As Pennsylvania begins reopening, the Chapter is committed to providing its membership real-time updates on developments in vaccination efforts and virus rates.

Connect with us on social for up-to-date info on the persistent impact of COVID-19 on life in Pennsylvania.

PA & Federal Updates

Happy Pride Month!

- There were 7,332 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 5/28, bringing the total case count to 1,207,875 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 counties in PA. Statewide percent positivity for the week of May 28 - June 3 has decreased from 4.5% (May 14-20) to 2.9%. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).

- June is National COVID-19 Month of Action. [Here](#) is what action the Biden administration is taking.

- Find [here](#) the CDC's guidance, via the PA DOH, for clinicians on myocarditis and pericarditis after receipt of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

- In April, COVID-19 adolescent hospitalization rates rose, following a steady decline from January-March. Click [here](#) to read more on the troubling trend. This development adds urgency to youth vaccination efforts and makes news of active vaccine trials for children <12 all the more welcome. Learn more about the trial efforts [here](#).

- The PA DOH recommends the following treatment options for clinical care of a patient with COVID-19.

- As the world reopens, providers seek to address the drop in all routine immunizations. Read more about the pandemic's impact on vaccination rates [here](#).

- The Wolf Administration addresses concerns about the state reopening from residents whose children are not yet eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Read more [here](#).

- A recent study found that the risk for brain vein clots (cerebral venous sinus thrombosis) remains higher in unvaccinated people who've contracted a severe case of COVID-19 than in those vaccinated against COVID-19. Find the study [here](#).

- Data suggest that patients "undergoing active systemic therapy for cancer" respond well to messenger RNA SARS-CoV-2 vaccines. Read more [here](#).

- Do your patients know what type of mask they should be wearing? The CDC weighs in [here](#).
Updates from AAP and Other Guidance

- The U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services revised its reporting requirements and timeline for recipients of Provider Relief Fund payments. Learn more [here](#).

- 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 June 3, more than 4 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 14.1% of all cases in states reporting cases by age. Over 16,000 new child COVID-19 cases were reported last week. [Read the latest report](#).

- Updated guidance from AAP on:
  - [Return to Sports and Physical Activity](#)

- Updated guidance on HealthyChildren.org for your patients/families:
  - [Does the COVID-19 Vaccine Cause Myocarditis?](#)
  - [Updated: Youth Sports COVID-19 Safety Checklist](#)
  - [Getting Your Child Ready for the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
  - [When Can Children Get the COVID-19 Vaccine?](#)

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

[Let's Talk](#) Save the dates for our Let's Talk Community Forum series

We'll see you next on **Wednesday, June 23 at 8:00pm ET** for an "Update on Tick-Borne Infections" from Jennifer Vodzak, MD, a pediatric infectious disease specialist. Registration details to come!

And again on **Wed., July 7 at 12:00pm ET** for a conversation with our Medical Home Program and Adrian Shanker, Founder & Executive Director of the Bradley-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, on "Addressing Barriers to Care for LGBTQ+ Children and Youth."

Registration link below.

[REGISTER](#)

In case you missed it:


- "Let's Talk: "Marijuana and the Pediatric Population: Weeding through the Weeds," Sheryl Ryan, MD, FAAP; Listen to the recording.
"Let's Talk: Infection Prevention and Control: COVID-19 Considerations at the One Year Mark," Susan Coffin, MD, MPH, FAAP with Project Firstline; 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.