



Weekly Public Affairs Program

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1. **Lisa Lockerd Maragakis, MD, MPH**, Senior Director of Infection Prevention at the Johns Hopkins Health System in Baltimore

Last year's flu season was one of the deadliest in the last 40 years, with an estimated 80,000 deaths in the U.S. Dr. Maragakis explained why it is important to get a flu shot in October. She discussed the different types of flu vaccine available and dispelled some of the most common myths about it.

Issues covered:
Public Health

Length: 8:49

2. **Jean M. Twenge, PhD**, Professor of Psychology at San Diego State University, author of the book "iGen"

Fewer than 20 percent of U.S. teens report reading a book, magazine or newspaper daily for pleasure, while more than 80 percent say they use social media every day, according to Dr. Twenge's latest research. She noted that the decline in reading print media was especially steep. She explained why this is such cause for concern and what parents can do to counteract it.

Issues covered:
Literacy
Parenting
Teenage Concerns

Length: 8:32

3. **Keita Franklin, PhD**, Executive Director of Suicide Prevention for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Suicide is a national public health issue that affects all Americans, but it is a particularly serious problem among both active duty service members and military veterans. Dr. Franklin discussed the possible reasons behind this trend. She also talked about a new VA campaign intended to increase the availability of mental health and suicide prevention resources for at-risk veterans.

Issues covered:
Suicide
Military/Veterans Concerns

Length: 5:08