



# Pennsylvania Chapter

American Academy of Pediatrics

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## **COVID-19 Update and Resources 5/18 - 5/22**

### **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 866 new cases, bringing statewide total to 66,258, in all 67 Pa. counties. [Learn more](#). View a breakdown of cases [here](#). Approximately 4,871 of the total cases are in health care workers. In nursing and personal care homes, there are 14,113 resident cases of COVID-19, and 2,306 cases among employees, for a total of 16,419 at 570 distinct facilities in 44 counties.

There are several online tools that offer national and state coronavirus data as states begin the reopening process. Check out this ProPublica site that measures the trajectory of each state's positive tests as a percentage of overall tests [here](#). And, visit [CovidExitStrategy.org](#) here to track each state's progress toward meeting White House guidelines for reopening.

The U.S. Department of Human Services has provided \$225 million to Rural Health Clinics (RHC) for COVID-19 testing. Almost \$3.5 million of that funding has been allocated to 70 Pennsylvania RHCs. [Learn More](#)

**Physicians need to take time to focus on their health—it's okay not to be okay. For mental health help, text PA to 741-741 or call 855-284-2494.**

## **COVID-19 News**

**Read an article published in The Pittsburgh Post Gazette by PA AAP President, Deborah Moss: Kids still need health care**

Delaying or avoiding needed care can lead to serious adverse health consequences [Read more on The Pittsburgh Post Gazette](#)

**Huge Study Throws Cold Water on Antimalarials for COVID-19**

— No support for continued use seen in analysis of 15,000 patients who got

contraversial drugs  
[Read more on MedPage Today](#)

### **CDC Updates Guidance On Preventing Spread Of Coronavirus**

"primarily spreads from person to person and not easily from a contaminated surface. That is the takeaway from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which this month updated its 'How COVID-19 Spreads' website." The CDC "made another key change to its website, clarifying what sources are not major risks."  
May 21, 2020

[Read more on the Washington Post](#)

### **Children May Be Asymptomatic For Coronavirus And Still Develop MIS-C, CDC Warns**

"The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is warning that children could develop multisystem inflammatory syndrome, or MIS-C, a rare inflammatory syndrome, without ever knowing they were infected with the new coronavirus."  
May 18, 2020

[Read more on Newsweek](#)

### **Latest PA Guidance on Reopening**

Pennsylvania counties in the red phase are under a Stay at Home Order through June 4. Counties in the red phase are expected to move to yellow by June 5 at 12:01 a.m.

The following counties will move to the yellow phase on May 29: Dauphin, Franklin, Huntingdon, Lebanon, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, and Schuylkill. 17 counties will move to green on May 29: Bradford, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Montour, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Venango and Warren. [Read more](#)

Read the latest [Highmark Telemedicine e-Bulletin](#) regarding COVID-19 extensions through September 30, 2020.

## **AAP COVID-19 News**

### **Co-infection, mild COVID-19 symptomology noted in two case reports**

May 21, 2020 -- Two case reports in Pediatrics describe children who developed immune thrombocytopenia or Kawasaki-like hyperinflammatory syndrome and also tested positive for SARS-CoV-2.

[Read more](#)

### **Experts shed more light on COVID-19-related inflammatory syndrome in children**

May 20, 2020 -- Experts in a CDC webinar on multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children detailed symptoms, demographics and treatment approaches for a 38-case cohort in the United Kingdom and a 33-case cohort from Cohen Children's Medical Center in New York.

[Read more](#)

### **Physicians are used to taking care of patients; now they must care for themselves and their colleagues**

May 20, 2020 -- Physicians can build resilience by practicing self-care through sleep, healthy eating, exercise, social connection, processing conflicts and affirmation.

[Read more](#)

### **Health care providers not immune to cyberattacks during COVID-19 pandemic**

May 20, 2020 -- Pediatricians and health care systems can take steps to prevent cyberattacks and security breaches during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read more](#)

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

# From the National AAP

## **AAP Updated Guidance and FAQ: [Management of Infants Born to Mothers with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19](#)**

**[Get the latest guidance for pediatricians here.](#)**

The AAP [#CallYourPediatrician](#) campaign is looking for blogs from members about how they are getting children into their offices for vaccinations and offering care during this COVID-19 pandemic. To share your story, visit [www.aap.org/COVIDstory](http://www.aap.org/COVIDstory).

### **AAP Advocacy News**

#### **COVID-19 Response: New AAP Advocacy Report**

AAP continues to focus its advocacy efforts on ensuring federal, state and local governments respond to the needs of children, families and pediatricians. This [new report](#) summarizes the Academy's latest advocacy activities and priorities.

#### **Children and COVID-19: State-Level Data Report**

The American Academy of Pediatrics is [collecting and sharing](#) all publicly available data from states on child COVID-19 cases as these are the best publicly available data on confirmed child COVID-19 cases in the United States.

#### **AAP Launches #CallYourPediatrician Campaign Using Humor to Bring Children in For Well Visits**

To help get patients back into pediatric offices and to help make sure children are vaccinated on time, the AAP is launching a new campaign called #CallYourPediatrician. Children are in danger due to dropping vaccination rates-[data](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirms that children and adolescents are missing important health visits and immunizations. This new digital media campaign appeals to parents using humor and empathy. A [new toolkit on AAP.org](#) offers easy, downloadable images and videos along with pre-written sample social media posts. Please share these messages on your social media in your communities to remind families to #CallYourPediatrician.

## Webinars



### **Weekly Pediatric Community Forum**

*Due to the growing need for up-to-date information and communication, PA AAP is has been offering a modified version of our "Let's Talk" webinar series to our members on a weekly basis, every Wednesday from 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET. Beginning in June, we will now offer these webinars on a bi-weekly basis as we shift gears to focus on recommendations and strategies around re-opening the state.*

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### **UPCOMING**

**"Invisible in the Time of COVID-19 – What Pediatricians in Pennsylvania can do to Support Latino Communities"**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2020 from 8:00 - 9:00 PM EDT with Presentations and Q & A**

#### **Presenters:**

**Diego Chaves-Gnecco, MD, MPH, FAAP**- Director & Founder, SALUD PARA NIÑOS; Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

**Johanna Vidal-Phelan, MD, MBA, FAAP** - Senior Medical Director, Pediatrics, UPMC Insurance Services Division; General Pediatrician, Hamilton Health Center

**Rita Guevara, MD, FAAP**- Attending Physician, Section of General Pediatrics, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Drexel University College of Medicine; Director of Health Equity, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

**Session Learning Objectives:**

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

- Identify demographic characteristics of Latinos in the US and in Pennsylvania
- Describe epidemiologic characteristics of COVID19 in Latino
- Describe why Latinos are especially vulnerable to COVID19
- Identify resources for Latino patients and their Latino communities

REGISTER HERE

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**RECORDED 5/20/20**

**"COVID-19 Impact on Food Security"**

Mary Ann Rigas, MD, FAAP & Clancy Cash Harrison, MS, RDN, FAND

[View Recording](#)

**RECORDED 5/13/20**

**"Overview of Child Physical Abuse During COVID-19"**

Norrell Atkinson, MD, MPH, FAAP

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**RECORDED 4/29/20**

**"Coping with COVID and Autism"**

Wendy Ross, MD, FAAP

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**RECORDED 4/22/20**

**"Supporting Mental Health During COVID19"**

Justin Schreiber, DO, MPH, FAAP & Paula Powe, MD

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**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](#)

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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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