**COVID-19 Update and Resources 4/3- 4/16**

**Register here** for PA AAP’s state Advocacy Day on 5/24!

Stay connected with us on social for updates on this upcoming virtual opportunity to connect with your state legislators.

**PA & Federal Updates**

Ramadan Mubarak to those who celebrate!

- There were 65,096 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 4/2, bringing the total case count to 1,098,502 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 counties in PA. Statewide percent positivity for the week of April 2 - 8 has increased to 9.5% from 7.6% on 4/2. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).

- An estimated 40,000 children across the US have lost at least one parent to COVID-19. Read more on the increased rates of child bereavement [here](#).

- The PA Dept. of Health recently released COVID-19-related guidance on (1) [infection prevention and control for the healthcare setting](#) and (2) the [pause in Johnson & Johnson vaccine distribution](#).

- Learn more [here](#) about the FDA’s decision to recommend halting use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine following several cases of a rare blood clotting. The AAP weighed in on the Johnson & Johnson pause [here](#).

- Vaccinated and looking to get away? Though a negative test may not be required, the [CDC advises that you](#) pump the breaks.

- Recent polling indicates that 1 in 4 parents won’t vaccinate their children against COVID-19. This raises concerns as communities grapple with bridging the [learning loss](#) from the last year.

- Several hospitals around the country are opening pediatric long-haul clinics to assist children dealing with lingering COVID-19 sickness. [Learn more here](#).

**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 April 8, nearly 3.54 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 13.5% of all cases in states reporting cases by age. Over 73,000 new child COVID-19 cases were reported last week. Read the latest report.

- Updated on HealthyChildren.org for your patients and families:
  - Understanding Depression in Children and Adolescents
  - Button Battery Injuries in Children
  - Vaccines Your Child Needs
  - Should Your Child Be Tested for COVID-19?
  - Caring for American Indian and Alaska Native Children and Adolescents

**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 #16 on April 22, 2021, 8:00pm ET
- Click here to past sessions.

**Webinars**

Save the date(s) for our Let's Talk Community Forum series--to be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. We'll see you next on April 28th for our second program with Susan Coffin, MD, FAAP and Project Firstline!

In case you missed it:

- "Let's Talk: Stopping the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic," Paul Offit, MD, FAAP; Listen to the recording.
- "Let's Talk: Toddlers who Overdose," Joanne N. Wood, MD, FAAP; Cindy Christian, MD, FAAP; Richard Hamilton, MD, FAAEM, FACMT, FACEP; 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.

Coming up:

- NJ AAP webinar on "COVID-19, Newborns and Breastfeeding" on Monday, April 19 at 1:00pm ET. Register 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.