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Georgia AAP Update May 12, 2020

Dear Georgia AAP Colleagues:

Here are your updates for Tuesday, May 12:

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Clinical Guidance

Ask the Expert: What are the Presenting Signs and Symptoms in Children with Confirmed COVID-19 Disease?

Understanding of disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in children is changing rapidly. The first confirmed pediatric case of COVID-19 infection in the United States was reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on March 2, 2020. Click [here](#) for the full AAP News article.

Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) Testing for Pediatric Patients Is Available

The DPH has many testing sites around the state with the capacity to test pediatric patients. Follow these steps:

1. go to www.dph.ga.gov.
2. Scroll down to "Find Covid-19 Testing."
3. Since all tests require a prior appointment, click on "Call for COVID Testing" and find the location in your county. These numbers will link to local county health department telephone numbers.
4. Call this number and make an appointment for a test. (Either the physician can do this or the parents.) Make sure you tell them it is for a pediatric patient, so they can have the proper equipment and personnel available.
5. The health department staff will set the appointment for the patient and direct the patient to the nearest site that can do their test.

Additional Notes:

1. There is also a listing of "GA Testing Sites" on the website but this list won't contain all DPH sites, since some are "pop-up" sites and may be temporary. That is why the call is the critical first step.
2. The National Guard and private labs have also set up testing sites. It is not recommended by DPH to use these sites for specimen collection for pediatric patients.

Education

Webinar: "Hunger Among Georgia's Children and How Pediatric Clinicians Can Help"

Nearly 1 million Georgians lack consistent access to the food they need, and the COVID-19 pandemic is adding to the strain. Join this 1-hour webinar to learn more about what clinicians can do to help identify food-insecure families and connect them to available resources. [Register](#) today for the May 27 webinar—presented by the Georgia Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics, Atlanta Community Food Bank, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Strong4Life, and the Emory Department of Pediatrics. The webinar is approved for 1 CME hour, 1 CNE and MOC part 2 credit.

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 @ 12:00 to 1 p.m. - [Pre-registration is required.](#)

Georgia AAP Upcoming Webinars

The Chapter's education programming continues, now all of it is virtual and will take place from 12:30 to 1:30 unless noted otherwise. To register for webinar visit: <https://www.gaaap.org/upcoming-webinars/>

- EPIC Immunization 2020 Update: Coding for Childhood Immunizations, May 21st 12:30 – 1:30pm
- A Look at Georgia Newborn Screening: Update on Pilots & More, June 2 12:30-1:30pm
- HPV Vaccination Update: New Challenges, New Inspiration, June 3, 12:30-1:30pm
- Public Health Resources in Education & Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, June 9, 12:30-1:30

Resources for Families

Georgia Libraries Provide Many Free Online Resources

As COVID-19 recovery efforts get under way, libraries will remain a crucial resource for people seeking employment, homework assistance, and connection to other community services.

[Library Resources You Can Use Everywhere](#)

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.

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