



Pennsylvania Chapter

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COVID-19 Update and Resources 6/15 - 6/19

COVID-19 PA Updates

PA saw 3,449 new cases since last Friday, bringing the total case count to 80,762 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 PA counties. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).

News

- More than half of the state is now in the green phase of the process to reopen, with Dauphin, Franklin, Huntingdon, Luzerne, Monroe, Perry, Pike and Schuylkill counties going green today.
- At 12:01 a.m. on Friday, June 26, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Erie, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia and Susquehanna Counties will move to green. Note: Philadelphia County met the criteria and will move to the state's green phase on June 26; however, local officials will maintain some additional restrictions until July 3. [Read more](#).
- Pennsylvania is one of just three states that has had a [downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases](#) for more than 42 days.
- Pennsylvanians are urged to take proper precautions to prevent against tick bites and recognize the symptoms of Lyme disease, as some symptoms of Lyme disease are similar to those of COVID-19. [Read more](#).
- [Providers of services supporting Pennsylvanians with intellectual disabilities and autism](#) will receive \$260 million in CARES Act funding.

Provider Relief Fund Portal OPEN - July 20th is Deadline to Apply

Provider Relief Fund:

- On June 10th, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) **launched an [online portal](#)** for pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgeons to apply for financial relief from the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund.
- \$15 billion is available for Medicaid and CHIP providers.
- Not first come, first serve! (**All eligible applicants will receive funds.**) **Deadline to apply is July 20th.**
- Any practice or clinician who has billed Medicaid and CHIP, including Medicaid/CHIP managed care plans, from January 2018-December 31, 2019, provided patient care after January 31, 2020, and who has not received any funding from the Provider Relief Fund general distribution, can apply. HHS has

listed eligibility criteria [here](#).

- Expected payments equivalent to at least 2% of annual revenue for patient care (not limited to Medicaid and CHIP)
- View the AAP [FAQ page](#). Please share any issues you encounter via email to covid-19@aap.org.
- Applications are processed weekly and must be completed all at once. To view the application in advance, [click here](#).
- [Click here](#) to view the HHS instructions.

Other News from the AAP

New on HealthyChildren.org:

- [Should Your Child Be Tested for COVID-19?](#)
- [Stress and Violence at Home During the Pandemic](#)
- [Caring for Children with Asthma During COVID-19: Parent FAQs](#)

AAP On Demand [COVID-19 Webinars](#) for Pediatricians

Webinars



Weekly Pediatric Community Forum

Due to the growing need for up-to-date information and communication, PA AAP is has been offering a modified version of our "Let's Talk" webinar series to our members on a weekly basis, every Wednesday from 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET. Beginning in June, we will now offer these webinars on a bi-weekly basis as we shift gears to focus on recommendations and strategies around re-opening the state.

Up Next:

"Strengthening Vaccine Confidence and Acceptance in the Pediatric Provider Office"

Sarah Mbaeyi, MD, MPH

Medical officer, Office of Vaccine Policy, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC

[Register Now!](#)

VIEW PREVIOUS SESSIONS:

Recorded 6/17/20

"Type 1 Diabetes: Updates in the time of the COVID19 Pandemic"

Melissa Andrews Rearson, MSN, CRNP

[View Recording](#)

Recorded 6/10/20

"Lessons for Oral Health Care in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Potential for Problems and Opportunities"

Thomas J. Maroon, MD, C Eve J Kimball, MD, FAAP, Angela M. Stout, DMD, MPH, Kelly Curtin, MD, FAAP

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RECORDED 6/3/20

"Multisystem Inflammatory Disorder"

Edward M. Berhrens, MD, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Zachary Aldewereld, MD- UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

[View Recording](#) - (Apologies for the technical issues!)

RECORDED 5/27/20

"Invisible in the Time of COVID-19 – What Pediatricians in Pennsylvania can do to Support Latino Communities"

Diego Chaves-Gnecco, MD, MPH, FAAP-, Johanna Vidal-Phelan, MD, MBA, FAAP and Rita Guevara, MD, FAAP

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RECORDED 5/20/20

"COVID-19 Impact on Food Security"

Mary Ann Rigas, MD, FAAP & Clancy Cash Harrison, MS, RDN, FAND

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RECORDED 5/13/20

"Overview of Child Physical Abuse During COVID-19"

Norrell Atkinson, MD, MPH, FAAP

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You can find the full list of 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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