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COVID-19 Update and Resources 11/20 - 12/04

PA & Federal Updates

- PA is in the midst of a spike in positive cases. There were 102,814 new cases since our last update on 11/20, bringing the total case count to 398,600 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 PA counties. As of 12:00 a.m., December 4, there were 11,763 additional positive cases of COVID-19 - the highest daily increase of COVID-19 to date. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#). Statewide percent positivity for the week of November 20 – November 26 stood at 11.7%.
- **DOH New Alert | PA Health Alert Network:** Updated Quarantine Recommendations for Persons Exposed to COVID-19. [Read the alert here.](#)
- Governor Tom Wolf and Director of Testing/Contact Tracing Michael Huff announced this week that there will be an extension of the Department of Health's contract with AMI Expeditionary Healthcare (AMI) to provide COVID-19 testing in five regions across Pennsylvania to help contain local spread of COVID-19. Over the next 12 weeks, five strike teams will provide regional testing for 61 counties. The six counties not receiving testing from AMI have county health departments providing other means of COVID-19 testing. [Read more.](#)
- Governor Tom Wolf signed a third renewal of his 90-day Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more.](#)
- Department of Human Services (DHS) Secretary Teresa Miller announced this week that DHS is altering payment schedules for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for the month of December to allow all benefits to be issued without risk of delay in case of a federal government shutdown. SNAP is a federally funded program and the federal government is currently funded through December 11, 2020. [Read more.](#)
- Reminder for your patients: Safety-net programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid are available to individuals and families who are struggling to afford food or access health care. [Read more.](#)
- Early Release from MMWR: [Summary of Guidance for Public Health Strategies to Address High Levels of Community Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and Related Deaths, December 2020](#)

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.

As of November 26, over 1.3 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 12.0% of all cases in states reporting cases by age.

The number of new child COVID-19 cases reported this week, nearly 154,000, is the highest weekly increase since the pandemic began. As documented in prior weekly reports, it appears that severe illness due to COVID-19 is rare among children. However, there is an urgent need to collect more data on longer-term impacts of the pandemic on children, including ways the virus may harm the long-term physical health of infected children, as well as its emotional and mental health effects. [Learn more.](#)

AAP Updated Clinical Guidance

- [COVID-19 Interim Guidance: Return to Sports](#)
- [Breastfeeding Guidance Post Hospital Discharge for Mothers or Infants with Suspected or Confirmed SARS-Co V-2 Infection](#)

AAP Healthy Children Resources for Families

- Updated: [Youth Sports Participation During COVID-19: A Safety Checklist](#)
- Updated: [In-Person School During COVID-19](#)
- [Keep the Holidays Happy 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 #7:** December 3rd, 2020, Covid-19 Vaccine - [Listen to the recording.](#)
- **Session #8:** December 17, 2020 at 8:00 PM ET, Topic TBD, [Register here.](#)

Webinars



Upcoming PA AAP Webinar and Learning Opportunity Dates:

December 8 from 8 - 9 PM | "Let's Talk: Prioritizing Health Equity in Clinical Practice" | Katie Mcpeak, MD, FAAP, and Stacey Kallem, MD, FAAP, and Chinonyerem R Madu, MPH
[Register Now!](#)

In case you missed it:

"Let's Talk: Addressing Disparities in Immunization"

Kristen Feemster, MD, MPH, MSHP, FAAP & Johanna Vidal-Phelan, MD, MBA, FAAP

[Listen to the recording](#)

"Let's Talk: "Influenza: Disease, Immunization, and Working to Protect Families"

Richard Moriarty, MD, FAAP

[Listen to the recording](#)

You can listen to other 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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