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1 Wisconsin Madison Dane County health officials monitoring federal COVID vaccine limits **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** Capital Times Newsletter June 3 2025 COVID 19 vaccine at the UW Madison Capital Times generic file photo Dane County residents are vaccinated for COVID 19 at among the highest rates in Wisconsin with over a third of the population receiving at least one dose through May But their access to COVID 19 vaccines in the future may become constrained under policy changes led by Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F Kennedy Junior The Food and Drug Administration under Kennedy signaled in May it will narrow vaccine access to adults over age 65 and people with certain medical conditions FDA officials also said they would require vaccine makers to study the safety and effectiveness of vaccines before allowing access to children and younger healthy adults A week later Kennedy then announced he would remove guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that recommends COVID 19 vaccination for healthy pregnant people and children In a video posted on X the longtime critic of vaccines said he could not be more pleased about the change Conflicting Kennedy however an update May 29 to the CDC recommendations says children may get the COVID 19 vaccine through shared clinical decision making The update essentially means healthy children may still receive the vaccine after consulting with a health care provider such as a doctor pharmacist or nurse While the update provided more clarity for children older than 6 months people in higher risk groups including pregnant people remain without a clear formal recommendation from the CDC As of Tuesday its adult immunization schedule listed pregnancy as no guidance not applicable for the COVID 19 vaccine Under the Biden administration federal health officials had recommended an annual COVID 19 vaccine for individuals six months and older with further recommendations based on past vaccination status and age and for people who are immunocompromised In their announcement last month FDA officials listed pregnancy as one of the underlying medical conditions warranting COVID 19 vaccine eligibility The COVID 19 vaccine from this season remains available New federal limits on the vaccines could affect access this fall such as changes to insurance coverage Paying out of pocket for a vaccine can cost around \$140 according to the CDC For Dane County health care providers and patients alike the federal policy changes are raising questions about how their access to COVID 19 vaccines could change in fall when viral transmission is typically higher A spokesperson for Public Health Madison and Dane County said it remains too soon to understand the impact of the changes What remains more certain according to the Public Health spokesperson is the efficacy of COVID 19 vaccines COVID 19 vaccines remain one of the most important tools available to help prevent severe

illness hospitalization and death due to COVID 19 is especially true for older adults people with underlying conditions and those with weakened immune systems Having broad access to these vaccines helps protect the most vulnerable in our community In January the Wisconsin Department of Health Services emphasized the importance of updated COVID 19 vaccines citing flu and COVID 19 vaccines as being formulated for currently circulating viruses The best way to protect yourself and those around you from respiratory viruses is to get vaccinated It is never too late said a respiratory disease epidemiologist for the agency in a statement Across Wisconsin Dane County boasts the highest number of residents choosing to receive COVID 19 vaccination for the 2024 2025 season according to state Department of Health figures About 35% of county residents received at least one dose as of May compared to nearly 18% statewide Among people under age 65 who may face more limited access to vaccines in the future under the FDA changes vaccination rates vary in Dane County For people aged 50 to 64 about 38% have received at least one dose while about 24% of people aged 18 to 49 have received at least one dose The chair of the Department of Life Sciences Communication at the University of Wisconsin Madison said social scientists are worried the federal policy changes could instill more distrust in science more broadly My concern is that if you start with existing distrust in science and giving doubt about these specific vaccines Does that instill a doubt about all the vaccines? So is it opening the door or building that hesitancy? the chair said The whole context is definitely breeding ground for doubt and that we need to closely watch Robert F Kennedy Junior has a history of anti vaccine rhetoric including petitioning the FDA to rescind authorization for COVID 19 vaccinations in 2021 amid a particularly deadly phase of the pandemic The next year he threatened to sue the FDA if it authorized COVID 19 vaccines for children The Chair said the changes could reduce the personal choice of a person to receive vaccines This is something that people should if they are concerned write to the congressman about Say that As an individual I want to have the choice to take this vaccine if I want the Chair said We can actually drive our car if we want and our car is very dangerous but nobody tells us do not drive a car So there is the issue of individual choice and it is also been debated independently of the medical context of restricted vaccines It is also who has the right to deny the choice? The Chair encourages people seeking clear and consistent guidance to keep two things in mind preexisting trusted relationships with doctors and collective memory of the impact of vaccines Talk to your grandmother that knew somebody with polio Having that collective memory is something very important and when I talk to people in public media and so on they go Oh that is true We tend to think of the now but think about the historical context the Chair said The Public Health spokesperson said local health officials will update the community when they know more and continue working to maintain access to vaccines to the best of our ability

2 Washington DC Public Broadcasting Service PBS Here is the Deal 46 PROGRAMS TRUMP WANTS TO ELIMINATE Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization PBS Newsletter June 4 2025 Trump has made headlines for pledging to eliminate the Department of Education But he is not eliminating it yet Last week we learned that his proposed budget would cut 15% of the funding of the agency next year His budget says he will wind down the Department of Education ultimately This news came as part of the budget appendix the White House released Friday which provides 1224 pages of numbers on how Trump wants Congress to appropriate funds next year That was Part 2 to his 46 page initial or skinny budget proposal The Trump budget proposal contains many specifics it is worth reading But it leaves out some critical information such as the summary tables that usually provide bottom line cuts and spending amounts for agencies and government overall The Trump budget would eliminate more than 40 programs and agencies Trump is running the Republican Party and asserting presidential power in ways unseen in American history At the least the outline he is presenting here will influence congressional decisions From the White House and Republican perspective his plan to eliminate some programs underscores that he is pushing for action that others have avoided Potential critics

Many of these programs have vocal advocates who say without them critical oversight protections and functions will be gone. At the same time as you will see this target list is composed mostly of programs with relatively small budgets. Eliminating them saves a sum barely worth mentioning relative to the federal deficit. Not the scale many fiscal conservatives hope to see. **Example The largest proposed elimination is the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program or LIHEAP a national program that helps people afford heating and energy bills. Its roughly \$4 billion in funding is just 0.6 percent of the discretionary budget Congress controls.** The Trump elimination list. Here are programs and agencies Trump proposes to eliminate in his budget. For perspective we are including the estimated funding amount for the current year fiscal year 2025 when the budget provides them.

Economic and jobs programs
Economic development assistance programs. This provides some \$2 billion in grants to economically struggling communities.
Economic Development Administration \$113 million
Job Corps More than \$1.7 billion
AmeriCorps officially known as the Corporation for National and Community Service \$976 million
Business Development Agency \$68 million
Community Service Employment for Older Americans \$405 million
The Department of Labor Bureau of Women
The NASA Office of Science Tech Engineering and Math Engagement \$143 million
Oversight Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. This office is a watchdog tasked with making sure there is no discrimination in contracting \$111 million
Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board \$14 million

Health and living programs
Administration for Community Living which supports ability of older and disabled Americans to live independently. More than \$2.4 billion
U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness \$4 million
The Department of Health and Human Services Prevention and Public Health Fund \$1.4 billion in funds planned for FY 2026
Patient Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund \$338 million
Assistance programs **LIHEAP the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program More than \$4.1 billion**
Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve \$7 million
Refugees and asylees
Cash medical and other social service assistance is eliminated. No summary figure given

Legal and labor programs
The Department of Justice Community Relations Service. This division works to mediate and confront community tension \$24 million
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service which mediates labor disputes \$54 million
Legal Services Corporation one of the largest funders of civil legal aid in America \$560 million
Media and communications
U.S. Agency for Global Media which includes Voice of America Radio Free Asia Radio Free Europe \$857 million
Corporation for Public Broadcasting a private nonprofit that distributes federal funding to public media organizations including to NPR and PBS. This would affect local stations and programs like the PBS News Hour \$595 million
Regional authorities
Delta Regional Authority \$41 million
Denali Commission in Alaska \$38 million
DC Tuition Assistance Grant program \$40 million
Northern Border Regional Commission \$46 million
Great Lakes Authority \$5 million
Southeast Crescent Regional Commission \$20 million
Southwest Border Regional Commission \$5 million

Wildlife
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program \$72 million
Multinational Species Conservation Fund \$21 million
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund \$5 million
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund \$23 million in discretionary funding
Marine Mammal Commission \$5 million

What happens next? Congress must pass the next funding bill by Sept. 30 to avoid a government shutdown. Appropriators in both the House and Senate will go over this list and make their own version of what stays and what goes. It is not typical for Congress to eliminate many agencies or programs but we are not in a typical year. Fiscal conservatives and Trump are pushing to show that they are slimming the government. White House criticizes GOP senators worried about the national debt. One Big Question Will Senate Republicans make big changes to the budget bill? Tamara Keith of NPR and Amy Walter of the Cook Political Report with Amy Walter discuss. A Closer Look How lawmakers are restricting citizen led ballot initiatives. Perspectives Mississippi governor on how changes to Medicaid and disaster funding could affect his state.

3 Minnesota I Did not Get It Done A Reflective Tim Walz Wants to Make Good The 2024 Democratic vice presidential nominee has thrown himself into a robust atonement and explanation tour though aides insist there is no grand strategy Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The New York Times June 1 2025 Nearly seven months since his ticket lost the 2024 presidential election Tim Walz is trying all at once to make amends for everything he thinks went wrong He is going to Republican areas where Democrats lost ground He is sitting for countless interviews after the former Vice President Kamala Harris campaign limited his media exposure And as his party engages in collective finger pointing he is among the few Democrats admitting that they themselves made mistakes I know my job and I did not get it done Walz the governor of Minnesota said last week on a podcast hosted by former Senator Jon Tester the Montana Democrat The Tim Walz atonement and explanation tour had its biggest audiences to date on Saturday when he delivered speeches to Democratic Party conventions in South Carolina and California This dude is the last guy I want to tell us about we lost our way You are the guy who lost Walz said to the crowd in Columbia South Carolina on Saturday morning imagining what listeners might be thinking But he added none of us can afford to shy away right now from asking the hard questions and doing the things we need to do to fix it so that we win elections His approach stands in stark contrast with how his running mate has dealt with their loss Ms Harris gave a paid speech in Australia appeared at the Met Gala in New York though she skipped the red carpet and spoke for barely more than 15 minutes to a political group in San Francisco Even as she weighs a run for governor of California it was Walz who was the main attraction at that the California Democratic convention He has a lot more freedom than he did last fall Walz is certainly testing the boundaries of that freedom Like so many others he laments the abbreviated nature of the Harris campaign And after pledging to do whatever Ms Harris wanted as her running mate Walz found life as the vice presidential nominee suffocating A man who was chosen for his skills in television interviews was not allowed to do many of them because it would have highlighted the avoidance of reporters by Harris If you think you are just going to do a 60 Minutes interview and that is going to get across boy that is not it Walz said on the podcast of Tester a reference to one of the rare campaign trail interviews by Ms Harris For all the rending of garments over the 2024 results The Walz trip to South Carolina also represented something else his first real post election effort to speak to Black voters the most critical constituency for any Democrat with presidential aspirations Each of the last three contested primaries of the Democratic Party was won by the candidate Barack Obama Hillary Clinton and Biden who consolidated Black support across Southern primary states Walz has had limited exposure to Southern Black Democrats and his post election analysis has focused more on the ground the party lost with working class voters more broadly I do not think that Governor Walz hurt himself mainly because the campaign hid him said former State Representative Bakari T Sellers a prominent South Carolina Democrat in an interview a few days before the state convention Democrats we have no shortage of good ideas Walz told South Carolina Democrats on Saturday But when we get into power we have not been able to get the stuff done at least not the stuff that people actually care about and feel in their lives He also urged his party to push back vigorously against Trump Maybe it is time for us to be a little meaner Maybe it is time for us to be a little more fierce As for his plans for 2028 Walz compared his place in the eventual Democratic field to a member of an expedition trying to climb Mount Everest No one knew who was going to the summit it depended on who was ready on summit day Walz said in the interview You get the final camp you push somebody up What I am saying is I want to be part of this team that gets there and pushes whoever it is up to the top

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the atmosphere so you are not seeing visibility or air quality issues at the surface The Iowa Department of Natural Resources issued an air quality alert on Tuesday for all of Iowa through 6 am on Thursday The air quality alert for much of Minnesota remained in effect through noon on Wednesday according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency The alert for some areas was expected to reach the red category which signals it can be dangerous for everyone the agency said Wildfires have spread out of control in Canada displacing thousands of residents and polluting the air The air quality index in the Twin Cities reached very unhealthy levels on early Tuesday morning before improving by late morning to unhealthy according to a New York Times air quality tracker The scale of the index runs from 0 to 500 the higher the number the worse the air Both St Paul and Minneapolis had registered 226 by 10 a m on Tuesday Above 200 the air is considered very unhealthy and all kinds of people would be at risk By noon the air quality was indexed at 182 an improvement But above 150 the air is considered unhealthy and the ill effects might start to be felt by people who are not in sensitive groups Images on social media showed hazy skies above St Paul early Tuesday with some people reporting damp campfire like smells mixing with the rain in the area The Canadian wildfire season got off to a grim start last month when two people were killed in the province of Manitoba as a wildfire raged forcing the evacuation of an entire town Last week in Saskatchewan and Manitoba neighboring provinces in The Canadian prairies dozens of wildfires spread out of control displacing thousands of residents A cold front was dragging smoke from the large wildfires across the border into the States In Marquette Mich which sits on the shore of Lake Superior on the upper peninsula of Michigan and was under an air quality advisory on Tuesday the store manager at a clothing and gift shop said a heavy smell of smoke and a thick haze rolled in around 1130 a m You cannot even see down the street she said adding that the haze obstructed the view down to the lake which is about a block from the store The smell of smoke outside remained powerful she added

10 Saying Trump is dangerous is not enough Bernie Sanders on Biden billionaires and why the Democrats failed Bernie Sanders The senator and twice Democratic presidential hopeful is on tour with Alexandria Ocasio Cortez trying to build a new progressive movement He reveals why he thinks Republicans are scared to speak up and what went wrong for Kamala Harris in 2024 Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The Guardian June 4 2025 I think what Trumpism is about is an understanding that the system in America is not working for working class people says Bernie Sanders In a phony hypocritical way Trump has tapped into that His quote unquote solutions will only make a bad situation worse In person the 83 years of Bernie Sanders read differently than in photograph perhaps because of how conversational he is His voice is magnetic with a Brooklyn accent that feels both warm and tough But what I have been aware of and I have talked about it for years is that in America the very richest people are doing phenomenally well while 60% of our people live paycheck to paycheck Later he will say the same thing to an audience in London only with more emphasis and passion Sixty per cent Six zero Do you know what paycheck to paycheck means? It is exhilarating to hear Sanders speak to a crowd his zeal is reflected back in their faces his moral clarity is such a relief set against the cynicism and resignation of most of the opposition of the Democratic party to Trump and his administration Class war is as old as time but it is a peculiarity of this age that you rarely hear a politician name it I do he tells me There is a class war going on The people on top are waging that war It is a look at what could have been Sanders ran of course to be the Democratic presidential candidate in 2016 and again in 2020 The first time there was a real sense in the US and abroad that something incredible might happen that someone with almost no name recognition he says a senator from the small state of Vermont might successfully challenge Hillary Clinton whom the party had already anointed We all know how that worked out Was it the greatest disappointment of his political life? Well you are too busy to feel things he says You are just working very hard What is absolutely unequivocal is his criticism of the Democrats The party he thinks lacks any real progressive promise What they say is The status quo is working pretty good and we will tinker around the edges and that is not a message that resonates with working people He refuses to indulge in any personal ill will towards Joe Biden or Kamala

Harris The most he will voice is a weary resignation about 2020 when his campaign won the first three states primary states in terms of popular votes Then the Democratic establishment made sure the other candidates dropped out and they rallied around Joe Biden You know that is the world that we live in We are taking on not just the Republican leadership we are taking on a Democratic establishment which is tied to elements of corporate America During the 2024 election he worked very hard to see that Kamala Harris was elected I was all over the country and was one of her major surrogates We begged our campaign to start talking about the needs of working people But their consultants and the money people behind them thought of another strategy showing that she was more conservative that she worked with people like Liz Cheney worked with Republicans had billionaires going out and saying that she is wonderful They thought that was the right approach I did not think that was the approach and I was public about that He pauses and not for effect it is hard to relive November 2024 But my voice did not carry he says As he leaves he strides on ahead his wife Jane an activist herself making small talk with me in his wake It is not that he is performing vigor in an era where the ages of politicians are relentlessly analyzed It is just his manner all this urgent change should have happened yesterday

11 From No Hope to a Potential Cure for a Deadly Blood Cancer Multiple myeloma is considered incurable but a third of patients in a Johnson and Johnson clinical trial have lived without detectable cancer for years after facing certain death Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The New York Times June 3 2025 A group of 97 patients had longstanding multiple myeloma a common blood cancer that doctors consider incurable and faced a certain and extremely painful death within about a year They had gone through a series of treatments each of which controlled their disease for a while But then it came back as it always does They reached the stage where they had no more options and were facing hospice They all got immunotherapy in a study that was a last ditch effort A third responded so well that they got what seems to be an astonishing reprieve The immunotherapy developed by Legend Biotech a company founded in China seems to have made their cancer disappear And after five years it still has not returned in those patients a result never before seen in this disease These results in patients whose situation had seemed hopeless has led some battle worn American oncologists to dare to say the words potential cure Taking the Legend CAR T was difficult she said she had spent nearly three weeks in the hospital But since that treatment six years ago she has no sign of cancer She said it was still difficult for her to believe her myeloma is gone Myeloma experts applauded the results Like treatments for many other cancers treatments for multiple myeloma come with a high price The drugs are hideously expensive Doctor June said costing more than \$100000 a year The total cost over the years can be millions of dollars Doctor June said usually paid by insurers and it does not even cure you CAR T is expensive too The Carvykti list price is \$555310 But it is a one time treatment And more important the hope is that perhaps by giving it earlier in the course of the disease it could cure patients early on Johnson and Johnson is now testing that idea A myeloma expert at Dana Farber Cancer Institute who was not involved with the study said that if the treatment is used as a first line treatment cure is now our realistic expectation That at least is the hope the doctor said And for those like the patients in the new study who are living at least five years so far without disease the outcome really is eye popping the doctor said That is getting to a point where you wonder if it will ever come back he added

12 Dutch Government Collapses Over Migration Dispute The populist Geert Wilders withdrew his right wing Trumpist party from the ruling coalition saying partners were stalling plans for the strictest migration policy ever in the Netherlands Geert Wilders the far right Trumpist leader of the biggest political party in the Netherlands announced his decision on social media Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The New York Times June 3 2025 The governing coalition in the Netherlands collapsed on Tuesday after the populist leader Geert Wilders withdrew his party over a dispute about migration policy ending a rocky 11 month rule by the first far right government in the Netherlands and triggering early elections The move by Wilders shows how the debate over

unauthorized migration continues to roil European politics a decade after a large scale influx of people fleeing wars or seeking better economic opportunities unsettled the region. The collapse of the coalition was confirmed by Prime Minister Dick Schoof who said he would present his resignation to King Willem Alexander. He said he would stay on as the leader of a caretaker administration without the party of Wilders until elections and the formation of a new government. I think it is unnecessary and irresponsible. Schoof said of the decision of Wilders. It was not immediately clear when new elections would take place but they appeared unlikely to happen before October plunging the country into political uncertainty for at least the rest of the year. The party of Wilders has been dropping in Dutch polls lately. Wilders announced the withdrawal of his Party for Freedom from the four party coalition on X saying it was because of the refusal of his partners to sign off on a new list of proposals to curb migration. No signature for our migration plans he said. The political crisis comes as the Netherlands prepares to host a NATO summit on June 24 and 25. Caroline van der Plas and Nicolien van Vroonhoven the leaders of the other two governing parties called the decision of Wilders irresponsible. He is not putting the Netherlands first he is putting Geert Wilders first said Ms van der Plas the leader of the pro farmer party. And I blame him for that.

13 Ukraine hits bridge linking Crimea to Russia with underwater explosives. Operation severely damaged base of Crimean bridge opened by Putin in 2018 the SBU security service of Kyiv says. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The Guardian June 3 2025. Ukraine has detonated a massive underwater blast targeting the key road and rail bridge connecting the Russian occupied Crimean peninsula to Russia damaging its underwater supports. The operation for which the SBU security service of Kyiv claimed responsibility is the second high profile operation by Ukraine in days striking significant Russian assets after a sophisticated drone raid on the Moscow strategic bomber fleet on Sunday. The attack came as Ukraine confirmed it had been invited to the Nato summit later this month after President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said it would be a victory for Russia if it was not present. The latest strike on the 12 mile long Kerch bridge a prestige project of the Russian president Vladimir Putin which he opened in 2018 comes amid what appear to be determined efforts by Ukraine to change the narrative promoted by the Trump administration that Kyiv holds few cards in the war. The mining of the bridge which is heavily defended by Russian forces follows the audacious long range drone attack on airbases deep inside Russia which Zelenskyy claimed had damaged 34% of The Russian strategic cruise missile carriers. In a further development on Tuesday The Russian state investigative committee accused Ukraine of carrying out acts of terrorism by blowing up two railway bridges in Russia over the weekend. Seven people were killed and 113 injured including children when two trains crashed as a result of the attacks. A Russian rocket attack on the north eastern Ukrainian city of Sumy on Tuesday killed at least four people and wounded 25 officials said. Zelenskyy denounced the assault saying it underscored the fact that Moscow had no intention of halting the war. The SBU said the operation against the Kerch bridge had been planned for several months and involved the equivalent of more than a metric ton of TNT which it said had severely damaged the base of the bridge supports. It is the third time Ukraine has targeted the key logistics route since the Moscow full scale invasion in 2022. In October 2022 a truck exploded on the bridge while in July 2023 the SBU said it had blown up part of the bridge using an experimental naval drone. Both times Russia repaired the damaged sections. Lt Gen Vasyl Maliuk of the SBU who supervised the latest operation described the bridge as an absolutely legitimate target. The enemy used it as a logistical artery to supply its troops. Crimea is Ukraine and any manifestations of occupation will receive our tough response. The White House said that Trump was open to the idea of a summit which is also backed by Zelenskyy and by the president of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The Zelenskyy attendance at the Nato summit in The Hague from 24 to 26 June was welcomed by the Ukrainian president after reported misgivings over the potential for the renewal of friction between Zelenskyy and Trump administration officials. We were invited to the Nato summit. I think this is important Zelenskyy said on Monday after he held a meeting with the secretary general of NATO Mark Rutte in Vilnius.