



# Pennsylvania Chapter

American Academy of Pediatrics

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## COVID-19 Update and Resources 7/24- 8/6

Are you a pediatric resident exploring your post-residency career options? Want to make sure you're considering all the choices?

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Join PA AAP for our 35th annual Resident Career Day where we bring together pediatricians, health care leaders, and other professionals to address all your questions around post-residency.



## PA & Federal Updates

- There were 14,901 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 7/23, bringing the total case count to 1,233,876 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 counties in PA. Statewide percent positivity for the week of July 23 - 29 rose to 3.9% from 1.7% for July 9 - 15. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).
- August is Immunization Awareness Month which provides the Chapter and its members with the opportunity to discuss vaccination schedules ahead of the return to school. [Find the informational flyer](#) on "Pediatric Visits and Childhood Immunizations: Getting PA Kids Back in School and Back on Schedule" that the Chapter developed with the PA Immunization Coalition and PA Partnerships for Children.
- The U.S. surpasses 35 million COVID-19 cases. Read more [here](#).
- The PA DOH releases public health guidance for vaccinated people. Read more [here](#).
- COVID-19 and RSV cases are on the rise among children. Read more [here](#).
- Researchers out of the U.K. provide a glimpse of a COVID-19 symptom profile in "school-aged" children. Learn more [here](#).
- Polling data suggest that parents and their child's provider are not discussing COVID-19. Meanwhile, an [AAP survey](#) concludes that communication with parents can boost COVID-19 vaccinations. Read more [here](#).
- The FDA authorizes REGEN-COV monoclonal antibody therapy for post-exposure prophylaxis (prevention) for COVID-19. Read more [here](#).

- The Biden administration says that long-haul COVID-19 symptoms could qualify as a disability, opening up eligibility for federal assistance. Read more [here](#).
- Breakthrough infections cause alarm among those vaccinated. Mask guidelines return. Read more [here](#).
- Pfizer reports a steady drop in vaccine efficacy six months post-vaccine. Read more [here](#).
- Conversations continue to circulate around some employers' decision to mandate the vaccine for employees. Most notable among the employers? The federal government. Learn more [here](#).
- The CDC has changed its policy on universal indoor masking guidance to reflect the AAP's guidance for safe schools. Read more [here](#).
- COVID-19 runs rampant in U.S. Immigrant Customs & Enforcement (ICE) facilities. 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 July 29, more than 4.2 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 14.3% of all cases in states reporting cases by age. Last week, over 72,000 new child COVID-19 cases were reported (up from 39,000 the previous week), accounting for 19% of reported weekly cases. [Read the latest report](#). Also, find the AAP's latest report on [Children and COVID-19 Vaccination Trends](#).
- Updated guidance from AAP on:
  - [AAP Immunization Social Media Toolkit](#)
  - [Post-COVID-19 Conditions in Children and Adolescents](#)
  - [Interim Guidance on Supporting the Emotional and Behavioral Health Needs of Children, Adolescents, and Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- Updated guidance on HealthyChildren.org for your patients/families:
  - [Long-Haul COVID-19 in Children and Teens](#)
  - [Mental Health During COVID-19: Signs Your Child May Need More Support](#)

**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

Join us for the next Let's Talk webinar on **Wednesday, August 18 at 8:00pm ET** for a conversation with **Paul Offit, MD, FAAP** on the **COVID-19 vaccine**.

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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: 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," Sandhyaa Iyengar, MD, MPH, FAAP; Kate Wallis, MD, MPH, 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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