



Pennsylvania Chapter

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COVID-19 Update and Resources 9/4- 9/10

With the return to school and the climbing case count, PA AAP leadership wanted to temporarily return to weekly COVID-19 updates. We hope that circumstances soon change whereby we can again return to biweekly reports.

For day-to-day updates on the status of COVID-19 across Pennsylvania and the United States, follow us on social media.



PA & Federal Updates

- There were 26,591 new cases in Pennsylvania since our last update on 9/3, bringing the total case count to 1,338,313 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 counties in PA. Statewide percent positivity for the week of Aug. 27 - Sept. 2 rose to 8.2% from 7.8% for Aug. 20 -16. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).
- Already, schools across the Commonwealth are facing closures as a result of rising case counts, [see Tunkhannock Area School District](#). Let us know what you're seeing in your community by emailing us at coneill@paaap.org.
- The White House announces that all employers with 100+ employees will have to either require workers to be vaccinated or tested on a weekly basis. The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will issue an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) to implement this policy. Learn more [here](#).
- Governor Wolf announces that the PA DOH and the Department of Conservation and National Resources (DCNR) will partner together to host COVID-19 vaccine clinics at five state parks across PA. Learn more about the collaborative effort [here](#). The PA DOH has also partnered with the United Way of PA to expand the Local Innovations in Vaccine Equity in PA project (LIVE PA), distributing grants to local faith-based organizations committed to equity in their work reducing vaccine hesitancy. Read more [here](#).
- The debate over booster shots continues. For the latest, click [here](#).
- As schools navigate the return to in-person learning, [especially post-Labor Day](#), experts are wary of follow-through in testing and quarantine guidance. Read more [here](#).
- Hear from AAP President Lee Savio Beers on the FDA approval of COVID-19 vaccines for children. Listen [here](#).

- A year out from suffering severe complications related to COVID-19, researchers examine the impact. Read more [here](#).
- The Biden administration promises states additional funding through the American Rescue Plan to lower health care coverage costs. Learn more [here](#).

Updates from AAP and Other Guidance

- Visit the COVID-19 [web page on AAP.org](#) to find updated resources that address clinical guidance, practice management resources, including tele-health and coding, educational resources for clinicians and families, data reports, a discussion board, details on AAP advocacy efforts, and more. For questions or comments related to the pandemic, email COVID-19@aap.org.
- As of September 2, more than 5 million children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, representing 15.1% of all cases in states reporting cases by age. Last week, over 252,000 new child COVID-19 cases were reported (up from the 204,000 reported cases last week), accounting for 26.8% of reported weekly cases. [Read the latest report](#). Also, find the AAP's latest report on [Children and COVID-19 Vaccination Trends](#).
- Updated guidance on HealthyChildren.org for your patients/families:
 - [Hand Sanitizers: Keep Children Safe from Poisoning Risk](#)

AAP Interactive Town Hall Series on COVID-19: The AAP hosts a [bi-weekly series of virtual town halls](#) linking members with leading experts to discuss emerging issues related to caring for patients and families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- View yesterday's session on "How are the Children?" [here](#).
- [Click here](#) to past sessions.



Webinars & Learning Opportunities

Register today to join the next Let's Talk webinar!

Scheduled for **Wednesday, September 29 at 8:00pm**, the webinar will be a presentation from Dr. Allyson Larkin on the **updated asthma guidelines**.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

In case you missed it:

- "Myths and Fears Surrounding the COVID-19 Vaccines" Paul Offit, MD, FAAP; [listen to the recording](#).
- Nemours: "Keeping Our Kids Safe as They Return to School"; [listen to the recording](#).
- "What Should I Know about COVID-19 Vaccine and Myocarditis?" Paul Offit, MD, FAAP;

[listen to the recording.](#)

- "Let's Talk: Infection Prevention Control and CYSHCN: Minimizing Risk While Meeting Ongoing Needs," Renee M. Turchi, MD, MPH, FAAP with [Project Firstline](#) and the Chapter's [Medical Home Program](#); [listen to the recording.](#)

You can listen to other 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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