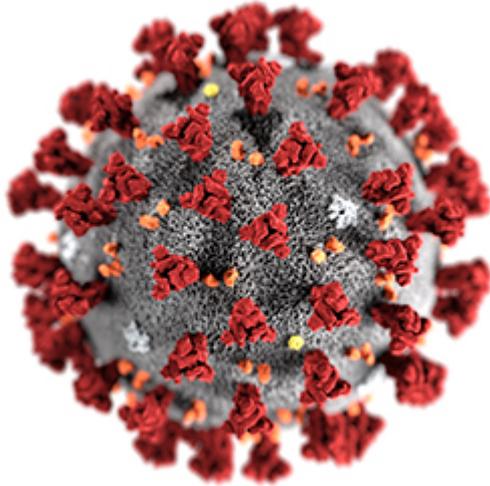




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## COVID-19 outbreak



**U.S. CASE COUNT:** As of April 3, 2020, more than 266,691 cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and at least 5,997 deaths have been reported in the U.S.

### **Pediatricians facing myriad moral dilemmas during COVID-19 pandemic**

April 3, 2020 -- Bioethicists advising institutions and individuals on issues such as resource rationing, professional obligations and moral identity.

### **AAP issues guidance on infants born to mothers with suspected or confirmed COVID-19**

April 2, 2020 -- Report covers precautions for birth attendants, rooming-in, breastfeeding, testing, neonatal intensive care, visitation and hospital discharge.



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## **AAP among groups urging adequate PPE for health care professionals**

April 2, 2020 -- The AAP and 44 other specialty societies called for swift action to ensure adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) is provided to health care professionals on the front lines of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

## **Coronavirus latest viral threat where EHRs support public health efforts**

April 1, 2020 -- Electronic health records are making important contributions to the public health management of COVID-19.

## **AAP, other groups urge federal action to end shortage of medical equipment, PPE**

March 30, 2020 -- The AAP has joined 12 health care groups in calling for urgent federal action to address the shortage medical equipment and personal protective equipment.

## **AAP mourns loss of Philippines Pediatric Society president to COVID-19**

March 27, 2020 -- The Philippines Pediatric Society President Salvacion "Sally" R. Gatchalian, M.D., died of COVID-19 on March 26. The pediatric infectious diseases expert from Quezon City, Philippines, was 67.

## **CDC lays out priorities for COVID-19 testing**

March 26, 2020 -- People who are hospitalized and symptomatic health care workers should take top priority.

## **CDC offers COVID\_19 guidance to rural communities**

March 23, 2020 -- Clinicians should work with their health departments to facilitate testing, and rural hospitals are urged to review pandemic response plans.

## **Young people play vital role in stopping spread of COVID-19**

March 19, 2020 -- Children and young adults may not be as likely to get severely ill or die from coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) as older adults, but experts say they have an important role in stopping its spread and keeping those who are most vulnerable from getting sick.

## **COVID-19 less severe in children than adults: study**

March 16, 2020 -- Being in a young age group wasn't entirely protective. Infants had higher rates of severe illness than older children. Experts also say more testing and research will be needed to understand children's role in spreading the virus in their communities.



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## **CDC issues guidance on N95 respirator shortages, school closings during COVID-19 outbreaks**

March 13, 2020 -- The advice comes as President Donald J. Trump declared a national health emergency Friday.

## **Experts discuss COVID-19 impact on children, pregnant women**

March 12, 2020 -- Coronavirus disease 2019 seems to be impacting children at lower rates than adults, and those who contract the virus typically have mild illness.

## **How to use ICD-10-CM, new lab testing codes for COVID-19**

March 12, 2020 -- COVID-19 attacks the respiratory system; therefore, suspicion of the disease typically will accompany respiratory conditions.

## **CDC updates guidance on PPE for health care personnel; COVID-19 declared a pandemic**

March 11, 2020 -- The CDC guidance includes new recommendations on face masks, gowns, and airborne infection isolation rooms in recognition of supply shortages.

## **AAP postpones leadership conference, shares COVID-19 guidance**

March 10, 2020 -- Federal health officials are encouraging increased measures to prevent community spread of the virus, and the AAP wants to minimize the risk to members who had planned to travel to the forum later this week. Recent guidance covers testing, infection control in pediatric offices and protecting high-risk populations.

## **Message from AAP President Sally Goza, MD, FAAP, on COVID-19**

March 6, 2020 -- As COVID-19 continues to spread in communities, pediatricians can prepare to handle suspected cases in their patient population in the same way they prepare for other infectious disease outbreaks, such as influenza or RSV.

## **COVID-19 testing criteria expanded**

March 5, 2020 -- Clinicians should consider the presence of symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath), travel history, contact with a confirmed COVID-19 patient and local epidemiology, and should rule out other potential causes of illness.

## **COVID-19 death toll rises to 6; risk remains low**

March 2, 2020 -- U.S. officials have announced new steps to improve access to diagnostic tests and respirators in health care settings. Therapeutics could be available as early as this summer.

## **AAP offers response and updates for members on COVID-19**

Feb. 28, 2020 -- "The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that pediatricians take the steps they would



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for any potential infectious disease outbreak, including preparing their offices to adopt standard infection-control practices, collaborating with their local hospital and health systems, and advising families in their practice to stay home from work, school and child care if they are sick," said AAP President Sara "Sally" H. Goza, M.D. , FAAP.

## **Preparedness measures urged in anticipation of more COVID-19 cases in U.S.: CDC**

Feb. 25, 2020 -- In anticipation of more U.S. cases of coronavirus, the CDC is urging hospitals, businesses and schools to put plans in place.

## **CDC using flu surveillance network to detect coronavirus**

Feb. 12, 2020 -- Most U.S. cases of COVID-19 are in people who have traveled to China, but health officials are preparing for the possibility of wider spread in communities.

## **Coronavirus test kits being shipped to state labs; more evacuees returning from China**

Feb. 5, 2020 -- Two hundred test kits will be sent to U.S. laboratories, and 200 will be sent to international laboratories. Each kit can test 700-800 patient samples.

## **U.S. declares coronavirus a public health emergency, will ban some foreign nationals**

Jan. 31, 2020 -- The measures also include mandatory quarantines for some travelers and are being put into effect Feb. 2 as cases of a novel coronavirus continue to grow.

## **1st person-to-person spread of coronavirus in U.S. reported; WHO declares public health emergency**

Jan. 30, 2020 -- A man in his 60s from Chicago appears to have caught the virus from his wife who caught it while traveling to China. It is the sixth U.S. case.

## **Health officials step up travel warnings, airport screening amid coronavirus outbreak in China**

Jan. 28, 2020 -- Federal health officials are warning people to avoid unnecessary travel to China and will be screening of passengers arriving at 20 U.S. airports from China.

## **CDC: 5 U.S. cases of coronavirus confirmed**

Jan. 27, 2020 -- Cases have been confirmed in Arizona, California, Illinois and Washington and all involved adults who traveled to Wuhan, China, the center of the outbreak.

## **2nd U.S. case of coronavirus confirmed in Chicago**

Jan. 24, 2020 -- The Chicago woman is in her 60s and returned from Wuhan, China, the center of the new virus' outbreak, on Jan. 13. She fell ill several days later.



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### **CDC confirms first U.S. case of coronavirus**

Jan. 21, 2020 -- The first U.S. case of the novel coronavirus virus has been confirmed in a man in his 30s from Snohomish County in Washington state. He became ill after he returned to the U.S. Jan. 15 from Wuhan, China.

### **3 airports to screen passengers for new coronavirus amid outbreak**

Jan. 17, 2020 -- Screening will take place at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, Los Angeles International Airport and San Francisco International Airport.

### **CDC: Watch for pneumonia in patients returning from China**

Jan. 9, 2020 -- Chinese health officials believe the illnesses may be linked to animals at a wholesale fish and live animal market about 700 miles south of Beijing in Wuhan City, Hubei Province.

## **Resources**

- [Information from the CDC on coronavirus including guidance for clinicians](#)
- [CDC travel advisories](#)
- [Information from the World Health Organization on coronavirus](#)
- [Information on the coronavirus outbreak from the AAP Red Book](#)
- [Information for parents from HealthyChildren.org on coronavirus](#)