



WHAT THEY ARE SAYING...

ABOUT HHS'S ACTIONS TO PROTECT PARENTS' RIGHTS IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH DECISIONS

On December 3, 2025, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [announced](#) a series of actions to protect the integrity of parental rights in pediatric medicine. These actions include an investigation into a Midwestern school that illegally vaccinated a child without parental consent, a [Dear Colleague letter](#) reminding healthcare providers of their duty to provide parental access to child health information, and a requirement that grant recipients must fully comply with federal and state parent-consent laws for services at HRSA-supported health centers.

Here's how key figures and members of the media are reacting to that historic announcement:

HEADLINES:

- [CatholicVote](#): "HHS moves to strengthen parental rights in children's health care."
 - "The investigation fits into the agency's broader push to reinforce parental authority in children's medical care."
- [Daily Wire](#): "HHS To Investigate Midwestern School Accused Of Vaccinating Child Against Parents' Wishes."
 - "The Department of Health and Human Services took **momentous action** Wednesday to protect the rights of parents to know what medical procedures their children are being subjected to."
- [Daily Signal](#): "HHS Clarifies Which Health Records Doctors Can't Hide from Parents"
 - "These actions, that reinforce parent legal authority to direct their children's health care decisions, carry implications extending beyond vaccination." "HHS' move is a warning to health care providers that the agency will enforce parental rights law if those providers or schools seek to hide transgender procedures on children from their parents." "The letter reinforces that parents can exercise their children's rights with respect to protected health information, including the right of access."
- [The Defender \(CHD\)](#): "You Cannot Sideline Parents,' RFK Jr. Warns, as HHS Launches Probe Into School That Ignored Religious Exemption"
- [Fox News](#): "RFK Jr launches investigation into school for alleged vaccination of child without parental consent"
- [Epoch Times](#): "Health Department Investigating School That Vaccinated Child Without Parental Consent"
 - "Today, we are putting pediatric medical professionals on notice: you cannot sideline parents,' Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said."

- [Leading Report](#): “HHS has launched an investigation into schools that illegally administered vaccines to children without parental consent, according to Secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr”
- [TrialSiteNews](#): “HHS Moves Aggressively on Parental Rights in Pediatric Care—New Investigation Sparks National Debate”
- [NTD](#): “School Investigated Over Non-Consensual Vaccination”
- Washington Examiner: “HHS opens investigation into Midwestern school over vaccination without parents' consent”
- [USAToday](#): “RFK Jr cracks down, says school vaccinated kid without consent.”
 - “The Department of Health and Human Services says it will make sure that doctors and other providers receive parental consent before vaccinating children”
- [Resist the Mainstream](#): “BREAKING: Sec RFK Jr has announced that HHS has launched an investigation into a “troubling incident” where a Midwestern school allegedly administered a federally funded vaccine “without the parents' consent”
- [HIPAA Journal](#): “OCR Reminds Regulated Entities of Obligation to Provide Parental Access to Children's Medical Records.”

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

- [Rep. Mary Miller \(R-IL 15\)](#): I'm glad @HHSGov is taking action If a school is hiding a child's gender transition or secretly vaccinating kids without parental consent, they should be dragged into court and held fully accountable!

ADVOCATES & ORGANIZATIONS:

- [Stand for Health Freedom](#): “Stand for Health Freedom is deeply grateful to @SecKennedy and @HHSGov for **taking decisive action to defend parental rights and religious freedom** **No parent should ever have to fight for the right to make medical decisions for their child** Mandates remove consent, and consent is the cornerstone of ethical medicine Protecting parental consent protects freedom itself Families are not the problem Mandates are”
- [Kristen Waggoner \(ADF Legal\)](#): “Today @HHSGov took a **strong stand**—supported by several concrete actions—to **strengthen parental rights** in healthcare settings. This isn't simply about vaccines. It's about protecting the **fundamental right and responsibility of parents** to direct the upbringing and medical care of their own children Restoring respect for parental rights and religious liberty isn't just a constitutional requirement—it would go a long way toward rebuilding trust between American families and healthcare providers.”
- [Elizabeth Mitchell \(Daily Signal\)](#): “@HHSGov's actions against a school that vaxed a child without parental consent demonstrates that **the agency will not tolerate information on a child's gender transition being withheld from parents.**”
- [Aly Legge \(Moms for America\)](#): “This is incredible! Thank you @SecKennedy for restoring accountability!”

- [**MAHA Action:**](#) “RFK Jr says HHS has launched an investigation into a school that vaccinated a child without parental consent. He makes clear **this is illegal and will not be tolerated** ” (28.1k views)
- [**MAHA Action:**](#) “A Midwestern school allegedly vaccinated a child without parental consent after the family filed a religious exemption HHS just opened a federal investigation Secretary Kennedy said **providers cannot ignore parents. If consent is violated HHS will act** HHS also reminded every provider that parents have a legal right to see all of their children’s medical information That is federal law Hospitals and clinics now face compliance reviews to ensure parents get full access to their children’s records. And HRSA funded health centers must follow all parental consent laws for every service given to minors. Parents are finally being put back at the center of children’s health decisions.” (5.4k views)
- [**Catholic Vote:**](#) “You cannot sideline parents.” - Sec Robert F Kennedy Jr Today, the HHS unveiled **new steps to protect parents’ rights** in pediatric medicine “When providers ignore parental consent, violate exemptions to vaccine mandates, or keep parents in the dark about their children’s care, we will act decisively We will use every tool at our disposal to protect families and restore accountability” **This is amazing Children belong to their parents, not the state** ” (4.1k views)
- [**Children’s Health Defense:**](#) “This is huge @SecKennedy and @HHSGov are launching an investigation into schools that illegally administered vaccines to children without parental consent. If your rights have been violated, please report it here: [HHS/OCR link]”
- [**Mary Holland \(Children’s Health Defense\):**](#) “CHD strongly supports the **right to informed consent and informed refusal of all medical interventions** — this is the essence of what the **Nuremberg Code** stands for That document was the antidote to the medical atrocities of World War II **Religious exemption rights are one aspect of true informed consent and refusal** — whether that ‘informed’ nature comes from religion or science or wherever else”
- [**Alleigh Marre \(American Parents Coalition\):**](#) “Nothing and no one should stand between a parent and their child We are the primary decision-makers for our children — not school administrators, activist teachers’ unions, the medical establishment, or our government.”
- [**Matt Bowman \(Senior Counsel at Alliance Defending Freedom via The Daily Signal\):**](#) “Schools increasingly take federal funds to provide medical care, and as we’ve seen, they in some instances, take it upon themselves to violate parental rights with respect to embarking kids on paths that lead to dangerous gender transition procedures...And schools need to realize they are subject to federal laws that protect parental rights and access when they start engaging in practice of medicine” Bowman said he is confident that HHS’ investigation sends a message to schools and health care entities “that they need to fully respect parental and religious liberty rights...We’re very encouraged by the broad position HHS is taking and the message they’re sending to those in the healthcare field”
- [**The HighWire:**](#) “BREAKING: RFK Jr just launched a FULL **INVESTIGATION** into a school that FORCED a vaccine on a child, IGNORING parents’ **LEGAL** exemption “If a provider ignores consent, violates an exemption, or keeps parents in the dark, **HHS** will act — quickly and decisively” **No more hiding behind "public health" to trample family rights** ”

- [Leah Wilson \(Exec Director, Stand for Health Freedom\):](#) “This is exactly why we’ve opposed childhood vaccine mandates from the beginning **When default, universal recommendations and the resultant mandates exist, parental authority is minimized and dismissed** ”

INFLUENCERS:

- [Dave Asprey:](#) “Doing what he said You control your health Not your school Not your boss. Not your insurer. Not your doctor. Not your government. You don’t need a paternalistic health daddy telling you what to do or punishing you for not doing what they say.”
- [@JimFergusonUK:](#) “BREAKING: RFK JR LAUNCHES MAJOR FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INTO SCHOOL THAT VACCINATED A CHILD WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT RFK Jr just confirmed that HHS has opened a full-scale investigation into a Midwest school that administered a federally funded vaccine to a child WITHOUT the parents’ consent — even though the family had a legally recognized exemption ” (4.6k views)
- [@bennyjohnson:](#) Sec RFK Jr announces HHS has launched an investigation into a school accused of secretly vaccinating a child without parental consent. Criminal Any school or institution that cut parents out and injected kids in the dark needs to be exposed and held accountable
- [Allen Mashburn:](#) “**HHS** Secretary RFK Jr just announced that an investigation has been launched into schools that illegally administered vaccines to children WITHOUT parental consent—starting with a Midwestern school that ignored a family’s religious exemption and used federally provided shots to violate state law **This is absolutely HUGE** But let’s be real: investigations are necessary to uncover the rot, yet without swift arrests and aggressive prosecutions, there’s no true justice Americans are beyond fed up with watching these maggots—school officials, bureaucrats, and enablers who trample parents’ rights—walk free while families suffer the consequences. It’s time to lock them up and make an example, or this betrayal of trust will only fester”
- [Dr. Simone Gold:](#) “BREAKING: A school in the Midwest gave a federally funded vaccine to a child despite a valid state exemption — and now HHS has opened an investigation This is not a “mistake” It’s a direct violation of parental rights and medical consent. Accountability must be swift.”

