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COVID-19 Update and Resources 3/6- 3/19

PA AAP would like to acknowledge the [recent tragedy in Atlanta](#) this past week where eight individuals were killed in an act of white violence. As several of the victims were of Asian descent, this attack follows the growing trend of violence against Asian people as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We mourn the lives of the victims--Daoyou Feng, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, Paul Andre Michels, Soon Chung Park, Xiaojie Tan, Delaina Ashley Yaun, and Yong Ae Yue--and rededicate our efforts to ensure that a crime such as this never happens again.

PA & Federal Updates

- There were 36,106 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 3/5, bringing the total case count to 980,302 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 counties in PA. Statewide percent positivity for the week of March 5 - 11 has decreased to 5.7% View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).
- The PA Dept. of Health (DOH) has designated March 31st the date by which all Pennsylvanians eligible for the vaccine (and interested in receiving it) will be connected to an appointment. [Learn more here](#).
- This week Acting Sec. of Health Alison Beam issued a new order to all "skilled nursing facilities," mandating that they complete a COVID-19 Vaccine Needs Assessment Survey in order to accurately report essential information regarding vaccination uptake and needs in their facility. [Read more here](#).
- Since the start of the pandemic over a year ago, many working women have had to make a decision on where to focus their time and energy: jobs or kids? [Learn more here](#) about how women have shouldered a majority of America's aggregate job loss in 2020-21.

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 telehealth 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 March 11, nearly 3.28 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 13.2% of all cases in states

reporting cases by age. Over 53,000 new child COVID-19 cases were reported last week. This marks the 8th consecutive week with a decline in new cases. [Read the latest report.](#)

- Updated AAP Guidance:
 - [Supporting the Emotional and Behavioral Health Needs of Children, Adolescents, and Families during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

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.

- [Register](#) for Session #15 on April 8, 2021, 8:00pm ET
- [Click here](#) to past sessions.

Webinars

Save the date for our next Let's Talk webinar:

Date: **Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 8:00-9:00pm**

Topic: **Toddlers who Overdose**

Speakers: **Joanne N. Wood, MD, MSHP**

Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship Director, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Cindy Christian, MD, FAAP

Attending Physician & Anthony A. Latini Endowed Chair in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Richard Hamilton, MD, FAAEM, FACMT, FACEP

Chair, Emergency Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine

Objectives:

- Describe recent trends in opioid exposures among young children, nationally and locally.
- Identify strategies to mitigate risk of opioid ingestions in young children.
- Identify indications for sending testing for opioid exposure in young children.

In case you missed it:

- **"Let's Talk: Infection Prevention and Control: Risk Recognition and Communication,"** Susan Coffin, MD, MPH, FAAP; [Listen to the recording](#)
- **"Let's Talk: Cardiac Complications of SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Children and Teens,"** Robert Mangano, MD, FAAP; [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](#)



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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