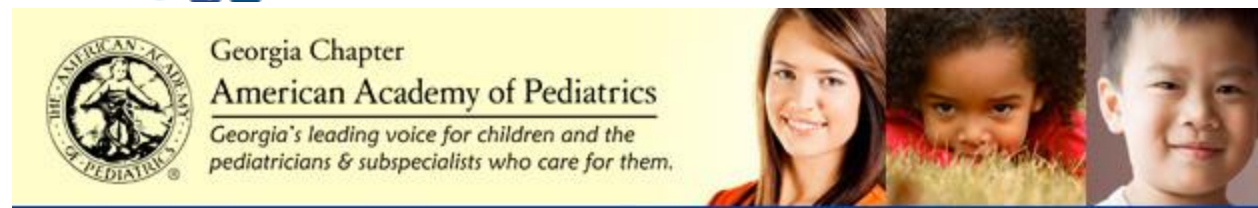


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Georgia AAP Update
September 23, 2020

Dear Georgia AAP Colleagues:

Here are your updates for this week, September 21 - 25, 2020.

Announcements

American Academy of Pediatrics Updates Guidance on Returning to Sports Activities - The AAP has updated its [guidance](#) for children and teens who participate in sports activities, clarifying the recommended amount of time athletes should be held out of practices and games if they or close contacts show symptoms or test + for the COVID-19.

AAP Town Hall Examines COVID Testing - Tomorrow, September 24: The AAP has launched a [bi-weekly series](#) of virtual town halls with leading experts to discuss emerging issues related to caring for patients and families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Next session: Wed., Sept. 24, 7:00 pm CT, will focus on COVID-19 testing. Register [here](#). (The first session Caring for Patients with Acute Illness in Ambulatory Settings During the Pandemic, is available for viewing [here](#).)

Flu Vaccine Bidirectional Borrowing - After advocacy from Georgia AAP, the Georgia VFC will allow borrowing between VFC and private flu vaccine stock for this flu season, per [VFC Newsletter](#) released last week. However, formal guidance has not been released. Until it is, we recommend practices call their VFC representative prior to instituting any borrowing. If borrowing from private insurance vaccine stock, practices will need to confirm with VFC that sufficient VFC vaccine is being shipped to them to "pay back" your private stock. We will publish here when final guidance is available.

Interested in Becoming Vaccination Site for COVID-19 Vaccine? The Georgia Immunization Program (GIP) is preparing for the distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine and is looking for administration sites. If interested, complete a [survey](#) and review the [Extended Offer Letter](#) and [FAQ](#) for more instructions.

Resources for Pediatricians

Reach Out & Read Notes from National September 2020 - This edition features a [short video](#) that includes our very own Dr. Terri McFadden and summarizes how pediatric care providers can encourage parents and caregivers to “talk, sing, read and play” with their infants--either with or without a book. Please share with your clinics and colleagues.

What's New with the Flu! - The flu season is here and this year more than ever, flu immunization is particularly important. The AAP has resources to assist members in their critical role in disease prevention:

- **Webinar: Recommendations for Influenza Prevention and Treatment in Children: An Update for Pediatric Providers** - A CDC [webinar](#) on strategies primary care providers and medical subspecialists can use to improve flu prevention and control in children, October 8, 2 pm–3 pm ET.
- **Recommendation: What's the Latest with the Flu in an Era of COVID-19, September 2020, from AAP website** is now available. Click [here](#).

New Resource for Census Completion! - Share the [Rx to Vote & Fill Out the Census](#) with patients' families. Pediatricians have an important role to play in ensuring children have a voice this election and are counted in the 2020 census. Please encourage your families to register to vote and complete the census. Spanish version [here](#).

AAP Get Out the Vote Campaign - The AAP has launched their Vote Kids campaign with resources which you can access [here](#). Social media graphics, voter registration resources, and a QR code are included.

Resources for Parents

This Week is Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Awareness Week! - Sept 20-26 is CPS Awareness Week. Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of injury and death in children; in Georgia between 2015-19, there were 72,000 ED visits and 500 deaths in children 17 years and younger. Proper use of car seats, booster seats, and seat belts can reduce the risk of injury and death by 80%, but studies suggest many CPS devices are not installed or used properly. Remind your families about the importance of CPS. Not only can it save a life--but Georgia law requires children under 8 ride in an appropriate CPS device.

Families can participate in socially distanced and virtual Georgia CPS checks on Saturday, Sept. 26, 9am-1pm at various locations. Information [here](#). For latest AAP policy statement on CPS click [here](#).

Other links on child passenger safety:

<https://www.safekids.org/ultimate-car-seat-guide/>

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/car-seats-and-booster-seats/child-passenger-safety-week>

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) - ATVs are popular among Georgia children, but they have their risks. Nationally, about 4 children per hour are treated in EDs for ATV-related injuries. In fact, more children are killed on ATVs than in bicycle crashes each year. AAP recommends that no child under 16 ride on an ATV, either as a driver OR passenger. If a child is on an ATV, then it is critical that the child only operate youth-sized ATVs under adult supervision with helmets and other protective gear. They should NEVER ride on a public roadway, at night, or under the influence of substances.

An updated AAP policy statement on ATVs will be released in 2021. More information at: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-play/Pages/ATV-Safety-Rules.aspx>

Atlanta COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program - If you serve families in the city of Atlanta who are having financial trouble due to COVID-19, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program can provide up to \$3,000 in assistance. Funds may be used to cover past due rent, utilities, and move-in deposits as a result of impending eviction. Families can visit <https://relief.uwga.org/> for full details or text C19-ERA to 898-211.

Youth in Foster Care & Options for Continuing Medicaid Coverage - Click [here](#) for a flyer on options youth in foster care have regarding continuing their coverage in Medicaid so they have access to services like, annual well visits, immunizations, dental & vision care, and more until turning 27.

Education

Webinar: HPV Vaccinations-Getting Back on Track - Offered by the Chapter in partnership with the American Cancer Society, Sept. 30, 11:30 am-12:30 pm ET. It's the first in a series of three webinars on improving HPV immunization rates. Click [here](#) for information.

Webinar: The Ethics of Hunger: Nourishing Communities in Need. - Sept. 30, 1 pm-2:30 pm ET. The COVID-19 pandemic has put food insecurity and the surrounding social justice issues of hunger in America in the spotlight. Sponsor: National Dairy Council. Register [here](#).

AAP Virtual Course "Harnessing the Power of Traditional and Social Media in Health Care" - Provides virtual instruction on best practices for social media platforms, content curation, storytelling, blog writing, podcasting, video creation, writing for print publications, and participating in television interviews, Nov. 14-15. More information [here](#).

Sincerely,
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If you have any questions, contact Noreen Dahill at the Georgia AAP, ndahill@gaaap.org. Thank you.

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

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