# Measles Is Back. Is AI to Blame?

A public health collapse, not a data failure.

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THE DATA

# 5,000

**Measles cases reported in 2026**

The U.S. has reported more than 5,000 measles cases for the first time since 1991.

This number marks a dramatic resurgence of a disease long considered eliminated. The outbreak reflects not a failure of medical technology, but a breakdown in public trust and health infrastructure. Despite the availability of a proven vaccine, transmission chains have persisted for over a year, triggering the loss of elimination status.



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https://www.statnews.com/2026/11/17/us-loses-measles-elimination-status-public-health-victory-lost/

# 01

## AI Can't Vaccinate People

When 96% of cases occur in unvaccinated or unknown-status individuals, AI’s predictive models are only as effective as the human decisions they inform.





# 02

## The Real AI Limitation Is Trust

The loss of measles elimination status is not a failure of algorithms, but of governance. AI is only as powerful as the institutions that use it.

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