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COVID-19 Update and Resources 10/16 - 10/30

PA & Federal Updates

PA saw 19,360 new cases since October 16th, bringing the total case count to 198,446 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 PA counties. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).

Pennsylvania released an executive summary of its COVID-19 vaccination plan. View it [here](#).

Weekly Pennsylvania COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring Dashboard data has been released. 15 counties now have substantial transmission levels, and 43 counties have moderate transmission levels. [Learn more](#)

DOH shared news about the latest round of rapid antigen test card distributions statewide. [Learn more](#)

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released a final rule on with coverage and payment details for COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics. Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program agencies, and most private health plans to administer the vaccine at no cost to patients during the public health emergency. Get a CMS fact sheet [here](#).

Secretary of State assures Pennsylvanians that rigorous precautions will be taken at polling places on Nov. 3 to keep voters, poll workers and election officials safe. [Read more](#)

PA DOH Updates

UPDATE: Guidance on Reporting Point of Care SARS-CoV-2 Test Results October 30, 2020

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA) for a number of COVID-19 point of care (POC) tests for rapid detection of SARS-CoV-2.
- These POC tests may be used by both traditional healthcare providers (e.g., hospitals, outpatient providers) and by non-traditional settings who have appropriate CLIA Certificate to conduct this testing.
- All entities conducting these POC tests are required to report these results, including positive, negative, and inconclusive/indeterminate, to public health authorities through PANEDSS.
- On October 19, 2020, HHS updated its reporting guidance to indicate that

CMS-certified long-term care facilities are required to use National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) to fulfill POC test reporting. Additional information regarding this process are detailed in this message.

- Several mechanisms have been established for facilities not required to report via NHSN which will ensure reporters are compliant in providing the results of POC tests.

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ADVISORY: Additional Factors to Determine Close Contacts of Persons with COVID-19

October 26, 2020

- Identification and quarantine of close contacts associated with individuals infected with COVID-19 is critical to the public health response as it can help slow disease transmission.
- Transmission is most commonly spread when two people are in close contact with one another (within 6 feet, or 2 arm lengths).
- The nature and duration of contact also need to be considered when assessing close contacts. In general, time periods of 15 minutes or more appear to present the greatest risk.
- This message is being disseminated to further clarify new guidance from CDC regarding how the 15-minute exposure time should be assessed and suggested implementation in PA.

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DEADLINE APPROACHING: APPLY NOW FOR CARES ACT PROVIDER RELIEF FUND NEW PHASE!



CARES Act Provider Relief Fund: New Phase of Provider Relief Fund Opens for Applications

Providers are encouraged to apply for the latest round of Provider Relief Fund (PRF) support. Applications will be considered regardless of whether

your organization was previously eligible for, applied for, received, accepted, or rejected prior PRF payments. For this newest phase, funding will be allocated to providers based on assessed financial losses and changes in operating expenses caused by COVID-19. For more information about the Phase 3-General Distribution, please visit the [Provider Relief Fund webpage](#).

More information can be found on [AAP Provider Relief Fund: Information and Resources](#)

[Apply here](#) through November 6. Apply now, applications will be reviewed on first come first serve basis!

Updates from AAP

Visit the COVID-19 [web page on AAP.org](#) to find updated resources such as clinical guidance, practice management resources, including tele-health and coding, educational resources for clinicians and families, data reports, a discussion board, and details on AAP advocacy efforts. For questions or comments related to the pandemic, email COVID-19@aap.org.

- **The American Academy of Pediatrics and Children's Hospital Association Weekly Report**- 94,555 new child cases reported from 10/8-10/22 (697,633 to 792,188), a 14% increase in child cases over 2 weeks. [Learn more](#)

- **AAP Resources**
 - **Special Amazon Business Account Available for Members** -AAP has partnered with Amazon to offer a special business account so AAP members can purchase PPE quickly and easily. Members will get premier access to Amazon's wide product selection, competitive prices, and special access to COVID-19 supplies. In addition, members receive free shipping on orders over \$25. Find more information [here](#).
- **AAP Updated Clinical Guidance**
 - [Interim Guidance on Supporting the Emotional and Behavioral Health Needs of Children, Adolescents, and Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#): Guidance for pediatricians on how to integrate emotional and behavioral health as part of standard care. (10/23/2020)
 - [Child Care During COVID-19](#): Guidance for early education and child care programs that are operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Updated 10/23/2020)
 - [Family Presence Policies for Pediatric Inpatient Settings During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#): Guidance on family presence policies developed to support family-centered care for all children and particularly for children with special health care needs, including those with disabilities, medical complexity, and serious illness. (10/12/2020)
- **AAP News**
 - [Study: Working in child care not linked to COVID-19 risk early in pandemic](#)- Oct. 14, 2020 -- Many of the child care programs that remained open took precautions to mitigate the spread of the virus. The level of SARS-CoV-2 transmission in the community was a predictor of providers testing positive.
- **AAP Flu Guidance & Resources**
 - A new [web page](#), Preparing for Flu Season, is now available. The page provides information and resources to help practices maximize influenza vaccination rates while keeping patients, families, and practice teams safe during the pandemic and includes a link to a recording of the Preparing Your Practice for the 2020-21 Influenza Season: A Virtual Townhall webinar.
- **New Resources for Families on Healthychildren.org**
 - [Mental Health During COVID-19: Signs Your Child May Need More Support](#)
 - [Parenting in a Pandemic: Tips to Keep the Calm at Home](#)
 - [Ask the Pediatrician: Is it safe to send my child to child care during COVID-19?](#)
- **Interactive Town Hall Series on COVID-19-** The AAP now 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.
 - **Session #5: November 5, 2020 at 7:00PM CT- Supporting the Emotional and Behavioral Health of Children, Adolescents, and Families during the COVID-19 Pandemic.**
 - Register [here](#)

Webinars

Next Let's Talk Pediatric Community Forum- November 18, 2020

PA AAP will take a pause on our COVID-19 related bi-weekly Let's Talk Pediatric Community Forum webinar



series to provide a 3-part series on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Part of this series will be included in our upcoming Virtual Leadership Meeting- CME Portion. We will also be offering some upcoming afternoon vaccine webinars. More information and registrations to come!

Upcoming PA AAP Webinar and Learning

Opportunity Dates:

November 18 from 7 - 9 PM | CME Portion of Leadership Meeting- Let's Talk DEI Speaker Series Webinar #2: "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" presented by Marcee White, MD, FAAP; "AAP Policy: Impact of Racism on Child and Adolescent Health" presented by Danielle Dooley, MD, MPhil, FAAP and Jacqueline Dougé, MD, MPH, FAAP

[REGISTER HERE](#) (register here for Leadership Meeting CME, open Board of Directors Meeting on 10/19 from 6 - 7:30 PM, and trainee and early career mixer on 10/20 from 8 - 9 PM)

November 18 from 12:15 - 1:15 PM | "Let's Talk: From Vaccine to Vaccination" | Gary S. Marshall, MD, FAAP

[Register here](#)

December 3 from 12:15 - 1:15 PM | "Let's Talk: Addressing Disparities in Immunization" | Kristen Feemster, MD, MPH, MSHP, FAAP ; Johanna Vidal-Phelan, MD, MBA, FAAP

[Register here](#)

December 8 from 8 - 9 PM | "Let's Talk: Prioritizing Health Equity in Clinical Practice" | Katie Mcpeak, MD, FAAP
Registration coming soon!

Recorded 10/28/20

Let's Talk DEI Speaker Series: Promoting Dialogue and Taking Action to Advance Health Equity for All Children Webinar #1: "Tackling Bias and Dismantling Structural Racism: Our Role in Achieving Health Equity for Children"

Angelique Redus-McCoy

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Recorded 10/14/20

"Continuing to Support Mental Health During COVID-19"

Justin Schreiber, DO, MPH, FAAP

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Recorded 9/23/20

"COVID-19 Update: Ask the Infectious Disease Experts"

Swathi Gowtham, MD; Susan Coffin, MD, MPH, FAAP

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Recorded 9/9/20

"Rising to the Challenge: Implementing Effective Flu Vaccine Delivery During the Pandemic"

Susan J. Kressly, MD, FAAP

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Recorded 8/26/20

"Supporting Intimate Partner Violence Survivors and Their Children During the COVID-19 Pandemic"

Maya Ragavan, MD, MPH, MS; Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD; Rebecca Garcia, MS
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Recorded 8/12/20

“Developing a COVID-19 Vaccine at Warp Speed”

Paul A Offit, MD, FAAP

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Recorded 7/22/20

“Considerations for the Reopening of Schools”

Rachel Levine, MD, FAAP, David Rubin, MD, MSCE

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Recorded 7/15/20

“Telehealth & Pediatrics 201: Beyond the Basics”

Susan J. Kressly, MD, FAAP

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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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