



Pennsylvania Chapter

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COVID-19 Update and Resources 8/21- 9/3

Second year residents, register today for the PA AAP's 35th annual Resident Career Day!

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This event provides residents with the opportunity to hear from and connect with legal and financial experts, health care leaders, and other professionals to address all your questions around post-residency.



PA & Federal Updates

- There were 51,947 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 8/20, bringing the total case count to 1,311,722 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 counties in PA. Statewide percent positivity for the week of Aug 20 - 16 rose to 7.8% from 6% for Aug. 6 - 12. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).
- Secretary of Health Alison Beam utilizes her authority under the Disease Prevention & Control Law to mandate masks in schools and daycare settings across the Commonwealth, effective 12:01am on Tuesday, September 7. Dr. Trude Haecker, Dr. Christina Master, and Dr. Swathi Gowtham joined Secretary Beam in her announcement to represent the Chapter. Read the Secretary's order [here](#) and view the press conference recording [here](#).
- The FDA provides full approval for the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. The Emergency Use Authorization will remain in place for the other COVID-19 vaccines, including Pfizer's vaccine for individuals 12-15 years and the third booster shot for certain immunocompromised people. Read more [here](#).
- Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla remarks that a vaccine-resistant COVID-19 variant is "likely" to emerge in the future. Learn more [here](#).
- Pediatric cases and hospitalizations are soaring around the country, putting a strain on care networks everywhere. Read more [here](#). Physicians [fear](#) that children of color will be disproportionately impacted.
- As breakout infections surge, physicians seek to educate patients on proper guidance. Learn more [here](#).
- Researchers compare adolescents' pre- and post-COVID BMI to gauge the extent to which the pandemic facilitated weight gain. 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.
- As of August 26, more than 4.8 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 14.8% of all cases in states reporting cases by age. Last week, over 204,000 new child COVID-19 cases were reported (up from 38,000 in late July), accounting for 22.4% 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:
 - [COVID-19 Interim Guidance: Return to Sports and Physical Activity](#)
- Updated guidance on HealthyChildren.org for your patients/families:
 - [Do Masks Delay Speech and Language Development?](#)
 - [Post-COVID Conditions in Children and Teens](#)
 - [Safe Schools During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
 - [Newborns and COVID](#)

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.

- View yesterday's session on "COVID-19 Hot Topics" [here](#).
- [Click here](#) to past sessions.



Webinars & Learning Opportunities

Register today to join the next Let's Talk webinar!

Scheduled for **Wednesday, September 29 at 8:00pm**, the webinar will be a presentation from Dr. Allyson Larkin on the **updated asthma guidelines**.

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In case you missed it:

- "Myths and Fears Surrounding the COVID-19 Vaccines" Paul Offit, MD, FAAP; [listen to the recording](#).
- Nemours: "Keeping Our Kids Safe as They Return to School"; [listen to the recording](#).
- "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](#).
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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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