



# Pennsylvania Chapter

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## COVID-19 Update and Resources 12/31 - 1/08

### Events at the Capitol

We are very saddened by the events that took place at the US Capitol this week. We condemn these actions and object to all forms of violence.

In the US halls of democracy, you, our PA AAP members along with our colleagues from around the country, have advocated on critical issues to improve the lives of children and their families. We know there is much work to do, and we know we can count on you to continue to be the voice for children.

Be sure to read the [letter](#) from our new AAP President, Dr. Lee Savio Beers.

### PA & Federal Updates

- There were 71,932 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 12/30, bringing the total case count to 703,265 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 PA counties. Hospitalizations remain near double the peak in the spring. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#). Statewide percent positivity for the week of December 25 – December 31 is 15.0%.
- Week-Six Of Regional Testing Extension Across The Commonwealth - [Read more](#).
- This week, the Pennsylvania departments of Health (DOH) and Education (PDE) released [updated recommendations](#) for school administrators and school boards on which instructional models they should consider using based on the changing levels of community transmission of COVID-19 in their counties. [Read more](#).
- This week, PA DOH Secretary, Dr. Rachel Levine announced the first confirmed case of the COVID-19 variant, SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7, in Pennsylvania. The confirmed case is in Dauphin County. This variant is the same one that was first discovered in England in December. [Read more](#).
- After receiving additional prioritization recommendations from the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) on December 22nd, today the Pennsylvania Department of Health released an updated COVID-19 Interim Vaccination Plan that will reflect those additional federal recommendations. The complete plan can be found [here](#). We remain in contact with staff at the DOH and expect vaccination locations and contacts for non-affiliated health care personnel will be available soon.
- CDC - New COVID-19 Variants - [read more](#).
- Playing Sports: Updated Guidance from the CDC - [read more](#).

## Updates from AAP and Other Guidance

- Visit the COVID-19 [web page on AAP.org](#) to find updated resources such as clinical guidance, practice management resources, including tele-health and coding, educational resources for clinicians and families, data reports, a discussion board, and details on AAP advocacy efforts. For questions or comments related to the pandemic, email [COVID-19@aap.org](mailto:COVID-19@aap.org).
- As of December 31, nearly 2.13 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 12.4% of all cases in states reporting cases by age. [Learn more.](#)
- **AAP Updated Guidance:**
  - [COVID-19 Guidance for Safe Schools](#)
  - [Guidance on Providing Pediatric Well-Care During COVID-19](#)
  - [Supporting the Emotional and Behavioral Health Needs of Children, Adolescents, and Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

**Interactive Town Hall Series on COVID-19-** The AAP now hosts a [bi-weekly series of virtual town halls](#) linking members with leading experts to discuss emerging issues related to caring for patients and families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- [Register for Session #10](#), Thursday, January 21st at 8 pm. Topic TBA.
- **Session #7:** December 3rd, 2020, Covid-19 Vaccine - [Listen to the recording.](#)
- **Session #8:** December 17, 2020, COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A - [Listen to the recording.](#)
- **Session #9,** January 7, 2021, COVID-19 and Safe Return to Schools: Q and A - [Listen to the recording.](#)

## Webinars



**Let's Talk will resume on Wednesday, January 27th.**

**[Register now for:](#)  
COVID Vaccines for Children**

Presenter:

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**In case you missed it:**

**"Let's Talk: Prioritizing Health Equity in Clinical Practice" | Katie Mcpeak, MD, FAAP, and Stacey Kallem, MD, FAAP, and Chinonyerem R Madu, MPH**  
[Listen to the recording](#)

**"Let's Talk: Addressing Disparities in Immunization"**  
**Kristen Feemster, MD, MPH, MSHP, FAAP & Johanna Vidal-Phelan, MD, MBA, FAAP**  
[Listen to the recording](#)

**"Let's Talk: "Influenza: Disease, Immunization, and Working to Protect Families"**

**Richard Moriarty, MD, FAAP**

[Listen to the recording](#)

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You can listen to other recorded webinars [here](#)

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Please visit our website at [www.paaap.org](http://www.paaap.org) for more resources and information on COVID-19 for Pennsylvania pediatric providers. We are doing our best to maintain up-to-date information as it becomes available.

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