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A/ Vocabulary

You will need to learn the following chapters for our next lessons. Focus on the first 5 chapters over the holidays.

Ch.42 The human body
Ch.43 Diseases
Ch. 44 Accidents , handicaps
Ch.45 Remedies
Ch. 46 Medecine and Prevention
Ch.62 - 65 (Political life, elections; Politics : legislative power; Politics : executive power; Politics : judicial power).

B/ Homework - November 2nd

- Translate the texts from the handout entitled 'translation 2'
- *Make sure you follow the news, especially the campaign leading to the midterms elections Do the NYT student quiz and watch some videos by CNN 10 for instance.*
- Read the following article and answer the question.

Pennsylvania faces largest measles outbreak in decades as case count rises to 1,000

Edward Helmore, The Guardian, Mon 5 Oct 2026.

Neighboring states are also reporting hundreds of cases, with over 3,800 recorded across the country

Pennsylvania has surpassed 1,000 measles cases this year, state health officials calculate, making it the largest state outbreak in more than three decades. The benchmark comes as neighboring New York declared a state of emergency about measles rates there. Pennsylvania's health department said on Monday 1,004 cases of measles had been confirmed. Five Pennsylvania residents have died after contracting the disease, with 198 hospitalizations.Lancaster county, with sizable Amish and Mennonite[1] populations, remains the hardest hit, with 391 cases, according to official figures. Cases numbers have risen over the past three months, with the highest number of infections in the 24-49 age range.
The numbers, however, are not included in a CDC count due to an ongoing dispute between Pennsylvania's governor, Josh Shapiro, and the US health secretary, Robert F Kennedy Jr, over how to classify measles-related mortality. Shapiro has called Kennedy "incompetent", and Kennedy has publicly questioned whether the state's recorded fatalities were directly caused by

[1] The Amish and the Mennonites are religious groups living in secluded communities which are often undervaccinated.

measles. The CDC – which Kennedy oversees – currently lists two measles deaths in the US this year.

Shapiro has expanded access to the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine in affected communities. “I want every Pennsylvanian to know this: measles does not care about your county, your faith, or your social circle,” he said in August. “I urge everyone to take this seriously and to discuss any concerns with their trusted health care provider.”

In New York state, Governor Kathy Hochul declared a state of emergency on Monday as well, citing 108 cases in the state as of 3 October. Ohio, which also shares a border with Pennsylvania, has also reported advancing numbers of cases, with more than 200 this year. Like in Pennsylvania, Ohio has a significant Amish population.

The US is enduring its worst year for measles since 1991. As of 1 October, the CDC reported 3,887 confirmed cases this year, along with the highest number of measles-associated deaths in decades.

In addition to Pennsylvania, outbreaks have been reported in several states, including Texas and Utah, as well as South Carolina, which had the largest outbreak with 997 cases reported. Health officials in Pennsylvania have said the state’s current outbreak started in April, west of Philadelphia and attributed the outbreak to low vaccination rates.

According to the Associated Press, the most recent outbreak to surpass 1,000 cases occurred in New York City in the early 1990s. That outbreak infected more than 4,500 people. During the 1989 and 1991 resurgences, 55,000 infections and 123 deaths were recorded, according to Reuters.

The domestic US spread of measles was eliminated in 2000 by high vaccination rates, but those rates have fallen in recent years to below the 95% coverage needed to prevent outbreaks. In November, international health officials will meet to determine if the US and Mexico have lost their measles-free status.

=> According to the article, how severe is the measles epidemic in the US and why? (130 words max.)