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COVID-19 Update and Resources 9/18- 10/1

Follow the PA AAP on social media to receive real-time updates on developments in school health and COVID-19 transmission, testing, and vaccinations in the Commonwealth.



PA & Federal Updates

- There were 65,045 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 9/17, bringing the total case count to 1,435,292 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 counties in PA. Statewide percent positivity for the week Sept. 17- 23 stood at 8.9%--a decrease from 9.1%, recorded Sept. 3 - 9. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).
- Questions around vaccine booster shots persist; the CDC approves and recommends the Pfizer booster shot for individuals over 65 and immuno-compromised adults, who're six months out from receiving the Pfizer vaccine, while [J&J recipients await word](#). See a breakdown from the CDC on booster shot eligibility [here](#).
- Experts ponder the mixing and matching of COVID-19 vaccines for booster shots. Read more [here](#).
- This week, the CDC issued a specific [Health Advisory](#) recommending urgent action to increase COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant people. Read more [here](#). [Click here](#) to view the PA Health Alert on this topic.
- [Estimates](#) suggest that the COVID-19 vaccine will be available for children aged 5-11 in the coming weeks; hospitals fear staffing shortages, which would [impact care coordination across departments](#). Learn more [here](#).
- Data confirm: masks are a critical strategy in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in schools. Read more from the CDC [here](#).
- Many [parents are eager](#) to vaccinate their children against COVID-19; however, a [recent poll](#) suggests that Black parents are most hesitant to have the COVID-19 administered to their children.
- For more from the Wolf Administration on the state's strategy to protect in-person instruction in schools, click [here](#).

- Insurers are returning to pre-COVID coverage practices, leaving patients with large bills. Read more [here](#).
- The COVID-19 death toll has surpassed that of the 1918 flu. For more, click [here](#).
- See the following health updates from the PA Department of Health:
 - [Quarantine Recommendations After SARS-CoV-2 Antibody Test](#)
 - [Response to an Outbreak and Residents with Exposure to COVID-19 for Long-term Care Facilities](#) and [Core Infection Prevention and Control Measures for Long-term Care Facilities](#)
 - [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Settings during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Updates from AAP and Other Guidance

- Visit the COVID-19 [web page on AAP.org](#) to find updated resources that address clinical guidance, practice management resources, including tele-health and coding, educational resources for clinicians and families, data reports, a discussion board, details on AAP advocacy efforts, and more. For questions or comments related to the pandemic, email COVID-19@aap.org.
- As of September 23, more than 5.7 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 16% of all cases in states reporting cases by age. Last week, over 200,000 new child COVID-19 cases were reported, accounting for 26.7% of reported weekly cases. [Read the latest report](#). Also, find the AAP's latest report on [Children and COVID-19 Vaccination Trends](#).
- Recently Updated from AAP:
 - [Caring for Patients in Inpatient and Outpatient Settings During Episodes of Surge](#)
 - [Outpatient COVID-19 Management Strategies in Children and Adolescents](#)
 - [Providing Acute Care in the Ambulatory Setting During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
 - [Return to Sports](#)
- Updated guidance on HealthyChildren.org for your patients/families:
 - [Youth Sports and COVID-19: Understanding the Risks](#)
 - [When Can Children Get the COVID-19 Vaccine?](#)
 - [Clinical Trials: One Family's Experience During COVID-19](#)

AAP Interactive Town Hall Series on COVID-19: The AAP 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.

- [Click here](#) to past sessions.



Webinars & Learning Opportunities

Coming up...

In case you missed it...


- Let's Talk: "Review of the 2020 Focus

COVID-19 & Flu Vaccine Clinic






When: Saturday, October 2 at 10 AM - 2 PM

Where: Montgomery County - Norristown Public Library
1001 Powell Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna (1st, 2nd & 3rd) and J&J
Flu Shots available too!

Register: bit.ly/3kmEO7X 

Pfizer is available for 12 and older. Moderna and J&J are available for 18 and older. Flu shots are available for 9 and older. COVID-19 vaccine 3rd doses will be based on current CDC guidelines. Appointments are recommended, walk-ins welcome. Please bring your vaccine card, photo ID, & insurance card (not required).

Updates to the Asthma Management Guidelines." View the recording [here](#).

- From the Duke Margolis Center for Health Policy: "School-Located Vaccination Strategies to Increase Child and Adolescent Immunization Rates During the COVID-19 Pandemic." View the recording [here](#).
- From the Center for Health Care Strategies: "Transforming Child Health Care Through Anti-Racist, Family-Driven Approaches." View the recording [here](#).

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

Please visit our website at 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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