



Pennsylvania Chapter

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

As we head into the holiday season with [flu vaccinations down from this time last year](#), the Chapter is dedicated to providing you timely updates on flu and COVID-19 transmission and vaccination data on our social media channels.



PA & Federal Updates

- There were 47,854 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 11/12 bringing the total case count to 1,666,724 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 counties in PA. Statewide percent positivity for the week of Nov. 5 - 11 stood at 10.3%--an increase from 9.3%, recorded Oct. 29 - Nov. 4. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).
- Regarding the ongoing debate and legal proceedings surrounding Acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam's school mask mandate, the Chapter continues to advocate that the mandate not be lifted--neither on the Governor's prescribed date of 1/17/22 nor that of the court (12/4/21). Universal masking in schools remains the position of both the PA AAP and AAP.
 - With the help of the National AAP and Democracy First, the PA AAP signed onto an amicus brief in the case of Jacob Doyle Corman, III, et al., vs Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Unfortunately, the intermediate court assigned to this case lifted the stay of the mandate, meaning that the statewide mandate will end on 12/4/21 unless the PA Supreme Court takes action. Read more [here](#).
- The FDA approves Moderna's and Pfizer's COVID-19 booster shots for all adults in the U.S. Read more [here](#).
- The PA Department of Health reported the following around COVID-19 vaccinations. The data were pulled from cases between January 1, 2021 and November 2, 2021. Learn more [here](#).
 - 88% of reported COVID-19 cases were in unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated people.
 - 90% of reported hospitalizations with COVID-19 as the primary diagnosis/cause of admission were in unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated people.
 - 89% of COVID-19-related deaths were in unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated people.
- See [here](#) the CDC's guidance around COVID-19 vaccine administration errors and deviations.

- Visit [PA AAP's Newsroom](#) to review our contributions to press coverage of COVID-19. For example, the Chapter's Immunization Representative/Champion Dr. Swathi Gowtham, MD, FAAP joined WPXI to discuss the COVID-19 vaccine for kids 5-11 y/o. Read more [here](#).
 - The National AAP partnered with the White House to promote the COVID-19 vaccine for children 5-11 y/o in an informative video, see [here](#).
 - Also, Dr. Trude Haecker, MD, FAAP and Dr. Swathi Gowtham, MD, FAAP joined Physician General Denise Johnson, MD for a conversation about the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine for children 5-11 y/o. See their conversation [here](#).
- The Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition (PAIC), in partnership with the PA AAP, developed a guide for parents, regarding the COVID-19 vaccine for children 5-11 y/o. View [here](#).
- To view a breakdown of COVID-19 vaccination rates by county, click [here](#).



Updates from AAP & Other Guidance

- Visit the COVID-19 [web page on AAP.org](#) to find updated resources that address clinical guidance, practice management resources, including tele-health and coding, educational resources for clinicians and families, data reports, a discussion board, details on AAP advocacy efforts, and more. For questions or comments related to the pandemic, email COVID-19@aap.org.
- As of November 11, more than 6.6 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 16.8% of all cases in states reporting cases by age. Last week, over 122,000 new child COVID-19 cases were reported, accounting for 27.0% of reported weekly cases--up from 24% last week. [Read the latest report](#). Also, find the AAP's latest report on [Children and COVID-19 Vaccination Trends](#).
- New guidance from the AAP for pediatricians:
 - [Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\) Interim Guidance](#)
 - [Face Masks](#)
 - [COVID-19 Testing Guidance](#)
- Updated guidance on HealthyChildren.org for your patients/families:
 - [Do I have to pay to vaccinate my child for COVID?](#)
 - [Can children get a COVID-19 vaccine and flu vaccine at the same visit?](#)
 - [Where can children get the COVID-19 vaccine?](#)

AAP Interactive Town Hall Series on COVID-19: The AAP 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.

- [Click here](#) to past sessions.



Webinars & Learning Opportunities

Upcoming Let's Talk Webinars...

- **NEW DATE:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 8:00pm ET: Let's Talk webinar: "Climate Change & Child Health," [register today](#).

- Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 12:00pm ET: PA AAP Let's Talk webinar: "Strategies to Improve Maternal COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake While Pregnant and Breastfeeding." Register [here](#).
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Coming up...

- Pfizer Vaccines US Medical Affairs hosts daily "Medical Updates & Immunization Site Training for All Providers with a Focus on Emergency Use Authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5 through 11 Years of Age," see the following dates and respective meeting links:
 - [Monday, November 22, 5:00pm ET](#)
 - [Tuesday, November 23, 5:00pm ET](#)
 - [Wednesday, November 24, 12:00pm ET](#)
 - Monday, November 22, 2021: Public Health Thank You Day with the PA Dept. of Health: designed to show appreciation for all public health workers across the Commonwealth. Learn more [here](#).
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In case you missed it...

- PA AAP Let's Talk Webinar: "Returning to Sports," [listen to the recording](#).
 - CHOP's PolicyLab: "The Child Care Crisis: Partnering with Health Care to Build a Stronger System," [listen to the recording](#).
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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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