



# Pennsylvania Chapter

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## COVID-19 Update and Resources 4/11 - 4/17

### COVID-19 Updates

#### Pennsylvania Department of Health

Pa. has 1,706 new cases, bringing statewide total to 29, 441 in all 67 Pa. counties. Of the total cases, 1,401 are in health care workers. [Learn more](#)  
View a breakdown of cases [here](#)

Today, Governor Tom Wolf announced a [Plan for Pennsylvania](#) that will provide citizens and businesses relief, allow for a safe and expedient reopening, and lay a road to recovery from the challenges and hardships created by the 2019 novel coronavirus.

#### Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

The federal government has begun delivery of an initial \$30 billion in COVID-19 provider relief funding to all facilities and providers that received Medicare fee-for-service reimbursements in 2019. [Learn more](#)

#### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

The Medicare Advance and Accelerated Payment Program provides emergency funding based on historical payments to help practices address cash flow issues. [Learn more](#)

[Section 1135 Waivers](#)  
[1915\(c\) Waiver Appendix K Amendments](#)  
[Medicaid State Plan Amendments](#)  
[CHIP State Plan Amendments](#)

### Guidance & Recommendations

#### From the National AAP

AAP has a [web page on AAP.org](#) where you can find the latest clinical guidance, information for parents and other resources. This page will be updated daily as new information is available. For questions or comments related to the pandemic, email [COVID-19@aap.org](mailto:COVID-19@aap.org).

#### AAP Issues Guidance to Ensure Continued Care for Children During Pandemic

The AAP has issued new guidance to ensure children continue to receive ambulatory

services during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. [Read more](#)

### **AAP Offers Guidance on Infants Born to Mothers with COVID-19**

AAP has released interim guidance on the care of infants born to mothers with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. The report, [Initial Guidance: Management of Infants Born to Mothers with COVID-19](#) along with a [Q&A](#) covers precautions for birth attendants, rooming-in, breastfeeding, testing, neonatal intensive care, visitation and hospital discharge.

### **AAP Offers Guidance on Newborn Screening During COVID-19**

The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly supports continued health care for children during COVID-19 and offers [guidance on newborn screening during this pandemic](#). Newborn and infant care should be provided consistent with [the Bright Futures Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents](#) (4th Edition) and the corresponding [Bright Futures/AAP Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care](#) (Periodicity Schedule) whenever possible.

### **Opportunity to earn CME and MOC online for FREE on Pedialink**

In the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, the AAP is expanding its online education to all members. Pedialink, the AAP's online education portal, is offering *all* courses free of charge to *all* levels of membership for the time being. Login at [Pedialink](#). On the Continuing Education tab, go to CME Finder and choose online courses. Any member can choose a course from this list where they can register through ShopAAP at no charge.

### **AAP Webinars on COVID-19**

AAP experts have continued producing and expanding a series of webinars on COVID-19. These webinars include:

- **[\(New\) Resilience in Stressful Times and Connecting During Times of Trauma](#)**: Strategies to support physician resilience while social distancing and caring for patients with COVID-19.
- **[COVID-19 Pandemic – Clinical Guidance for Pediatric Practices](#)**: Strategies for pediatricians to increase infection control practices in their office to protect patients and health care workers.
- **[Coding During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)**: Navigate rapidly evolving ICD-10-CM and CPT coding for telemedicine, telehealth, and COVID-19 diagnoses and procedures during this unprecedented time.
- **[Telehealth and COVID-19](#)**: Offering tips on how to launch telehealth into practice.



### **Healthy Children- Resources for Families**

- [Guidance on Cloth Face Coverings for Children During COVID-19](#)
- [Breastfeeding During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

## **Pennsylvania Department of Health Update**

### **PA DOH- Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Known or Patients Under Investigation for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in a Healthcare Setting**

**The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) is releasing the following guidance to reiterate and clarify guidance released from the Pennsylvania Department of Health on [March 24, 2020](#).**

The following updates are now recommended for healthcare settings:

- To address asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission, implement source control for everyone entering a healthcare facility (e.g., healthcare personnel, patients, visitors), regardless of symptoms.

- Actively screen everyone for fever and symptoms of COVID-19 before they enter the healthcare facility.
- As community transmission intensifies within a region, healthcare facilities may consider foregoing contact tracing for exposures in a healthcare setting in favor of universal source control for HCP and screening for fever and symptoms before every shift, as well as the end of every work shift as described in HAN 492.

[View PA DOH Health Update](#)

## Waivers and Suspensions

### **Pennsylvania Expands Clinical Clerk Services During COVID-19 Emergency**

ISSUED 04/13/2020

The Department requested and received a waiver from the Governor of the statute that limits services provided by clinical clerks to patients in hospital settings. For the duration of this emergency, clinical clerks are not limited to providing services to patients in hospitals. [Read more](#)

### **Pennsylvania Issues Additional Pharmacy-Related Waivers During COVID-19 Emergency**

ISSUED 04/13/2020

To aid in the COVID-19 emergency response effort the Department of State requested and the Governor approved a number of additional pharmacy-related waivers. [Read more](#)

**See also:** [Pennsylvania Expands Access to Pharmacy Services ISSUED: 03/22/20](#)

## COVID-19 Related News

### **Coronavirus latest viral threat where EHRs support public health efforts**

April 13, 2020

EHRs support the infrastructure that automates surveillance and reporting of cases of important syndromes to local and state public health agencies and the CDC. [Read more](#)

### **CDC issues final flu report: 166 children died during 2019-'20 season**

April 10, 2020

[Read more](#)

### **FDA approves generic of commonly used albuterol inhaler**

April 10, 2020

The first generic albuterol sulfate (Proventil HFA) metered-dose inhaler, 90 mcg/inhalation has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for patients ages 4 years and older. [Read more](#)

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### **Continued Reading**

#### **NIH says researchers have confirmed there are ways To decontaminate N95 masks so they can be reused**

April 16, 2020

[The New York Times](#)

#### **Over 117 Million Kids May Miss Measles Shots Due To COVID-19 Social Distancing, UNICEF Warns**

April 13, 2020

[Reuters](#)

#### **Lack Of Regular Visits To Physicians During Pandemic May Lead To**

## Increases In Preventable Illnesses, Experts Fear

April 13, 2020

[ABC News](#)

## FDA Authorizes Saliva Test For COVID-19

April 13, 2020

[The AP](#)

## Webinars



### New Weekly Pediatric Community Forum

*Due to the growing need for up-to-date information and communication, PA AAP is now offering a modified version of our "Let's Talk" webinar series to our members. This series will take place weekly and serve as a forum for community pediatric providers. We want to provide an opportunity to hear what others are experiencing and to share ideas for managing the impact of COVID-19.*

*Webinars will take place every Wednesday from 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET.*

### UPCOMING

#### "Supporting Mental Health During COVID19"

**Wednesday, April 22, 2020 from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET.**

#### Presenters:

##### **Justin Schreiber, DO, MPH, FAAP**

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC

Presbyterian-Shadyside, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

##### **Paula Powe, MD**

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, UPMC Medical Director, Matilda H. Theiss Child Development Center on Early Childhood Behavioral Health, UPMC

#### Session Learning Objectives:

As a result of participation in this activity, participants will be able to:

- Discuss psychological and physiological impact of stress due to global disasters like COVID19
- Identify signs and symptoms of increased stress responses
- Describe stress coping mechanisms and guidance to provide families during COVID19

#### Credit Designation

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine designates this live educational activity for a maximum of *1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

[Register Here](#)

### RECORDED 4/15/2020

#### "Breastfeeding and Lactation Support During COVID"

In this webinar Dr. Meg Kawan discusses new guidance on pregnancy and COVID-19 and breastfeeding recommendations for COVID19 positive moms. This webinar also provides information on breastfeeding and lactation resources and WIC updates.

#### Presenter:

Meg Kawan, MD, MPH, IBCLC, FAAP

Pediatrician, CHOP Care Network, Karabots Pediatric Care Center  
Eastern PA Representative, National AAP Section on Breastfeeding  
[View recording](#)

**RECORDED 4/8/2020**

**"Infection Control in the Time of COVID"**

Margaret Fisher, MD, FAAP

[View Recording](#)

**RECORDED 3/25/20**

**"Implementing Telemedicine in Pediatric Practice"**

Kristin Ray, MD, FAAP; Bonnie Offit, MD, FAAP; Chip Hart

[Recording](#)

[Telemedicine Q&A Handout](#)

## PA AAP P2P Telemedicine Mentorship Program

**Need help getting set up with telemedicine in your office? PA AAP is now offering a telemedicine mentorship program.**

Our telemedicine mentor program offers free 1:1 support for implementing telehealth in your practice -- from selecting a platform, using the platform, and even billing and coding support. COVID-19 and the public health imperative of social distancing has made telemedicine a pediatric practice necessity. We're in this together so don't hesitate to reach out. PA AAP has identified telemedicine mentors who are knowledgeable and available to share practical guidance and answer your questions.

[SIGN UP 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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