



# Pennsylvania Chapter

American Academy of Pediatrics

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## COVID-19 Update and Resources 6/26- 7/9

With state transmission rates consistently below 1.5% and PA ranking 9th (out of all 50 states) in first-dose vaccinations, the Commonwealth is returning to a recognizable state.



Stay connected with us on social where we cover what the reopening process looks like in your community.

## PA AAP Survey Evaluating the Impact of COVID-19 on Your Patients

It has been well over a year since the emergency declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time we know your patients have experienced many disruptions with regards to academic structure, participation in activities, peer interactions, lifestyle, and overall physical and emotional health.

To better identify and address the needs of our patients in PA, it would be greatly appreciated if you would take a few minutes to complete [this short, 10 question survey](#).

ACCESS SURVEY

## PA & Federal Updates

- There were 2,244 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 6/25, bringing the total case count to 1,213,543 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 counties in PA. Statewide percent positivity for the week of June 25 - July 1 remains at 1.1%. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).
- [Regarded as](#) "COVID-19 on steroids," the Delta variant is now the [dominant strain](#) in the U.S., generating debate over masking. Read more [here](#).
- Data suggest that masking is the key to a safe return to in-person schooling. Learn more [here](#). The CDC released guidance for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 schools. View [here](#).
- Funded through the National Institutes of Health, a recently-developed adjuvant is reported to enhance the efficacy of India's COVID-19 vaccine. Read more [here](#).
- Do you administer care for immigrant families? If so, consider how you might provide them and their communities with emotional support related to COVID-19. Read more from CHOP's PolicyLab [here](#).

- A growing number of Americans who have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine have missed their second dose. For more, click [here](#).
- View how COVID-19 has impacted those on Medicare [here](#).
- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) supports co-administration of the COVID-19 and influenza vaccines. Learn more [here](#).
- Find [here](#) a JAMA Network assessment of "Prolonged Physiological and Behavioral Changes Associated with COVID-19 Infection."
- The Biden administration is doubling down on efforts to increase vaccination rates among eligible teens, targeting misinformation campaigns. Read more [here](#).
- The Associated Press reports, "Nearly all COVID deaths in the US are now among unvaccinated." Read more [here](#).
- Johnson & Johnson is set to begin its first COVID-19 vaccine trial for adolescents, aged 12-17, in the fall. 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](mailto:COVID-19@aap.org).
- As of July 1 more than 4.04 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. Last week, over 12,000 new child COVID-19 cases were reported, accounting for 16.8% of reported weekly cases. [Read the latest report.](#)
- Updated guidance from AAP on:
  - [COVID-19 Vaccine Administration: Getting Paid](#)
  - [Use of Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) for Pediatric Care in Ambulatory Care Settings During the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic](#)
  - [COVID-19 Testing Guidance](#)
  - In addition, we anticipate AAP's **School Guidance to be updated soon**. Please save the date for our next Chapter **Let's Talk Webinar** where we will discuss the return to school. **Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**. Details to follow.
- Updated guidance on HealthyChildren.org for your patients/families:
  - [How can I help ensure my child will be safe in and around the water at summer camp?](#)

**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 28 at 8:00pm ET** for a conversation on returning to school.

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](#).
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Coming up:

- From Manatt: "On the Path to Health Justice: Learn How Academic Medical Centers Are Advancing the Equitable Health System of the Future," on Wednesday, July 14 at 1:00pm ET. Register [here](#).
  - Join the **Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition** with additional local coalitions and community partners on Thursday, July 15 at 11:00am ET to discuss **current COVID-19 vaccination efforts and progress**. Access the meeting [here](#). (Meeting ID: 821-8738-1427).
  - From the AAP: "Keeping Kids Connected to Care: Strategies to Increase Childhood Vaccinations" on Thursday, July 15 at 3:00pm ET. Register [here](#).
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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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