COVID-19 Update and Resources 7/27 - 7/31

COVID-19 PA Updates

PA saw 6,477 new cases since last Friday, bringing the total case count to 112,048 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 PA counties. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. here.

News

- Gov. Tom Wolf is not announcing statewide school building closure or class cancellation despite ‘widespread rumors’. Read more.
- The Pennsylvania Department of Health announced a nearly $23 million federally funded contract with Insight Global to recruit, hire, train, and support 1,000 paid contact tracing staff to further COVID-19 contact tracing efforts in collaboration with local and regional health entities to respond effectively to COVID-19. Read more.
- This week, the FDA Grants Emergency Use Authorization For LabCorp Coronavirus Test For People Without Symptoms.
- Federal reports say 21 states are now in the “red zone” for coronavirus outbreaks, meaning they were reporting more than 100 new cases per 100,000 people during the last week, according to a federal report issued July 26. The same report lists Vermont as the only state in the “green zone,” meaning there were fewer than 10 new cases per 100,000 people. The rest of the states were in the “yellow zone.” Read more.
- New Philadelphia Health Alert Network released updated guidance and recommendations on duration of isolation. See health advisory.

Provider Relief Fund - FINAL REMINDER:
Deadline for Medicaid and CHIP Portal Extended to August 3rd

The deadline to apply for the Medicaid and CHIP Targeted Allocation has been extended until August 3rd! 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!

View the AAP’s information and resources on the Provider Relief Fund here.

If you have any questions or issues, please contact us at COVID-19@aap.org.
Other News


- [Children Younger Than Age 5 May Have Up To 100 Times As Much Of The Coronavirus In Upper Respiratory Tract As Adults, Research Indicates](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index.html). In fact, "children younger than age 5 may host up to 100 times as much of the virus in the upper respiratory tract as adults," the researchers found.

- WHO "warned against complacency about new coronavirus transmission in the northern hemisphere summer, saying that this virus did not behave like influenza that tended to follow seasonal trends." During a virtual briefing in Geneva, WHO spokesperson Margaret Harris said, "People are still thinking about seasons. What we all need to get our heads around is this is a new virus and...this one is behaving differently." [Read more](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index.html).

New AAP Guidance and Articles for Parents on HealthyChildren.org:


- [Updated Interim Guidance on Newborn Care](https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policyibrary/stance-statements/Pages/Updated-Interim-Guidance-on-Newborn-Care.aspx)


Webinars

**Recorded 7/22/20**
“Considerations for the Reopening of Schools”
Rachel Levine, MD, FAAP, David Rubin, MD, MSCE

**Recorded 7/15/20**
“Telehealth & Pediatrics 201: Beyond the Basics”
Susan J. Kressly, MD, FAAP
[View Recording](https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policyibrary/stance-statements/Pages/Updated-Interim-Guidance-on-Newborn-Care.aspx)

**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

**Recorded 6/17/20**
"Type 1 Diabetes: Updates in the time of the COVID19 Pandemic"
Melissa Andrews Rearson, MSN, CRNP

**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.