



Pennsylvania Chapter

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COVID-19 Update and Resources 5/9 - 5/15

PA AAP COVID-19 Practice Impact Survey

As Pennsylvania grapples with the COVID-19 pandemic, the PA AAP is surveying practicing primary care physicians so that we can better understand the financial impact of this pandemic on pediatric practice. These results will help us to better understand how we can support the needs of our members. This survey should only take 2-5 minutes. We appreciate your participation.

[Take Survey»](#)

COVID-19 Updates

Pa. has 986 new cases, bringing statewide total to 60,622, in all 67 Pa. counties. [Learn more](#). 4,349 of the total cases are in health care workers and 12,937 are among residents in long-term care facilities, which include nursing homes and personal care homes. View a breakdown of cases [here](#).

Governor Tom Wolf announced 12 additional Pennsylvania counties will move to the yellow phase of reopening at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 22.

With these additional 12 counties, there will be a total of 49 counties in the yellow phase. The remaining 18 counties are in the red phase. [Learn more](#)

The Pa. Department of Health distributed the investigational antiviral medication, remdesivir, to treat patients in the hospital with COVID-19. Fifty-one hospitals across Pa. will be receiving the first shipment over the next few days. [Learn more](#)

The Pa. Department of State suspends requirement to provide written prescription within 72 hours of emergency oral prescription. [View waiver](#)

The Pa. Department of Human Services has issued clarification on elective services provided to Medical Assistance (MA) beneficiaries. Elective services and medical procedures are no longer prohibited in the MA program. [Learn more](#)

PA DOH Health Alert Network

Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome Potentially Associated with COVID-19
May 11, 2020

This guidance is based on available information about COVID-19 and subject to change as additional information becomes available.

A pediatric multi-system inflammatory syndrome, recently reported by authorities in the United Kingdom, is also being observed among children and young adults in New York City and elsewhere in the United States.

Clinical features vary, depending on the affected organ system, but have been noted to include features of Kawasaki disease or features of shock; however, the full spectrum of disease is not yet known. Persistent fever and elevated inflammatory markers (CRP, troponin, etc.) have been seen among affected patients. Patients with this syndrome who have been admitted to pediatric intensive care units (PICUs) have required cardiac and/or respiratory support. Only severe cases may have been recognized at this time.

- Cases compatible with multi-system inflammatory syndrome have been identified in children in New York City and United Kingdom hospitals.
- These cases are characterized by persistent fever and features of Kawasaki disease or toxic shock syndrome. Abdominal symptoms in these patients are common.
- These cases may require intensive care unit admission for cardiac or respiratory support.
- Polymerase chain reaction testing for SARS-CoV-2 may be positive or negative.
- Early recognition and specialist referral are essential, including to critical care if warranted.
- Any patient meeting these criteria should be immediately be reported to the PA DOH through PA-NEDSS or by calling 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).

Read the full Health Alert [here](#)

COVID-19 News

Children May Be Experiencing Mental Health Issues During Pandemic, According To Parents And Experts

May 14, 2020

[Read more from NPR](#)

President Trump Announces Plan To Reconfigure National Stockpile

May 14, 2020

[Read more from The Washington Post](#)

Study Provides Strongest Evidence Yet That New Inflammatory Condition In Children Probably Linked To Coronavirus

May 13, 2020

[Read more from The New York Times](#)

PA DOH Promotes Well Child and Immunization Visits with Pediatricians

During the Thursday, May 14th Department of Health COVID-19 update, Secretary Levine shared about the importance of well child visits, keeping up with vaccinations, and the precautions being taken by PA's pediatricians. PA AAP has been working hard to collaborate with the PA DOH on this important message to families.

During the Q and A with the media, Dr. Levine said (found at the 28:11 mark): "I'm hearing from Pediatricians – there was a report in the Journal of Pediatrics – about missed opportunities for vaccines because of the COVID-19 pandemic. I don't have specific information about that in Pennsylvania, but we know that during the stay at home period , people have not been going for their well child visits and that's

why we made our specific comments today. **We've had ongoing discussions with the PA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. There was a conversation between our staff and the AAP this week. We're strong partners and we collaborate with them all the time.** We just want to make sure that children get all the immunizations they need to stay healthy."

As we roll out of #PedsPutKids1st Well Child Campaign, we are very happy to receive state acknowledgement on this extremely important initiative aimed to protect the health and well-being of children.

The full update can be viewed [here](#)

PA AAP #PedsPutKids1st Well Child Campaign

PA AAP has developed a social media toolkit for your office to promote well child visits and immunizations during coronavirus.

Working with National AAP, we will be launching a statewide public relations campaign to ensure parents know it is safe to take their child to visit their child's doctor for well care and vaccines. If you are interested in participating by writing an op-ed or speaking to news and radio outlets, let us know by emailing us at info@paaap.org.

Is your child due for a Well Check Visit or Immunization?

Call your pediatrician to make an appointment or discuss your options.

Pediatricians are working hard to make sure they can care for your child, while still keeping everyone safe.

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Download the full social media toolkit on our website [here](#)!

From the National AAP

AAP Interim Guidance: [Interim life support guidance balances rescuer safety, patient needs during pandemic](#)

[Get the latest guidance for pediatricians here.](#) The AAP is collecting stories of member pediatricians during the COVID-19 pandemic to share in blogs, social media and other communications. To share your story, visit www.aap.org/COVIDstory.

Children and COVID-19: State-Level Data Report

State-level reports are the best publicly available data on confirmed child COVID-19 cases in the United States. The American Academy of Pediatrics is collecting and sharing all publicly available data from states on child COVID-19 cases. They are available for viewing [here](#).

AAP New On-Demand COVID-19 Webinars:

- **A Framework to Approach Racial Health Inequities during the COVID 19 Pandemic.** This [webinar](#) describes the racial inequities and emerging health disparities data related to the COVID-19 pandemic and provides

strategies to address them.

- **Resilience in Stressful Times and Connecting During Times of Trauma**
This [webinar](#) features two, 10-minute presentations from Janet Serwint MD, FAAP and James Duffee, MD, MPH, FAAP

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. Information will be shared once available.

UPCOMING

Course Title: Let's Talk: "COVID-19 Impact on Food Security"
Wednesday, May 20, 2020 from 8 - 9 PM ET

Presenters:

Mary Ann Rigas, MD, FAAP: Clinical Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine, Penn State College of Medicine; Pediatrician, UPMC Cole; Secretary/Treasurer, PA Chapter, AAP

Clancy Cash Harrison, MS, RDN, FAND: Registered Dietitian; President, West Side Food Pantry

Session Learning Objectives:

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

- Increase understanding of food insecurity
- Increase effective food insecurity screening and referrals
- Improve collaboration between primary care sites and food pantries
- Improve all the above as we respond to COVID-19

This webinar is funded through a grant by the National Dairy Council, American Dairy Association Northeast.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

RECORDED 5/13/20

"Overview of Child Physical Abuse During COVID-19"

Norrell Atkinson, MD, MPH, FAAP

[View Recording](#)

RECORDED 4/29/20

"Coping with COVID and Autism"

Wendy Ross, MD, FAAP: Jefferson Health, Center for Autism & Neurodiversity

[View Recording](#)

RECORDED 4/22/20

"Supporting Mental Health During COVID19"

Justin Schreiber, DO, MPH, FAAP; Paula Powe, MD
[View Recording](#)

RECORDED 4/15/2020

"Breastfeeding and Lactation Support During COVID"

Meg Kawan, MD, MPH, IBCLC, FAAP

[View recording](#)

You can find the full list of 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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