One Health are viewed in Japan. Dr. Catherine Troisi discusses vaccine hesitancy in light of the current measles epidemic, and Drs. Duncan and Eppes provide an overview of vector-borne infections in the continental United States.

We hope you will enjoy this issue of the Journal, and—as always—welcome your feedback!

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