

## BLAST COMMUNICATION

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Dear Members and partners of the Georgia AAP:

We are continuing to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak in Georgia and the US; and as a Chapter are adjusting our activities to ensure the safety of our members, partners, staff and community at large. We are committed to following recommendations from the CDC, AAP and Georgia Dept. of Public Health. Accordingly, we will be modifying or postponing events as necessary. Currently we have made the following adjustments to events through the end of May. Visit our website regularly for the most current information and watch for our blast communications.

- The *Jim Soapes Charity Golf Classic* benefiting the Pediatric Foundation of Georgia scheduled for April 22, 2020 has been **postponed** until the fall.
- The *Georgia Pediatric Practice Manager and Nurses meeting* scheduled to be held on May 15, 2020 is still on. A decision regarding this meeting will be made by April 1.
- The Chapter will be limiting in person meetings and providing a call-in or webinar option for all meetings.
- All Chapter staff are tele-working in the coming weeks, so we ask for your patience in returning calls. Email is the best way to quickly reach the staff. Visit the following link for a staff directory <https://www.gaaap.org/chapter-staff/>.
- All American Academy of Pediatrics (national) events through May 10<sup>th</sup> have been canceled – including the AAP Legislative Conference.

We encourage you to make sure you're receiving the most up to date information from the CDC, AAP, the Georgia Department of Public Health and your local health departments.

- Sign up for alerts from the CDC Emergency Preparedness and Responses here: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/>
- All CDC webinars and information for clinicians are also here: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/index.asp>
- Statewide information from the Georgia Department of Public Health can be found here: <https://dph.georgia.gov/>
- American Academy of Pediatrics also has links to all of the relevant information on the front page of their website – [AAP.org](http://AAP.org)
- [Healthychildren.org](http://Healthychildren.org) is the AAP website for parents and has lots of good information for families
- Updates on Medicaid and coverage for children can be found on the CMS website (link to: <https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page>)

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The Georgia Chapter has also formed a COVID-19 Task Force and the task force is working to answer questions as they come in from our members and partners. You can submit your questions to the Chapter's Immunization Coordinator, Noreen Dahill at [ndahill@gaaap.org](mailto:ndahill@gaaap.org).

We will be disseminating information to you as it becomes available. Thank you for all you do to care for children and families in this challenging time.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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