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Blast Communication

Georgia AAP Update
September 9, 2020

Dear Georgia AAP Colleagues:

Here are your updates for this week, September 7 - 11, 2020.

Announcements

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Pediatrics on the Virtual Parkway: Halloween Edition! October 31st & November 1st - Plan now to "attend" our annual fall meeting on Halloween Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1, 2020. It will feature a combination of live, as well as recorded events, which you can view at your convenience. Click [here](#) for more information.

FALL CME MEETING

Pediatrics on the Virtual Parkway: Halloween Edition

Saturday, October 31 & Sunday, November 1, 2020

11 hours of live presentations & Access to over 9 hours of OnDemand CME

Earn CME, Nursing education credits, and MOC Part II Credit!

Virtual Exhibit Hall

Newly Updated and Revised! Toolkit for School Re-Entry and Children's Health in the Time of COVID-19 - This is an updated version of our previous Chapter toolkit. It has been revised to address questions generated from the webinar as well as new/interim guidelines that have been issued since its' initial release. In this revision – 'FAQs have been expanded to provide updates and address additional concerns around face

covering/masking, contact tracing, testing and clearance for schools, vaccine development, and additional information for parents and schools. Click [here](#) for access.

GBHCW Opens Loan Repayment Programs - The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce is now accepting applications for its service-cancelable loan repayment programs for the 2021 cycle. These programs pay debt incurred toward completion of educational degrees for physicians, dentists, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses who are practicing full-time in underserved, rural counties in Georgia. Click [here](#) for more information.

Reminder Regarding RSV - As the fall season approaches, please remember to protect all eligible premature infants and other qualifying babies against RSV. Look for the Chapter's annual blast coming soon with a reminder about palivizumab's (Synagis) eligibility criteria. There are no major changes for the 2020-2021 RSV season.

Opportunity to Comment on Bright Futures -The Bright Futures National Center welcomes you to provide comments related to the proposed updates to the Bright Futures/AAP Periodicity Schedule . The proposed update is to include screening all individuals ages 18 and older at least once for hepatitis C virus infection (HCV). You will be able to submit comments as an individual or on behalf of an organization. All comments must be received no later than September 21, 2020. For public comment click [here](#).

New Chapter Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Established - The Executive Committee of the Georgia Chapter recently approved the creation of a new committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. This committee will be charged with the task of addressing the issues involving bias and discrimination at both organizational and patient care levels. They will build on the important work already being done by national AAP in this area. If you would like to be considered for membership in this committee, please email kautry@gaaap.org.

Resources for Pediatricians

New resource! - 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. Print out this "prescription" to share with families in your practice, encouraging them 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 for November 3 which you can access [here](#) Social media graphics and voter registration resources are included as well as a QR code that can be affixed to a name badge or added as a phone background.

Pediatrics Releases Pre-Publication Versions of Studies - The AAP journals, Pediatrics and Hospital Pediatrics, are pre-publishing articles for free in the interest of sharing information quickly. The articles are available [here](#). This week's pre-published releases are: Sept. 9, 2020 SARS-CoV-2 Polymorphisms and Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) (to be published in December Pediatrics); Sept. 10, 2020 A Curious Case of Croup: Laryngotracheitis Caused by COVID-19 (to be published in January 2021 Pediatrics).

Provider Relief Fund Update: Deadline is Sept. 13 - The deadline for applying for federal financial relief through the Medicaid and CHIP Provider Relief Fund deadline has been extended to September 13th. Members are encouraged to visit the [HHS](#) website to apply for the Medicaid & CHIP distribution.

Resources for Parents

USDA Extends Summer Meal Programs for Kids Through December 31, 2020

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will extend several waivers through December 31, 2020 which allows summer meal program operators to continue serving free meals to all children into the fall months, or until available funding runs out.

This extension includes:

- Allowing Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) meals to be served in all areas and at no cost;
 - Permitting meals to be served outside of the typically-required group settings and meal times;
 - Waiving meal pattern requirements as necessary; and
 - Allowing parents and guardians to pick-up meals for their children.
- Click [here](#) for more information on USDA Food Program Waivers.

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Deadline To Apply Friday, September 18th - P-EBT is a newly available benefit for children who were receiving free or reduced price lunch at school in March 2020. The benefit is \$256 per eligible child. Children who are already receiving SNAP automatically received the benefit without applying. Eligible children who are not on SNAP must apply for P-EBT by September 18, 2020 to receive the benefit. For more information, click [here](#).

Education

Autism Services Webinar Rescheduled: DCH and DXC Technology has canceled the Autism Services Webinar scheduled for tomorrow Thursday, September 10, 2020 and rescheduled the event for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 11am. On the day and time of the event, dial conference line **1-844-776-0521** and enter access code **8582015917**; the Participant Code is **MRPRHFWK2KWFY** and [here](#) for the web link.

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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