



Pennsylvania Chapter

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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: 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.](#)

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.

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