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## **BLAST COMMUNICATION!**

### **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update**

Dear Colleagues,

Updates regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) continue to change. Members should remain up-to-date with CDC and AAP changes, which are occurring very frequently. Please use the links below to remain current.

This [CDC Health Alert Network \(HAN\) Update](#), highlights guidance and recommendations for evaluating and identifying patients who should be tested for COVID-19 that were shared on March 4, 2020, on the CDC COVID-19 website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>. It supersedes the guidance and recommendations provided in CDC's HAN 428 distributed on February 28, 2020.

In an email sent yesterday (March 9, 2020), the American Academy of Pediatrics is advising members of the steps they can take now to prepare as the outbreak continues to spread.

Visit the [AAP News Coronavirus disease outbreak](#) page for regular COVID-19 news updates.

Here are some additional resources on COVID-19:

- AAP Red Book Online: [2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Infections](#)
- CDC: [COVID-19 Information for healthcare professionals](#)
- CDC: [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: Coronavirus Disease-2019 \(COVID-19\) and Children](#)
- AAP: [Preparedness Checklist for Pediatric Practices](#)
- World Health Organization: [Coronavirus](#)
- HealthyChildren.org: [2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

**Released from Georgia Department of Public Health on March 3, 2020:**

[\*UPDATED Guidance for Clinicians to Report Possible Cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)- GUIDANCE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS OUTBREAK UNFOLDS\*](#)

Clinicians who suspect COVID-19 infection in a patient should report them immediately to the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) at **1-866-PUB-HLTH (1-866-782-4584)** and ask for a Medical Epidemiologist. At this time, all laboratory testing for COVID-19 is performed at either the CDC or the Georgia Public Health Laboratory and **MUST** be coordinated by DPH following triage.

**CDC COCA Call:** [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Update—Information for](#)

***Clinicians Caring for Children and Pregnant Women: Thursday, March 12, 2020***  
**from 2:00pm–3:00pm ET.**

Presenters will focus on current information about COVID-19 as it relates to children and pregnant women. Topics will include infection prevention and control measures in inpatient obstetric healthcare settings and resources available to care for pediatric patients.

**Please click the link below to join:**

<https://zoom.us/j/200932054>

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