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COVID-19 Update and Resources 8/03 - 8/07

PA Updates

PA saw 5,231 new cases since last Friday, bringing the total case count to 117,279 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 PA counties. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).

News

- The Department of Health announced that beginning Wednesday, August 5, various Walmart locations across the state will begin providing drive-thru testing for residents living in areas where there is a need for testing sites. [Read more](#).
- Two new studies suggest more COVID-19 testing is needed to safely reopen schools this fall. Both teams of researchers published their work in The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health on Monday. [Read more](#).
- This Health Advisory Update provides comprehensive [infection prevention update](#) for infection prevention and control for COVID-19 in healthcare settings. New recommendations include healthcare personnel (HCP) working in facilities located in areas with moderate to substantial community transmission.
- A new study has found that "health care workers with adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) when caring for patients with COVID-19 still had 3.4 times the risk of contracting the coronavirus compared to the general population. [Read more](#).

COVID-19 Virtual Panel by PolicyLab CHOP

The COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly impacted the behavioral health of children and families, and has further highlighted a complex system of behavioral health services and a high level of unmet need.

The CHOP PolicyLab will host a webinar on August 13 at 2 p.m., "COVID-19: A Catalyst for Integrating Youth Behavioral Health Care Across Settings," a virtual conversation with health care providers, national leaders in behavioral health, and policy and payer experts who will share their perspectives on these issues and more. The discussion will be informed by PolicyLab's [comprehensive policy review](#) to address system needs for child behavioral health in the context of COVID-19. To register, click here: bit.ly/IntegratingYouthBehavioralHealth

Visit the [PolicyLab website](#) on Friday, August 14 for a link to the archived video if

you are interested but unable to participate in the live session.

Other News

- Provider Relief Fund Update: **Deadline to apply for Medicaid/CHIP Funds EXTENDED UNTIL AUGUST 28TH!** 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.
- New from the CDC:
 - [COVID-19–Associated Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children – United States, March–July 2020](#)
 - [Hospitalization Rates and Characteristics of Children Aged <18 Years Hospitalized with Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 – COVID-NET, 14 States, March 1–July 25, 2020](#)
- [Hispanic, Black, low-income children had highest rates of SARS-CoV-2.](#) Researchers from Children’s National Hospital studied children and young adults who were tested at a drive-through/walk-up testing site serving people up to age 22 years with mild symptoms and a physician referral.
- Asymptomatic People Carry As Much Coronavirus As Those With Symptoms, finds a new study in South Korea. The study offers more definitive proof that people without symptoms carry just as much” of the coronavirus “in their nose, throat and lungs as those with symptoms, and for almost as long. [Read more](#)
- As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the state, the Pennsylvania Department of Health today encouraged people who are breastfeeding or chestfeeding to take proper steps to protect themselves so their babies can get the essential nutrients needed to develop and stay healthy. [Read more.](#)

Webinars

Up Next on Wednesday, 8/12/20

“Developing a COVID-19 Vaccine at Warp Speed”

Paul A Offit, MD, FAAP

[Register now](#)

Past Sessions include:

Recorded 7/22/20

“Considerations for the Reopening of Schools”

Rachel Levine, MD, FAAP, David Rubin, MD, MSCE

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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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