COVID-19 Update and Resources 2/20 - 3/5

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PA & Federal Updates

- There were 35,423 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 2/19, bringing the total case count to 944,196 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 counties in PA. Statewide percent positivity for the week of February 19 - 25 has decreased to 6.3%. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. here.

- This week, Governor Tom Wolf and the COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force announced that beginning next week, Pre-K to 12 public and non-public school staff will have an opportunity to be vaccinated with the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The Wolf administration is collaborating with Intermediate Units (IUs) and other education partners to equitably vaccinate all. Read more.

- Gov. Wolf Signs Bill Preparing National Guard to Assist with Vaccination Efforts - Read more.

- PA Department Of Health Aligns Quarantine Guidance For Fully Vaccinated Individuals With CDC COVID-19 Recommendations - Read more.

- The PA DOH also updated guidance for providers on the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine storage and transportation conditions. Read more.

- This week, an EUA was granted for the third vaccine, allowing the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine to be distributed in the U.S for use in individuals 18 years of age and older. Read more.

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
As of February 25, nearly 3.17 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 13.1% of all cases in states reporting cases by age. Over 64,000 new child COVID-19 cases were reported last week. This marks the 6th consecutive week with a decline in new cases. Read the latest report.

Updated AAP Guidance:
- COVID-19 Testing Guidance
- Return to Sports and Physical Activity

Updated on HealthyChildren.org for your patients and families:
- Youth Sports and COVID: Understanding the Risks
- Youth Sports: A Safety Checklist
- Masks & Sports: Should Youth Athletes Wear Face Coverings 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.

- Register for Session #14 on March 18, 2021, 8:00pm ET
- Click here to past sessions.

Webinars

Register for our next Let's Talk webinar:

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 8:00-9:00pm
Persistent Infection Prevention and Control Issues for COVID
Speaker: Susan Coffin, MD, MPH, FAAP
Attending Physician, Division of Infectious Diseases,
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

In case you missed it:

- "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
- "Let's Talk: COVID Vaccines for Children," Jeffrey S. Gerber, MD, PhD, 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.