



Georgia Chapter
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Georgia AAP Weekly Update

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Announcements

DEADLINE IS THIS FRIDAY - Provider Relief Funding Phase 3 - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a next phase of provider relief funding. It will distribute \$20 billion to pediatricians and other providers who have experienced lost revenue and increased expenses due to COVID-19. The deadline to apply is this Friday, November 6. More information via this [press release](#).

AAP Unveils 2020 Blueprint for Children - The Blueprint reflects on the state of children in 2020 and recommends policies to promote healthy children, support secure families, build strong communities, and reclaim America's role as a leading nation for youth. To read, visit AAP.org/Blueprint.

Georgia VFC Influenza Update - Georgia VFC is shipping influenza vaccine as quickly as inventory allows. Some influenza formulations currently have more inventory than others. If your office has not received all of your VFC Influenza vaccine allotment, and you are willing to switch to a different brand or formulation, please contact Noreen Dahill dahill@gaaap.org, at the Chapter for assistance.

Implementation of "Open Notes" Rule Delayed - On October 29, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) announced an [Interim Final Rule](#) to the CURES Act. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ONC is extending compliance dates and timeframes for Information Blocking and the ONC Health IT Certification Program. The new deadline for providers to comply is **April 5, 2021**. We plan on sharing more information about the implementation of the Information Blocking provisions as soon as they are available.

Thanks to everyone who attended Pediatrics on the Virtual Parkway: Halloween Edition! - The Chapter's first virtual conference, Pediatrics on the Virtual Parkway: Halloween Edition, took place this past weekend. A special thank you to the Program Chair, Rebecca Reamy, MD, and the planning committee members for planning this terrific event! We had 156 attendees join us and 25 exhibitors support our event. The Chapter would like to thank our National faculty and Georgia Faculty for their outstanding presentations. The meeting included the first "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" Resident Competition hosted by Jud Miller, MD, which resulted in a tie between Emory (Subhendu De, MD) and Morehouse (Tam Tran, MD). If you missed any of the live presentations,

the recordings will be available on the meeting site later this week. The On-Demand lectures and Live Recorded lectures will be available for viewing until December 1.

Resources for Pediatricians

AAP Offers Guidance on Children's Emotional-Behavioral Health During the Pandemic - This new interim AAP guidance describes how children and adolescents may behave differently when under the stress caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, and how those signs vary by age and stage. You can read the guidance [here](#).

Help Needed! Adolescent Research Participants Needed - The Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, is leading a research project focused on understanding and improving adolescent (11-12-year old's) preventive healthcare in Georgia. Participation will involve: Completion of a 1-hour Zoom interview (6-8 participants who are clinical and non-clinical staff members of the practice) and brief online survey. Each participant will be offered an Amazon e-gift card upon completion of the interview. If interested, email Adrian.King@emory.edu, or call 478-955-2383.

Additional Pediatric Podcasts: The STAR Center has launched a podcast entitled *Pediatric CARE: Childhood, Adversity and Resiliency Education*, where you can tune in to hear conversation for pediatricians and other healthcare providers working to address social determinants of health in their pediatric setting. Listen in as leading experts in the field share tested strategies, success stories, and discuss community resources, and clinical tools that are educational and practical, to aid your practice and families. You can locate these podcasts using the phrase "STAR Center" in the following platforms: iTunes, Good Play, and Sound Cloud.

Education

Webinar: We Have the Immunization Data, Now What? - Offered by the Georgia AAP in partnership with the American Cancer Society, Thursday, Nov. 19, 11:30 am-12:30 pm ET. Click [here](#) for information.

Childhood Education Health & Wellness Summit - Chapter members are invited to attend the Georgia Early Childhood Education Health & Wellness Summit, on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 12 noon ET. To register, click [here](#). Pediatricians are also invited to share their experiences with early education centers via a short survey that can be accessed [here](#).

Sincerely,

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For questions, contact Noreen Dahill at ndahill@gaaap.org. This message is also posted on the Georgia AAP listserv for our pediatric nurses and practice managers. Thank you!

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