Polsinelli Adds Laura Angelini as Health Care Litigation in Boston

National law firm Polsinelli adds Laura Angelini to its Boston office as a shareholder in the Health Care Litigation practice.

ArentFox Schiff Launches Longevity and Healthspan Industry Group

ArentFox Schiff is pleased to announce the launch of its Longevity & Healthspan Industry Group, a cross sector initiative supporting the rapidly expanding ecosystem of companies advancing anti-aging innovation, wellness, and preventive health.

FDA Veteran Tom Sundlof Joins Blank Rome in D.C.

Blank Rome LLP is pleased to announce that Tom Sundlof, former senior attorney at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, has joined the firm’s Washington, D.C., office as a partner in the

Life Sciences industry team and Corporate, M&A, and Securities practice group.

Doctors Counter Misinformation Amid Texas Measles Outbreak

The recent measles outbreak in West Texas has escalated, with cases nearing 230 across Texas and New Mexico. Healthcare professionals like Dr. Ana Montanez from Lubbock are actively working to dispel misinformation and encourage vaccinations. Some parents, influenced by anti-vaccine groups like Children's Health Defense, have turned to high doses of vitamin A as a preventive measure.

However, experts, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, emphasize that vitamin A does not prevent measles and can be harmful in excessive amounts. The outbreak has resulted in hospitalizations and at least one death, underscoring the critical need for accurate information and immunizations to protect public health.

Trump's Childhood Cancer

Claim Sparks Debate – What the Science Says

Former President Donald Trump recently made a striking claim regarding childhood cancer rates, stating they have surged by 40% since 1975. This statement has drawn attention to long-term trends in pediatric cancer cases, prompting discussions about the accuracy of the data and the factors influencing these statistics.

According to figures from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the incidence of childhood cancer has indeed risen significantly over the past decades. While improvements in medical diagnosis may partially explain the increase, researchers also point to potential environmental and genetic factors. The most common forms of childhood cancer, including leukemia and brain tumors, have seen notable growth in incidence rates.

Experts emphasize that while more children are being diagnosed with cancer, survival rates have also improved dramatically due to advancements in medical treatments. The five-year survival rate for pediatric cancer patients has increased substantially, offering hope amid the rising case numbers.

However, the discussion around this issue remains complex. Scientists continue investigating whether external environmental exposures, lifestyle changes, or unknown risk factors contribute to the rising cancer rates. Meanwhile, public health officials stress the importance of ongoing research and policy measures to protect children’s health and well-being.

As Trump’s statement fuels conversations about childhood cancer trends, the focus remains on addressing the causes behind these numbers and ensuring better prevention and

treatment strategies for the future.

First U.S. Measles Death in 10 Years Reported in Texas

A measles outbreak in West Texas has led to the first U.S. measles-related death in a decade, with over 130 reported cases across Texas and New Mexico. The outbreak began in early February in a rural Mennonite community in Gaines County, Texas, and has since spread to about ten counties, including nine cases in eastern New Mexico.

The majority of cases involve unvaccinated children. Patients have exhibited high fever, red, watery eyes, nasal congestion, cough, and a facial rash. Treatments have included supplemental oxygen, fever medications, and IV fluids. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), measles has a mortality rate of 1 to 3 deaths per 1,000 cases.

Health officials emphasize the importance of the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, particularly in communities with low vaccination rates. Given measles' highly contagious nature, additional cases are expected.

Ensuring children receive the MMR vaccine is crucial in preventing further spread. Communities should stay alert for measles symptoms and seek medical attention if needed. Coordinated efforts between state health departments and the CDC remain essential for managing and containing the outbreak.

Appeals court refuses to reinstate federal employee vaccine mandate while it reviews case

Health CareA federal appeals court said Wednesday it would not reinstate President Joe Biden’s Covid-19 vaccine mandate for federal employees while it reviews a lower court’s order putting the requirement on hold

Why Many Employers Are Outsourcing COVID-19 Compliance

Health CareAlthough there are no federally mandated vaccine-or-testing regulations for employees in any industry other than health care, employers still need to comply with state

Pfizer pushes to intervene in lawsuit seeking COVID vaccine information from FDA

Health CarePfizer Inc wants to intervene in a Texas federal lawsuit seeking information from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration used in licensing the company’s COVID-19 vaccine

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New York state mask mandate back in effect as judge grants stay in appeal

Health CareAn appeals court judge on Tuesday granted a stay in an appeal over mask mandates in New York, keeping the rule in effect during the legal process, New York Attorney General

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The “Legal Epidemiology” of Pandemic Control

NewsThe centrality of law as a public health intervention has been undeniable during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Takeda’s Baxalta Settles with Bayer Over $173M Hemophilia Patent Infringement Verdict

NewsTakeda subsidiary Baxalta has spent more than two years pushing back against the $173 million in damages it was ordered to pay as a result of Bayer’s hemophilia patent infringement lawsuit.

Navigating the ADA Interactive Process and COVID-19 Disability Accommodation Requests

NewsAs vaccine proliferation continues, employers are preparing to welcome their workforces back to offices and job sites across the country.

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3 Biglaw Firms Will Give Back $1M in Purdue Pharma Legal Fees in Settlement With Trustee

NewsThree large law firms have agreed to reduce fee applications by $1 million in their bankruptcy representation of Purdue Pharma, the maker of the prescription pain medication OxyContin, after the U.S. trustee alleged a failure to disclose a common interest agreement.

NIST Seeks Comments on Version 2.0 of HIPAA Security Rule Compliance Guidance

NewsCyber threats and cybersecurity controls have evolved significantly over the past two decades since the HIPAA Security Rule were originally promulgated.

Health Republic Insurance

Lawsuit Reaches $220.8M Settlement

NewsArea health care providers will finally see millions of dollars in reimbursements tied to a defunct health insurer – but some may be out more than half of the dollars they were owed.

Businesses Filing More COVID Lawsuits and the Stakes are Higher

NewsThe anniversary of COVID-19 shutdown orders brought an upturn in both the number of business-interruption lawsuits against insurers and the amount of damages they are claiming.

COVID-19, Info Blocking Provisions: Time for HIPAA Compliance Checkup

NewsThe information blocking provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act officially went into effect this week, putting into focus the Department of Health and Human Services' regulatory and compliance effort around HIPAA-required data sharing

between applicable healthcare entities,.

Purdue Moves to Unload Opioid Claims Via $10B Plan

NewsPurdue Pharma LP has floated a settlement plan calling for members of the billionaire Sackler family to pay more than $4.2 billion to help resolve the thousands of lawsuits that drove the maker of OxyContin opioid painkillers into bankruptcy.

Novartis Unveils Legal Leadership Change as Biotech Hiring Booms

NewsNovartis AG announced Friday that its global head of litigation, Thomas Kendris, will on an interim basis succeed its outgoing chief legal officer Shannon Thyme Klinger.