



# Pennsylvania Chapter

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## COVID-19 Update and Resources 6/12- 6/25

As we approach July Fourth and the Independence Day festivities, we'll keep you updated on expert guidance around safe social practices.



## Upcoming Engagement Opportunity

Join us at the "White House Virtual Conversation: Pennsylvania Providers and the Vaccination Rollout," on Monday, June 28, 5:00-5:50pm ET where PA AAP will be represented by Kate Tigue, MD, FAAP, the Chapter's Secretary & Treasury, Chair of the Pediatric Council, and fierce advocate for children and pediatricians.

For more information and registration details, click [here](#).

## PA & Federal Updates

- There were 3,424 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 6/11, bringing the total case count to 1,211,299 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 counties in PA. Statewide percent positivity for the week of June 18 - June 25 has decreased from 2.9% (June 11 - 17) to 1.1%. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).
- The PA DOH announces that [the statewide order](#) requiring universal face coverings will be lifted at 12:01am on Monday, June 28. Read more [here](#).
- Experts espouse confidence in COVID-19 vaccines' long-term safety--among them is PA AAP member Paul Offit, MD, FAAP. For more, click [here](#).
- For a report on vaccine hesitancy broken down by demographic, click [here](#).
- View [this White House report](#) on the Biden administration's COVID-19 strategy, including a pledge to allocate 55 million vaccines globally.
- The uptick in use of hand sanitizers causes concern among FDA officials due to the side effect of nausea and dizziness from the vapor. Read more [here](#).
- Many physicians agree that the "calculus of risk" in COVID-19 cases differs for children. For more, click [here](#).
- Learn how leadership in two states--West Virginia and Georgia--endeavor to develop equitable vaccine

distribution strategies. Listen [here](#).

- As COVID-19 case numbers decline, we're seeing high incidences of cold and common viruses among children. Read 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](mailto:COVID-19@aap.org).
- As of June 17, more than 4.02 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 14.2% of all cases in states reporting cases by age. Over 15,800 new child COVID-19 cases were reported last week. [Read the latest report](#).
- Updated guidance from AAP on:
  - [Guidance Related to Childcare During COVID-19](#)
  - [Face Masks](#)
    - For **clinical-specific guidance** on mask usage, continue to reference the CDC's recommendations, found [here](#). Current guidance states, "CDC continues to recommend the use of well-fitting facemasks or respirators by HCP in healthcare settings, regardless of vaccination status." **One notable exception:** when fully vaccinated HCPs convene separate from patients, they needn't wear masks.
- Updated guidance on HealthyChildren.org for your patients/families:
  - [My kids are worried that their sports seasons may be on hold again because of COVID. How can I help them cope?](#)

**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 & Learning Opportunities

**Save the date** for our  
Let's Talk Community Forum series

We'll see you next 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:

- "What Should I Know about COVID-19 Vaccine and Myocarditis?" Paul Offit, MD, FAAP; [listen to the recording](#).
- "Let's Talk: Update on Tick-Borne Infections," Jennifer Vodzak, MD; [listen to the recording](#).

- "Let's Talk: Infection Prevention Control and CYSHCN: Minimizing Risk While Meeting Ongoing Needs," Renee M. Turchi, MD, MPH, FAAP with [Project Firstline](#) and the Chapter's [Medical Home Program](#); [listen to the recording](#).
- "Let's Talk: "Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Developmental-Behavioral Care of Children," Sandhya Iyengar, MD, MPH, FAAP; Kate Wallis, MD, MPH, FAAP; [listen to the recording](#).
- "Let's Talk: "Marijuana and the Pediatric Population: Weeding through the Weeds," Sheryl Ryan, MD, FAAP; [listen to the recording](#).

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You can listen to other recorded webinars [here](#).

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Please visit our website at [www.paaap.org](http://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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