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COVID-19 Update and Resources 5/2 - 5/8

COVID-19 Updates

Pennsylvania Department of Health

Pa. has 1,323 new cases, bringing statewide total to 54,238, in all 67 Pa. counties. [Learn more](#). You can view a breakdown of cases [here](#).

Gov. Wolf has extended the stay at home order until June 4 for counties still in the red. [Learn more](#)

Today, 24 counties moved from red to yellow. Find the list of counties and guidance [here](#). And, 13 more counties will move to yellow on May 15 - [Get details](#)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has extended the deadline for health care providers to attest to receipt of payments from the Provider Relief Fund and accept the Terms and Conditions from 30 to 45 days. [Learn more](#)

Gov. Tom Wolf signed an executive order yesterday, granting medical liability immunity for only some health care workers treating COVID-19 patients. This order does not include all physicians. We will continue to advocate for medical liability immunity for all physicians treating COVID-19 patients, and encourage physicians to contact the Governor and their local legislators. [Read full executive order](#).

Governor Tom Wolf announced the creation of the Commonwealth Civilian Coronavirus Corps, a public service initiative that will support efforts this fall to increase testing and contact tracing and provide critical new job opportunities in the public health sector. [Learn more](#)

A new bill would give essential workers \$25K for tuition, student loans. [Learn more](#)

Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services Updates & Billing Information

Home Health Plans of Care: NPs, CNSs and PAs Allowed to Certify
[View](#)

Health Care Supply Chain, Provider Self-Care, and Emergency Preparedness
Resources Claims, Pricers & Codes
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COVID-19: Modified Ordering Requirements for Laboratory Billing
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Hospital OPPS: New Coronavirus Specimen Collection Code

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CMS Releases Additional Medicaid & CHIP COVID-19 FAQs for State Medicaid and CHIP Agencies

[View here](#)

PA DOH Health Update

SARS-CoV-2 Laboratory Testing Comparison May 5, 2020

Laboratories need a CLIA certificate to perform SARS-CoV-2 testing. Under CLIA, laboratories are prohibited from testing human specimens for the purpose of diagnosis, prevention, treatment, or health assessment without a valid CLIA certificate. Clinical laboratories and facilities such as academic laboratories, research laboratories, pharmacies, physician offices, urgent care clinics, and veterinary laboratories need CLIA certification to perform SARS-CoV-2 testing on human specimens.

This guidance is part of the Pennsylvania Department of Health's (DOH) effort to clarify the types of SARS-CoV-2 testing, whether the tests are being offered under an EUA issued by FDA or as described in FDA's COVID-19 Test Guidance, and the CLIA certifications and requirements under which testing can be performed. As of today, there are two different types of SARS-CoV-2 testing. One type is molecular, which detects nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2. The other type is serology, or antibody testing, which measures SARS-CoV-2 antibodies present in the blood. There is a third type of SARS-CoV-2 test which detects antigens present in the blood. As of today, no antigen tests for SARS-CoV-2 have been authorized by FDA. Such tests will be added to the FDA website when authorized.

Currently, COVID-19 tests are being offered that have been FDA authorized under section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (these are listed on the FDA website [here](#).) or under the policies outlined in the [FDA's Policy for Diagnostic Tests for Coronavirus Disease-2019](#) ("COVID-19 Test Guidance"). This document discusses policies applicable to testing for COVID-19, including Laboratory Developed Tests (LDTs). "FDA notification" means that the laboratory or manufacturer has provided FDA with notification that it has validated its test as described in the policies outlined in FDA's COVID-19 Test Guidance and is now listed on the FDA website [here](#).

The attached document delineates which assays offered can be performed by laboratories under each of the CLIA Certificate types. CLIA has four different certificate types, which are Certificate of Waiver, Certificate of Provider-Performed Microscopy Procedures, Certificate of Compliance and Certificate of Accreditation. The required certificate type depends on whether the test was issued an EUA, and if so, the authorized settings included in the [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\)](#).

Point-of-care molecular tests can be performed under all CLIA certificate types. Serology tests must be performed in a laboratory that meets moderate or high complexity testing requirements and can only be performed under the CLIA Certificate of Compliance and the CLIA Certificate of Accreditation. No antigen tests have been authorized under the FDA EUA to date.

[View full health update](#)

[View testing infographic](#)

AAP News

Study Details COVID-19 Characteristics, Co-Infections In Children
May 7, 2020

[Read more](#)

AAP President, Dr. Sally Goza, Reassures Parents That Their Children Should Continue Receiving Vaccinations Through The Pandemic

May 7, 2020

[Read more on WebMD](#)

COVID-19 News

Dozens Of US Children Hospitalized With Serious Inflammatory Condition Possibly Linked To Coronavirus

May 7, 2020

[Read more from The AP](#)

Many Small Medical Practices Reportedly Struggling To Stay Afloat Amid Pandemic

May 5, 2020

[Read more from The New York Times](#)

Fifteen Children Hospitalized In New York City With Mysterious Illness Potentially Tied To Coronavirus

May 5, 2020

[Read more from The New York Times](#)

Study Suggests Newer, More Contagious Coronavirus Strain Has Become Dominant

May 5, 2020

[Read more from Los Angeles Times](#)

From the National AAP

Get the latest guidance for pediatricians here. The AAP is collecting stories of member pediatricians during the COVID-19 pandemic to share in blogs, social media and other communications. To share your story, visit www.aap.org/COVIDstory.

AAP Offers Guidance on School Reopening on Physical and Mental Health

New AAP guidance on reopening schools once COVID-19 wanes includes considerations for instructional time, physical and mental health, special populations, and more. Learn more:

- AAP News: [AAP guidance on school reopening addresses physical and mental health, instructional time](#)
- COVID-19 Planning Considerations: [Return to In-person Education in School](#)

AAP Updated Guidance on on [telehealth](#) and [well-child care](#).

***Pediatrics* Collection on COVID-19 Offers Pediatricians the Latest Research**

The rapid spread of COVID-19 has created many questions among families and caregivers, and information continues to evolve. The editorial team at *Pediatrics* have compiled articles from American Academy of Pediatrics publications into a curated [collection of articles](#) on COVID-19. This online collection will be updated frequently to reflect new articles published on this topic. *Pediatrics* articles and resources include:

- [Mitigating the Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic Response on At Risk Children](#)
- [Vulnerable Youth and the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [COVID-19 Pediatric Research Highlights](#)

Coding for encounters related to COVID-19 is changing rapidly. Following is information that will help with coding for diagnosis and testing and getting

paid for telehealth services.

- [How To Code For COVID-19 Diagnosis, Testing, Telehealth](#)

AAP Policy: Advocacy and Collaborative Health Care for Justice-involved Youth

Youth arrest rates have steadily declined, but adverse experiences, racial bias and unmet health and mental health care continue to plague youths involved with the juvenile justice system, according to a revised policy from the Committee on Adolescence is published in Pediatrics. As concern about the impact of COVID-19 on historically disenfranchised communities grows, the AAP issued related guidance titled, [Responding to the Needs of Youth Involved With the Justice System During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).

Policy: [Advocacy and Collaborative Health Care for Justice-involved Youth](#)

AAP News: [AAP outlines needs of youths in justice system including during pandemic](#)

PA AAP #PedsPutKids1st Well Child Campaign

PA AAP is finalizing a toolkit for your office to promote well child visits and immunization during coronavirus.

Working with National AAP, we will be launching a statewide marketing campaign to ensure parents know it is safe to take their child to visit their child's doctor for well care and vaccines. If you are interested in participating by writing an op-ed or speaking to news and radio outlets, let us know by emailing us at info@paaap.org.

Here are some images you can use for your social media channels now!

Is your child due for a Well Check Visit or Immunization?

Call your pediatrician to make an appointment or discuss your options.

Pediatricians are working hard to make sure they can care for your child, while still keeping everyone safe.

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Well Child Visits During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Staying at home keeps you and your child safe but they should still receive important well child care and vaccines.

Newborn Visits	Visits at 2, 4, 6, 12 and 15 or 18 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weight Check• Feeding Concerns• Jaundice Check• A second heelstick for severe, but treatable diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growing bodies• Growing brains• Milestones• Vaccinations

Your child is considered protected if they received vaccinations through 18 months of age.

Call your pediatrician if you have any questions or concerns.

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Webinars



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. Information will be shared once available.

"Coping with COVID and Autism"

Wendy Ross, MD, FAAP: Jefferson Health, Center for Autism & Neurodiversity

[View Recording](#)

RECORDED 4/22/20

"Supporting Mental Health During COVID19"

Justin Schreiber, DO, MPH, FAAP; Paula Powe, MD

[View Recording](#)

RECORDED 4/15/2020

"Breastfeeding and Lactation Support During COVID"

Meg Kawan, MD, MPH, IBCLC, FAAP

[View recording](#)

RECORDED 4/8/2020

"Infection Control in the Time of COVID"

Margaret Fisher, MD, FAAP

[View Recording](#)

RECORDED 3/25/20

"Implementing Telemedicine in Pediatric Practice"

Kristin Ray, MD, FAAP; Bonnie Offit, MD, FAAP; Chip Hart

[Recording](#)

[Telemedicine Q&A Handout](#)

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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