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COVID-19 Update and Resources 10/30 - 11/13

PA & Federal Updates

PA saw 48,870 new cases since our last update on October 30th, bringing the total case count to 254,387 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 PA counties. This morning, the PA DOH reported 5,531 additional positive cases, the highest daily increase of cases. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here.](#)

Department Of Health Adds Testing Sites to Help Contain Local Spread Of COVID-19 in [Bradford](#), [Blair](#), and [Westmoreland](#) counties.

The state began distribution of the fifth allotment of COVID-19 antigen test kits provided by the federal government to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)-certified institutions in Armstrong, Dauphin, Delaware, and Indiana counties. [Learn more](#)

The Pa. Department of Health shared its weekly update on Pennsylvania's COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing data and encouraged Pennsylvanians to download the COVID Alert PA app to aid in contact tracing efforts. [Learn more](#)

The COVID Alert PA app notifies you if you have had a potential exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The app works by using anonymous Bluetooth technology that identifies other devices with the app in your proximity. When an app user who was near you reports they have a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, you may receive an alert, depending on the date, how long you were exposed and how close you were to the other person. It does not track your location or store your personal information.

The app also includes an interactive COVID-19 symptom checker, updates on the latest public health data about COVID-19 in PA and advice for what to do if you have a potential exposure to COVID-19.

[Learn more and download now.](#) The more Pennsylvanians that download the app, the more successful we will be in stopping the spread of the virus.

Read PA's Executive Summary Covid-19 Vaccination plan [here](#). This 3-page summary serves as an overview of the distribution and administration of the COVID19 vaccine.

CDC recently added a new section to the webpage [Interim Guidance for Routine and Influenza Immunization Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#)

On Nov. 9, Pfizer shared promising data from its COVID-19 vaccine trial. Initial analysis of the results indicated that there were 90% fewer cases of symptomatic COVID-19 among those who received the vaccine than among those

who received a placebo. [Learn more](#)

PA Health Alert Network: Updated Guidance to Patients Evaluated for COVID-19

- Healthcare providers who are evaluating patients for COVID-19 should instruct the patient to isolate. Patients should be asked to develop a list of people who were in close contact (defined as being within 6 feet for a period of 15 minutes or more depending upon the exposure) with them from the period 48 hours before symptom onset to the time at which the patient isolated.
- All persons diagnosed with COVID-19 should self-isolate until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset, and symptoms are improving, including being afebrile, for 24 hours without antipyretics.
- These steps should be taken immediately. Do not wait for test results to come in.
- Close contacts of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases should be instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days from the last known exposure to the patient being evaluated for COVID-19.
- Close contacts are recommended to be tested at least 2-3 days after their exposure.
- A negative test result does not release a close contact from quarantine early. The full 14-day quarantine must be observed.
- Healthcare providers should give the attached document to any patient being evaluated for COVID-19.

[Read the full Alert here.](#)

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.

From the American Academy of Pediatrics and Children's Hospital Association Weekly Report:

- 927,518 total child COVID-19 cases reported, and children represented 11.3% (927,518/8,236,710) of all cases
- Overall rate: 1,232 cases per 100,000 children in the population
- 73,883 new child COVID-19 cases were reported the past week from 10/29-11/5 (853,635 to 927,518)
- Over two weeks, 10/22-11/5, there was a 17% increase in child COVID-19 cases (135,330 new cases (792,188 to 927,518)
- [Read More Here](#)

AAP Resources - How to handle requests for medical clearance, mask exemptions during COVID-19 - by James P. Scibilia, M.D., FAAP, PAAAP Member and Chair of the AAP Committee on Medical Liability and Risk Management

AAP Updated Clinical Guidance

- [Guidance on the Necessary Use of Telehealth During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Caring for Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Guidance on Providing Pediatric Well-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 #6:** Session #6: November 19, 2020 at 8:00PM, Pediatrician Resilience in the Time of COVID-19 - [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

[View Recording](#)

Recorded 10/14/20

"Continuing to Support Mental Health During COVID-19"

Justin Schreiber, DO, MPH, FAAP

[View Recording](#)

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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