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COVID-19 Update and Resources 3/28 - 4/3

COVID-19 Updates

Pa. Department of Health has reported 7,016 COVID-19 cases in Pennsylvania.

As of April 2, 2020 -- Pa. has 1,211 new cases, bringing statewide total to 7,016 in 62 counties. 345 of the cases are health care workers. [Learn more](#)

[All 67 Pennsylvania counties are now under a Stay at Home order](#) through April 30. All individuals in counties subject to this policy must STAY AT HOME except for certain essential activities and work to provide life-sustaining business and government services.

See [Governor Wolf's order](#) and the [Secretary of Health's order](#).

AAP issues guidance on infants born to mothers with suspected or confirmed COVID-19

April 2, 2020 -- Report covers precautions for birth attendants, rooming-in, breastfeeding, testing, neonatal intensive care, visitation and hospital discharge. [Learn more](#)

Coronavirus latest viral threat where EHRs support public health efforts

April 1, 2020 -- Electronic health records are making important contributions to the public health management of COVID-19. [Learn more](#)

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services makes Sweeping Regulatory Changes to Help U.S. Healthcare System Address COVID-19 Patient Surge

March 30, 2020 -- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on Monday took a number of steps to equip the United States health care system with maximum flexibility to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Learn more](#)

Business Information for Private Practices

Independent Practices – SBA programs open Friday, April 3.

Starting today, April 3, small businesses and sole proprietorships can apply for loans through existing SBA lenders. Starting April 10, independent contractors and self-employed individuals can apply for loans through existing SBA lenders. Other regulated lenders will be available to make these loans as soon as they are approved and enrolled in the program.

[Coronavirus Emergency Loans Guide and Checklist for Small Businesses and Nonprofits](#)

Visit www.sba.gov for a list of SBA lenders.

[Paycheck Protection Program/CARES Act](#)

The Treasury Department released details about how small businesses can apply for the Paycheck Protection Program—which provides \$349 billion in forgivable loans to businesses employing fewer than 500 people. The program—which is part of the CARES Act that was passed and signed into law last week—will help America's small business entrepreneurs face the challenging economic conditions sparked by the coronavirus outbreak.

- [Download the Application Form Here](#)
- [More Information for Small Business Borrowers](#)
- [Overview of the Paycheck Protection Program](#)

Telemedicine

Need help getting set up with telemedicine in your office? PA AAP is now offering a telemedicine mentorship program.

Our telemedicine mentor program offers free 1:1 support for implementing telehealth in your practice -- from selecting a platform, using the platform, and even billing and coding support. COVID-19 and the public health imperative of social distancing has made telemedicine a pediatric practice necessity. We're in this together so don't hesitate to reach out. PA AAP has identified telemedicine mentors who are knowledgeable and available to share practical guidance and answer your questions.

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Webinars

UPCOMING



New Weekly Pediatric Community Forum

Due to the growing need for up-to-date information and communication, PA AAP is now offering a modified version of our "Let's Talk" webinar series to our members. This series will take place weekly and serve as a forum for community pediatric providers. We want to provide an opportunity to hear what others are experiencing and to share ideas for managing the impact of COVID-19.

Webinars will take place every Wednesday from 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET.

April 8, 2020 from 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET
"Infection Control in the Time of COVID"

Presenter:

Margaret Fisher, MD, FAAP
Chair, Department of Pediatrics and Medical Director,
The Unterberg Children's Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center
AAP District III Chair and Representative to the National Board of Directors

Session Learning Objectives-

As a result of participation in this activity, participants will be able to:

- Discuss recommendations on infection control for COVID-19
- Identify workflow and patient triage practices during COVID-19
- Describe current testing, treatment and PPE guidance for COVID-19

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine designates this live educational activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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RECORDED:

PA AAP Webinar Let's Talk "Implementing Telemedicine in Pediatric Practice" Posted 3/25/20

In this [webinar](#), our panel addresses telehealth basics including how to get started using telehealth in your practice, technology considerations necessary for implementing a telehealth platform, and what you need to know in order to get paid for telehealth visits (billing and coding specifications).

Presenters:

Kristin Ray, MD: Director of Health Systems Improvements, Children's Community Pediatrics, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Bonnie Offit, MD, FAAP: Clinical Advisor in Digital Health, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, General Pediatrician, CHOP Care Network

Chip Hart: Director of Primary Care Collaborative Pediatric Solutions, Primary Care Collaborative Pediatric EHR Solutions

[Recording](#)
[Telemedicine Q&A Handout](#)

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has recorded the following 20 minutes COVID-19 webinars:

- [Coding During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#): Navigate rapidly evolving ICD-10-CM and CPT coding for telemedicine, telehealth, and COVID-19 diagnoses and procedures during this unprecedented time.
- [COVID-19 Pandemic – Clinical Guidance for Pediatric Practices](#): Strategies for pediatricians to increase infection control practices in their office to protect patients and health care workers.
- [Talking to and Supporting Children During a Pandemic](#): Helping clinicians understand how to support children during the COVID-19 pandemic, including helping parents talk to their children.
- [Disaster Management for the Pediatrician in the COVID-19 Response](#): Utilizing preparedness principles to mobilize pediatricians to adapt protocols, learn new models, and serve as champions for children in a pandemic.
- [Caring for Children with Complex Medical Conditions During COVID-19](#): Helping clinicians understand special considerations for children with complex needs, how to prepare the clinic/practice, and how to partner with and support families.
- [Telehealth and COVID-19](#): Offering tips and support for how to launch telehealth into practice.

More Resources

The AAP has a main COVID-19 [web page](#) that highlights the latest AAP resources, guidance, recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), information to share with parents, and other materials. This page is updated daily as new information is available. Links to specific AAP resources follow:

- AAP News: [Coronavirus Disease Outbreak Coverage](#)
- AAP Red Book Online, Outbreaks – COVID-19: [2019 Novel COVID-19 Infections](#)
- AAP Disaster Preparedness Information: [Preparedness Checklist for Pediatric Practices](#) and [Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department](#)

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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