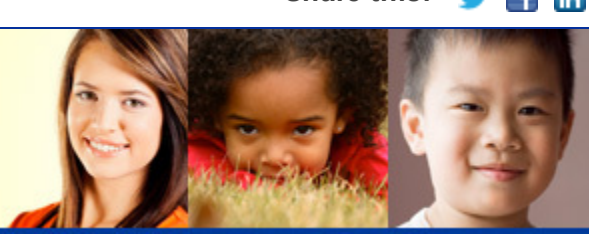




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Blast Communication

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Georgia AAP Update May 19, 2020

Dear Georgia AAP Colleagues:

Here are your updates for Tuesday, May 19:

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

Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) Begins Contact Tracing Program; Help Wanted!

From Georgia DPH: "Georgia DPH has rolled out the Healthy Georgia Collaborative, a robust contact tracing program to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Georgia. DPH is continuing to develop this initiative and wants to take an opportunity to provide their partners in the medical community a briefing on what to expect and how we can work together to ensure this program is successful. A 1-hour webinar is scheduled for May 26th at 6:00 pm to discuss this new initiative." Details on how to join the meeting will be in Friday's Update.

Wanted: Contact Tracers: "The DPH will hire, train, and supervise a team of community contact tracing staff across Georgia. The aim of this will be to call every person diagnosed with COVID-19, gather their contacts, and proceed to call every contact in Georgia. This will fortify efforts to control the pandemic in Georgia. More information can be found [here](#)."

AAP National Elections to open May 26, Closes June 9

Be sure to vote in AAP elections this year! It's easy as pie. AAP candidates for president-elect: Moira Szilagyi, MD, Los Angeles, CA; and Mobeen Rathore, MD, Jacksonville, FL will participate in the Chapter Chat tomorrow May 20. Candidates for District 5 Chair: Lisa Cosgrove, MD, Merritt Island, FL and Madeline Joseph, MD, Jacksonville, FL. Candidates for District 5 Vice-Chair are: Robert Wiskind, MD, Atlanta, GA and Michael Ramsey, MD, Dothan, Ala. The link to bio/statements for all candidates can be found [here](#).

Voting will take place from May 26-June 9. Voting will be conducted online only. Watch for an email that contains your personalized link to the election ballot next week (no additional ballot login information will be required).

AAP & Georgia Chapter Provide 60 Day Grace Period on Member Dues

During the COVID-19 pandemic, AAP National and the Georgia Chapter are extending a 60-day grace period on member benefits for those who are unable to pay their dues on time. For more information, visit www.aap.org/graceperiod.

Advocacy

Call to Pediatricians: "Urge HHS to Direct Financial Support to Pediatricians Impacted by COVID-19"

The AAP has a web page that allows pediatricians to send an editable email form letter to Congress which allows them to share personal examples of challenges their practice and their patients have faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as steps you've taken to manage financial losses, and child health impacts from delayed or forgone care and to ask for support. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Clinical Guidance

Ga. Public Health Districts & Augusta University Offering Free COVID-19 Testing

Individuals wanting to be tested can contact any [Georgia public health department](#)* to schedule an appointment at a SPOC location convenient to them. Also, Augusta University launched an app available on both [Apple](#) and [Android](#) phones called the AU Health ExpressCare app. Its role is to facilitate that first conversation with a healthcare provider.

*Testing done at DPH sites is by nasopharyngeal swabs. No throat or saliva tests.

Health Alert: Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is providing 1) background information on several cases of a recently reported multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) associated with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and 2) a case definition for this syndrome. CDC recommends healthcare providers report any patient who meets the case definition to local, state, and territorial health departments to enhance knowledge of risk factors, pathogenesis, clinical course, and treatment of this syndrome. Click [here](#) for more information.

Education

Georgia AAP Education Calendar

The Chapter's education programming continues, now all of it is virtual. To register for webinar visit: <https://www.gaaap.org/upcoming-webinars/>. All webinars are at 12:30-1:30pm

- Webinar: EPIC Immunization 2020 Update: Coding for Childhood Immunizations, May 21
- Webinar: Autism: The Same But Different: Updated Guidelines & a Small Thing Called a Pandemic, May 22
- Webinar: Adverse Childhood Experiences & Trauma in Pediatrics, May 29
- Webinar: A Look at Georgia Newborn Screening: Update on Pilots & More, June 2
- Webinar: HPV Vaccination Update: New Challenges, New Inspiration, June 3
- Webinar Series: Pediatric Infectious Disease & Immunization, June 4, 11, & 17.
- Webinar: Public Health Resources in Education & Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, June 9
- Webinar: Supporting Language Development through Early Intervention or the Infant who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing, June 16.

Other Education Events

"Child Abuse and COVID-19 Live Webinar: What Pediatricians Need to Know"

Stephen Messner, MD medical director, Stephanie Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children at CHOA, will present tomorrow, May 20, at 12:00 noon. Dr. Messner is also vice-chair of the Georgia AAP Committee on Child Abuse & Neglect. Click [here](#) to register.

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

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. Approved for 1 CME hour, 1 CNE and MOC part 2 credit. May 27, 12:00-1:00 pm - [Pre-registration is required](#).

Practice Management & Operations

Reopening Your Practice for In-Person Visits

As Georgia removes shelter-in-place orders, some of you are likely working to determine when and how to safely reopen your medical practices for in-person visits. MagMutual has compiled [guidance](#) to help you.

Georgia Department of Public Health Streamlines Process to Request PPE

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.

Step 1: Visit ReadyOp at <https://ga.readyop.com/fs/4cMi/8d3e> to order via the online form. Submit your form by 12 PM on the following days:

- Saturdays for Tuesday deliveries
- Mondays for Thursday deliveries
- Wednesday for Saturday deliveries

Step 2: Requests will be reviewed, allocated, and assigned.

Step 3: Request will be reviewed, allocated, and assigned:

- Filled Resources will be sent to the 5 zones on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays.
- Districts will be notified of what is moving to the zones for their area to share with their facilities
- Items will then be dispersed to the districts for partners Step 4: Please call 404-852-0250 for any resource request follow-up questions.

Resources for Families

CDC Guidance for Reopening Schools, Child Care and Summer Camps

Last week the CDC released this: Schools, child care centers and camps should not reopen, the guidelines stipulate, unless they are able to implement coronavirus screening protocols, evaluating employees and children daily for symptoms and potential past exposures to COVID-19. Click [here](#) for more information.

Free Media & Entertainment for Families While Social Distancing

As COVID-19 recovery efforts get under way, it's still a good idea to maintain some social distancing. Below are free resources for your patient's families.

[Scholastic: Free education for Pre K - grade 6+](#)

[Adobe Photoshop: Free for students until May](#)

[Adobe Creative Cloud: People with Adobe can get 2 months free](#)

[NASA Media Library](#)

[Peloton Workout App: Free 90 day trial](#)

[Free books, movies, software, music, etc:](#)

[Free Ivy League courses](#)

[Free Online Museum Tours](#)

[Free National Park Tours](#)

[No Entrance fees to National Parks](#)

[NPR: Free virtual concerts](#)

[Paris Opera: Free live performances](#)

[Center of Puppetry Arts: Free tours and performances](#)

[Mighty Studios: 1-month free trial](#)

[Download Free Coloring Books](#)

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.

Terri McFadden, MD, FAAP

President

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