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COVID-19 Update and Resources 7/13 - 7/17

COVID-19 PA Updates

PA saw 5,602 new cases since last Friday, bringing the total case count to 99,478 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 PA counties. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).

News

- Pennsylvania Department of Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine and Education Secretary Pedro Rivera jointly announced updated guidance this week to help Pre-K to 12 schools prepare to reopen and safely educate students for in-person learning. Each school entity will determine if classes resume in person at school buildings, remotely or a combination of both options. [Read more.](#)
- The Department of Health is seeing significant increases in the number of COVID-19 cases among younger age groups, particularly 19 to 24-year-olds. View the recent [DOH Health Alert](#) about the changing COVID-19 case demographics, as there are more cases in younger age groups than in those 50-64 and 65+.
- Governor Tom Wolf announced the availability of [\\$50 million in grant funding](#) to help employers provide hazard pay to employees in life-sustaining occupations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Hazard pay is intended to keep front-line employees working in vital industry sectors across Pennsylvania. [Read more.](#)

Provider Relief Fund Deadline is Monday, July 20th!

The deadline to apply for the Medicaid and CHIP Targeted Allocation is July 20th! It is not first come first serve, so if you have not yet applied, it is not too late. **Don't leave money on the table!**

If you missed the AAP webinar on how pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, and pediatric surgeons can access federal financial relief, you can view a recording [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 TYY dial 711

If you have outstanding questions, please contact us at COVID-19@aap.org.

Other News

- Roughly 342 U.S. children have contracted Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS-C). MIS-C cases have been among Hispanic/Latino (38%) and Black (33%) children, new data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show. [Read more.](#)
- AAP Interim Clinical Guidance: [Newborn Screening During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- Updated information for parents on Healthychildren.org: [Return to School During COVID-19](#)

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: "Considerations for the Reopening of Schools" **Wednesday, July 22 at 8:00 pm**

We know there are a lot of questions about how students can go back to school safely during COVID-19. The latest [guidance](#) from the AAP says that children learn best when they are in school. However, returning to school in person will require a thoughtful approach by districts to keep students, teachers and staff safe.

WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE DR RACHEL LEVINE AND DR DAVID RUBIN JOIN US FOR THIS UPDATE AND VERY IMPORTANT CONVERSATION!

Featured Guests:

Rachel Levine, MD, FAAP - Secretary, PA Department of Health, Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the Penn State College of Medicine, President, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

David Rubin, MD, MSCE - .Director, PolicyLab, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Mary D. Ames Endowed Chair in Child Advocacy, Professor of Pediatrics, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

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Recorded 7/15/20

"Telehealth & Pediatrics 201: Beyond the Basics"

Susan J. Kressly, MD, FAAP

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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

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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

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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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