



# Pennsylvania Chapter

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## COVID-19 Update and Resources 12/17/21

On Friday, December 10, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court lifted the state-wide school mask mandate. The PA AAP was disappointed to learn of this ruling given the upcoming holidays and Omicron variant.

As the decision to mandate masking now lives with districts' leadership, we will be reaching out to school districts across the state to reiterate the importance of masking and offer the guidance and support of PA AAP members. If you're tuned into the plans in your district, please let us know with an email to [info@paaap.org](mailto:info@paaap.org) or by answering the poll below.

Also, don't forget to submit nominations for PA AAP's 2022 Pediatrician of the Year award. See details [here](#).

Does your school district plan on mandating masks?

Yes

Select

No

Select

## Important COVID Vaccine Update from the PA Dept. of Health

### Holiday Ordering Cadence

#### Christmas

- No vaccine deliveries will occur Thursday, December 23 through Monday, December 27.
- If you need vaccine for clinics scheduled on the holiday weekend
  - Submit your orders early, preferably the week of Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Orders placed on the week of December 20th may not be delivered until after January 4, 2022.

Normal deliveries will be carried out on Tuesday Dec. 28 and Wednesday Dec. 29.

#### New Year Holiday

- No vaccine deliveries will occur Thursday, December 30 through Tuesday, Jan 4.
- If you need vaccine for clinics scheduled on the holiday weekend
  - Submit your orders early, preferably the week of Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of the limited work hours over Christmas week.



The PA Department of Health hosted an all provider call on 12/16 to review:

- New booster recommendations
- Transition to gray top formulation
- Gray cap formulation
- Pfizer product overview
- Holiday ordering cadence
- Reminders
- Resources

[Click here](#) to view the 11 slide presentation from the 12/16 Provider Call.

## Transition to Pfizer Vaccine's Gray Cap Formulation

- Pfizer COVID-19 purple cap vaccine vials for ages 12 years and older will be replaced with the Pfizer COVID-19 gray cap vaccine vials.
- Jurisdictions and providers should maximize use of all remaining Pfizer doses prior to ordering the Tris-Adult formulation.
- Providers should continue to use the purple cap vaccine they have on hand.
- To avoid mistakes during this period of transition when both products may be in circulation, these products should not be offered/administered at the same time.
- Provider sites should ideally carry only one Pfizer adult formulation at a time.



## Pfizer Product Overview

Man.	NDC Number	Product Name	Name	Configuration	Notes
Pfizer	59267-1000-02	Pfizer Covid Vaccine 195 vial tray	PBS 1170 (Purple Cap)	6 dose vial, diluent required	Retiring December 23rd
Pfizer	59267-1000-03	Pfizer Covid Vaccine 25 vial carton (s)	PBS 450 (Purple Cap)	6 dose vial, diluent required	No longer available
Pfizer	59267-1025-04	Pfizer Covid Vaccine 10ct Adult	Adult Tris (Gray Cap)	6 dose vial, no diluent	Launch December 23rd
Pfizer	59267-1055-04	Pfizer Covid Vaccine 10ct Pediatric 10 mcg	Pediatric (Orange Cap)	10 dose vial, diluent required	Continuing for age 5 through 11 yo



## PA & Federal Updates

- There were 110,359 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 12/3 bringing the total case count to 1,874,155 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 counties in PA. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).
- Please take a moment to **share your experience with the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out** through [this 10-minute survey](#). Thank you!
- Current Acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam [will step down](#) from her role within the Department of Health later this month. PA AAP leadership wants our membership to know that this shift in the administration will not impact the Chapter's weekly dialogue with the Department of Health.
- 16- and 17-year-olds are now eligible to receive a Pfizer COVID-19 booster dose 6 months after completing the primary vaccine series. Read more [here](#).
- Why are parents still reticent to vaccinate their children against COVID-19? Read more [here](#).

## Updates from AAP & 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](mailto:COVID-19@aap.org).
- As of December 9, more than 7.2 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 17.2% of all cases in states reporting cases by age. Last week, over 164,000 new child COVID-19 cases were reported, accounting for 23.6% of reported weekly cases. [Read the latest report](#). Also, find the AAP's latest report on [Children and COVID-19 Vaccination Trends](#).
- Updated guidance on HealthyChildren.org for your patients/families:
  - [What do I need to know about COVID vaccines for kids age 5-11?](#)
  - [When can kids get the COVID-19 vaccine or booster?](#)
  - [Can we attend holiday gatherings safely with our unvaccinated young children?](#)
  - [Can my child get a COVID-19 vaccine and flu vaccine at the same visit?](#)

**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...

- Save the date for PA AAP's next Let's Talk webinar with Dr. Paul Offit, MD, FAAP on **Wednesday, January 19 at 8:00pm ET!** Dr. Offit will provide an update on the status of COVID-19, the omicron variant, and holiday-related infection. Mark your calendars!

### In case you missed it...

- PA AAP Let's Talk webinar: "**Strategies to Improve Maternal COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake While Pregnant and Breastfeeding,**" [listen to the recording.](#)

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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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