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COVID-19 Update and Resources 8/31 - 9/4

PA AAP Weekly COVID-19 Updates and Resources will now be sent on a bi-weekly basis. The next issue will be sent on Friday, September 18th. If you have any news or information you would like included in our bi-weekly update, please email it to us at info@paaap.org.

PA Updates

PA saw 5,671 new cases since last Friday, bringing the total case count to 137,662 (includes confirmed and probable cases) in all 67 PA counties. View a breakdown of cases by region, county, gender, ethnicity, etc. [here](#).

Pennsylvania Department of Health is accepting [requests for applications](#) for the PA Primary Care Loan Repayment Program. This program provides funding to recruit and retain primary care providers working in areas where there are shortages of healthcare practitioners. [Learn more](#)

COVID Updates

CDC vaccine committee may prioritize health care workers for COVID-19 vaccines Aug. 27, 2020 -- The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices discussed how to prioritize four groups — health care personnel, essential workers, people with high-risk medical conditions and people ages 65 and older. [Learn more](#)

Looking for a snapshot of coronavirus outbreaks in U.S. schools? The National Education Association has [just launched a tracker of cases](#) in public K-12 schools.

CMS has released its monthly COVID-19 data snapshot with information on COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations for Medicare beneficiaries. [Learn more](#)

REMINDER: CARES ACT Provider Relief Fund Deadline

The deadline for applying for financial relief through the Medicaid and CHIP Provider Relief Fund portal is coming up on September 13th.

Pediatricians, pediatric medical sub-specialists, and pediatric surgeons who received an automatic payment from the prior rounds of Medicare-based funding can now apply for a second payment from the Provider Relief Fund.

Applications must be filed before September 13th. You can apply for the Medicaid and CHIP distribution on the HHS website.

Please take advantage of this important opportunity and pass it along to colleagues in your communities.

[Learn more](#)

Updates from AAP

Visit the COVID-19 [web page on AAP.org](#) to find clinical guidance, practice management resources, including telehealth and coding, educational resources for clinicians and families, data reports, a discussion board, and details on AAP advocacy efforts. For questions or comments related to the pandemic, email COVID-19@aap.org.

- The American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children's Hospital Association provides a weekly report that compiles state-by-state data on COVID-19 cases in children. **U.S. CASE COUNT:** As of Sept. 3, 2020, more than 6.1 million COVID-19 cases and more than 185,000 deaths have been reported. Among children, 476,439 cases had been reported as of Aug. 27, according to AAP data. [Learn more](#)
- **AAP Updated Clinical Guidance**
 - [Caring for Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs During the COVID-19 Pandemic:](#) Guidance designed to minimize the risk of infection while meeting the ongoing needs of CYSHCN during the pandemic. (9/1/2020)
 - [Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\) Interim Guidance:](#) Clinical guidance for pediatricians including signs, symptoms, diagnosis and management of this rare but serious complication associated with COVID-19. (9/1/2020)
- **AAP Coding Guidance**
 - [New ICD-10-CM guidance addresses coding for MIS-C, COVID, influenza](#)
- **Critical Update**
 - [Preparing for the 2020-2021 Flu Season](#)
- **New Resources for Families on Healthychildren.org**
 - [Travel Safety During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

UPCOMING From AAP:

Dr. Fauci to Speak at AAP Virtual National Conference

At the virtual AAP National Conference & Exhibition, Anthony S. Fauci, MD, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, will discuss "COVID-19: Public Health and Scientific Challenges." After his speech during the opening plenary session on Oct. 3, 2020, Dr. Fauci will sit down with AAP President Sara "Sally" H. Goza, MD, FAAP, for a question-and-answer session. Register for the conference [here](#).

Webinars



UPCOMING: September 9, 2020 | 8 PM - 9 PM ET
"Rising to the Challenge: Implementing Effective Flu Vaccine Delivery During the Pandemic"

Presenter:

Susan J. Kressly, MD, FAAP- *Founding Partner, Kressly Pediatrics*

Session Learning Objectives:

As a result of participation in this activity, participants will be able to-

- Review the annual challenges to providing flu vaccines to your patients
- Identify unique challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Brainstorm ideas for adjusting your 2020 flu vaccination plan
- Prepare your practice to manage uncertainty

[Register Here](#)

Recorded 8/26/20

"Supporting Intimate Partner Violence Survivors and Their Children During the COVID-19 Pandemic"

Maya Ragavan, MD, MPH, MS; Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD; Rebecca Garcia, MS

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Recorded 8/12/20

"Developing a COVID-19 Vaccine at Warp Speed"

Paul A Offit, MD, FAAP

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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

[View Recording](#)

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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