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COVID-19 Update and Resources 6/22 - 6/26

No weekly update will be sent next week due to the July 4th holiday. We hope you enjoy some down time!

COVID-19 PA Updates

PA saw 3,608 new cases since last Friday, bringing the total case count to 84,370 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 PA counties. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).

News

- The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) is alerting health care providers to an anticipated seasonal increase in Legionella infections combined with a potential increase in cases resulting from building reopenings as described in PA-HAN 507. [Read more](#).

Provider Relief Fund Resources, Webinar Recording and Application Guide

The AAP hosted a webinar Wednesday evening on how pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, and pediatric surgeons can access federal financial relief. If you would like to review the materials, a recording of the webinar is now online [here](#).

You can also find more information about the **Provider Relief Fund Medicaid and CHIP Targeted Allocation** using the following resources:

- [AAP's frequently asked questions about the Provider Relief Fund](#)
- A [detailed application guide](#)
- HHS's [Provider Relief Fund landing page](#)
- HHS's [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- The [Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal](#) (ie, the link to apply)
- The Provider Help Line can be reached at (866) 569-3522; for TTY dial 711

As a reminder, the **deadline to apply for the Medicaid and CHIP Targeted Allocation is July 20**. AAP will be updating the frequently asked questions page in the coming days. If you have outstanding questions, please contact us at COVID-19@aap.org.

Other News

[AAP pursues comprehensive advocacy strategy on vaccines](#)

A combination of factors caused by the COVID-19 pandemic threatens to disrupt the country's vaccine delivery system and put children's health at risk.

IBC Updated Telehealth extends through the end of the year! [Read More.](#)

CDC: Obesity among conditions that up risk of severe COVID-19 disease

Children who have medically complex conditions, who have neurologic, genetic or metabolic conditions, or who have congenital heart disease are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. [Learn more](#)

AAP Pediatric Mental Health Minute Series

The [Pediatric Mental Health Minute](#) video series provides real-time education to support pediatricians caring for children and youth with mental health disorders.

- [Anxiety](#): John T. Walkup, MD, explores the scope of anxiety in pediatrics. Anxiety is a normal human emotion, triggered by expected challenges (taking a test) and the reaction is proportional. Normal anxiety can be severe and chronic if the life challenge is severe and chronic.
- [Trauma Informed Care](#): Heather Forkey, MD, discusses trauma-informed care, which is defined by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network as medical care in which all parties involved assess, recognize, and respond to the effects of traumatic experiences on children, caregivers, and healthcare providers.

The Pediatric Mental Health Minute series is supported by an educational grant from SOBI.

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.

Recorded 6/24/20

"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

[View Recording](#)

Recorded 6/17/20

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

Melissa Andrews Rearson, MSN, CRNP

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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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