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Georgia AAP Update

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Dear Georgia AAP Colleagues:

Here are your updates for Friday, June 23rd:

NOTE: If you are reading this message as a blast fax, visit us on the web at www.gaaap.org to view the message on-line to enable links. All previous blasts are archived on our website.

Announcements

Advocacy on an Increase of Tobacco Tax – Raising Georgia’s tobacco tax on cigarettes from its current 37 cents a pack – among the lowest in the country – and taxing vaping products is the logical answer to provide additional revenue Georgia needs for the state budget. Further, such an increase could diminish smoking and vaping as a health problem for children and teens. Please contact your state Representative and state Senator now and urge them to support a tax on vaping products and increasing the taxes on cigarettes. To find their email address, [click here](#) and enter your home and/or practice address

Double Header for Practice Management begins tomorrow Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 6 pm

“Telehealth & Pediatrics 201: Beyond the Basics” @6pm.

Join faculty will Susan J. Kressly, MD, FAAP and moderator Jonathan Goodin, MD to talk all things telehealth. Dr. Kressly is a nationally known expert on telehealth and practice management issues and current chair of the AAP Payer Advocacy Advisory Committee. Registration is free. To register [click here](#).

“Ask the Experts: Applying for the CARES Provider Relief Fund as a Pediatrician” @7 pm Join AAP experts to learn about the federal financial relief available to pediatricians through the CARES Provider Relief Fund. After an overview of the relief funds available to pediatricians, experts Suzanne Berman, MD FAAP and Jill Venskytis, CMM, HITCM-PP will discuss the application for the CARES Provider Relief Fund Medicaid and CHIP Targeted Allotment. Please [click here](#) to register. If your practice manager is likely to be responsible for submitting your application to the CARES Provider Relief Fund, consider inviting that individual to register for and join the webinar as well. If you are unable to attend, be sure to visit the AAP FAQ on CARES Act Provider Relief Fund.

Contact Tracing Resources from DPH - Contact Tracing video has been released and you can share this video through your practice's social media channels – the link is <https://dph.georgia.gov/contact-tracing>. Additional DPH information focusing on COVID-19 and contact tracing is as follows:

[What you need to know about: COVID-19 & Contract Tracing](#)

[COVID-19: You've tested positive - What should I do?](#)

[COVID-19: Contact Tracing - Box it in](#)

[What you need to know about COVID-19](#)

Education

Georgia AAP Education Calendar – The Chapter’s education programming continues virtually and free to our members. To register visit: <https://www.gaaap.org/upcoming-webinars/>. All webinars are scheduled from 12:30 – 1:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Webinar: Breastfeeding Fundamentals (EPIC® Program), June 24th

Webinar: Telehealth & Pediatrics 201: Beyond the Basics; June 24th @ 6pm-7pm

Webinar: Achieving Successful Healthcare Transitions Despite a Pandemic; June 30th

Resources on Drowning Prevention – AAP offers chapters a [customizable news release](#) to pitch local media outlets on stories about drowning prevention. It includes a link to a package of video b-roll illustrating pool fencing, door locks, supervision, life jackets and other layers of protection that TV outlets can use to create news segments.

Practice Management

Ordering PPE Via GA DPH

The process through which Clinical Providers, such as pediatric practices, can obtain emergency resources for PPE from the national stockpile is working. Please note inventory is critically low and not all items will be available at any given time. If you receive a portion of your order, it will be considered filled. Please [click here](#) to download instructions.

Ordering PPE Through Amazon Business Account

Please see [this link](#) for the Amazon (Getting Started) guide. The approval process, through Amazon, is complex to ensure that only medical professionals have access to the PPE during COVID-19.

Once you set up your business account, you should receive an approval via email. This may take up to 24-48 hours.

Once set up your medical designation through the credentials link. You will get an email saying you are approved; however, it takes them up to 72 hours to get “verified”.

Once you are verified then your account should show the link for COVID 19.

Telehealth

Send Us Your Telehealth Questions

If you have telehealth questions, send them to Fozia Khan Eskew at feskew@gaaap.org. Please put Telehealth Question in the subject line.

If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please contact Noreen Dahill at ndahill@gaaap.org. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

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This message is also posted on the Georgia AAP listserv for our Pediatric nurses and practice managers.