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COVID-19 Update and Resources 10/30- 11/5

As this has been a big week for COVID and kids, we wanted to circle back with a bonus COVID update to address important details related to the COVID-19 vaccine for kids, such as doses and shipments.

You might've seen yesterday; PA AAP joined the PA Department of Health in celebrating the EUA approval of the COVID-19 vaccine for children 5-11 y/o. PA AAP Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Kate Tigie, MD, FAAP and her colleagues at Pediatrics of Northeastern PA, namely Dr. April Troy, MD, MPH, FAAP, were kind enough to host Secretary of Health Alison Beam, local Representative Bridget Kosierowski, and parent Jennifer Kapp to discuss the safety and importance of the COVID-19 vaccine for children 5-11 y/o and to witness Jennifer Kapp's 7 y/o daughter receive her first dose of the vaccine!



Thank you to Drs. Tigie and Troy for your generosity of time and practice space! We greatly appreciate your leadership! To see a recording of the press conference, click [here](#) or visit our social media channels.

If you are planning on hosting a vaccine clinic, please let PA AAP know with an email to info@paaap.org. Clinics provide a great opportunity to promote the efficacy of the vaccine in the media.



Focus Group Opportunity through PAIC/PA AAP

The Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition (PAIC) and PA AAP are in the initial phases of developing messages and slogans for a joint immunization media campaign for all routine immunizations, but with a focus on promoting the COVID-19 vaccines for recommended ages. The print campaign will include bus ads, billboards, posters/flyers/cutouts, and other materials that providers can use in their medical offices or schools. The media campaign will consist of social media ads, streaming services ads, and online tracking through Google searches to our immunizePA.org site.

As part of the exploratory phase for the extensive immunization media campaign, PAIC/PA AAP will plan several virtual focus groups to understand the messages that resonate with rural residents, those who are historically medically underserved, and communities of color, and we are currently recruiting participants!

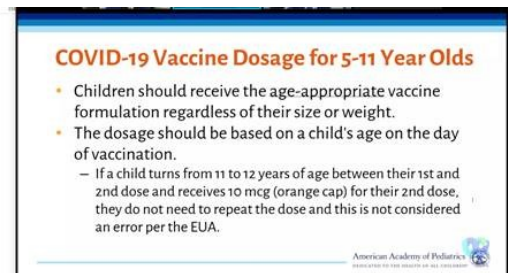
We are looking for 5-8 providers and immunization champions in total willing to participate in a

focus group. Ideally, we would like a diverse group of perspectives and to understand what messages resonate the best. The planned provider focus group will be **next Thursday, 11/11, from 7-8:30 pm.**

If you are interested in participating, please contact PA AAP's Immunization Program Manager Kayla Knock at kknock@paaap.org.

PA & Federal Updates

- There were 28,017 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 10/29, bringing the total case count to 1,585,476 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 counties in PA. Statewide percent positivity for the week of Oct. 22 - 28 stood at 8.8%--a decrease from 9.2%, recorded Oct. 15 - 21. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).
- The COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for Emergency Use Authorization from the CDC for use in children 5-11 y/o. Learn more [here](#).
- Regarding the date on the COVID-19 vaccine vials for children 5-11 y/o, the date is **NOT** the expiration date but, rather, the manufactured date, which signals the date from which the 6-month viability period begins--if stored in the ULT freezer. Please note; if stored in a fridge, the viability period is 10 weeks.
- The PA Dept. of Health has released the following dates related to ordering deadlines and expected shipping arrivals. If you pre-ordered the vaccine and your experience suggests a disparate timeline, let us know. Please note that the pre-order deadline has passed.
 - **By November 3:** The first pre-order shipment of Pfizer 5-11 vaccine is expected to be delivered to providers
 - **By November 4:** The second pre-order shipment of Pfizer 5-11 vaccine is expected to be delivered to providers
 - **By November 8:** The third pre-order shipment of Pfizer 5-11 vaccine is expected to be delivered to providers
 - **Tuesday, November 9 (TENTATIVE):** Standard ordering of the Pfizer 5-11 vaccine begins with a minimum order size of 100 doses
- The Biden administration has issued an emergency regulation requiring health care workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Read more [here](#).
- View [here](#) the COVID-19 vaccine toolkit from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- [CDC V-Safe Information](#)
- CHOP has released resources, [here](#) and [here](#), for parents of school-aged children eligible to receive the vaccine.
- For strategies for successful vaccination efforts in the school setting, 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

- As of October 28, more than 6.4 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 16.6% of all cases in states reporting cases by age. Last week, over 101,000 new child COVID-19 cases were reported, accounting for 24.2% of reported weekly cases. [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:
 - [Back to School](#)
 - [COVID-19 Vaccines in Children and Adolescents](#)
- Updated guidance on HealthyChildren.org for your patients/families:
 - [When can children get the COVID-19 vaccine?](#)
 - [Does the COVID-19 vaccine cause myocarditis?](#)
 - [My child is about to turn 12. Which COVID-19 vaccine should they get?](#)
 - [What side effects might my child have after a 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

Coming up...

- **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](#).
- **Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 8:00 pm**, [Register Now](#) for **Let's Talk: Returning to Sports. Our speaker will be Theodore (Ted) Ganley, MD, FAAP**, Director of CHOP's Sports Medicine and Performance Center
- **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](#).

In case you missed it...

- Weitzman Institute: **Pediatric Vaccines in the Team-Based Care Model**; listen to the [recording](#).

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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