



## PAIC Weekly Update 11/16

### Please join us in welcoming Mary (Molly) Gatto as the new Senior Program Manager for PAIC!

Molly holds a BA in Elementary Education from Loyola University, New Orleans and a Master's in Health Administration from Saint Joseph University. She has worked as an accounts manager and care coordinator in a pediatric practice, was the Program Director at the PA AAP's Medical Home Program and recently left Make-A-Wish Philadelphia, Delaware and the Susquehanna Valley as the Vice President of Mission Delivery. She is excited to rejoin the PA AAP in this important work! We are so excited to have her onboard! Molly's first day will be Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.



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## PAIC Upcoming Events and Resources

- **Now Hiring!** On behalf of the Allegheny County Immunization Coalition, PA-AAP and the Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition are excited to announce that we are hiring ONE full-time Coalition Coordinator in order to expand our immunization access and outreach efforts in Pennsylvania. Please see the job duties below and share with your networks.
  - [Immunization Coalition Coordinator - Allegheny Immunization Coalition](#)

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## Partner Updates:

- The VEC at CHOP's November *Parents PACK* addresses this question. Check out these new tools to help with flu vaccine conversations:
  - [Parents PACK article](#)
  - [PDF of the article](#)
  - [Infographic](#) – note: If you want to print for posting, original is designed for legal paper (8.5"x14"). It can be printed on letter-sized paper (8.5"x11") by choosing the "fit" to size option.
  - Want to post to SM? Contact us at [vacinfo@chop.edu](mailto:vacinfo@chop.edu) for PNG version of the infographic until it is posted on our [infographics page](#).

- For World Immunization Day, The PA Polio Survivor Network published **this video**, "Polio & COVID: Living with their effects, a conversation with Paul Offit". See the full video at: <https://vimeo.com/762641842/07c02874e3>

**See more upcoming November events and clinics here!**

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## Webinars and Upcoming Events:

- **Virtual: CHOP's Current Issues in Vaccines for Providers webinar on December 7 features Dr. Paul Offit discussing polio; CE available.** The Vaccine Education Center (VEC) at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) will present a 1-hour webinar titled [Is Polio Coming Back?](#) beginning at 12:00 p.m. (ET) on December 7. Part of its [Current Issues in Vaccines](#) series, the webinar will feature Paul Offit, MD, director of the VEC. Free continuing-education credits (CME, CEU, and CPE) will be available for both the live and archived events. [Register for the webinar.](#)

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## Toolkits, factsheets, and resources

- **CDC revises several passages in its General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization, an important resource for daily use** - On October 28, CDC updated the [list of errata/updates](#) for its [General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization](#).
- **From NIHCM, COVID, Flu & RSV Resources:**
  - See the CDC's resource on protecting yourself from [COVID](#), [the flu](#), and [RSV](#).
  - [Learn about](#) the symptoms, treatment, and what parents should know about RSV in children.
  - Wellmark shares information on how to protect yourself against the [flu](#) and what to know about [RSV](#) in children.
  - CDC advisors voted to add [COVID-19 vaccines](#) to the childhood, adolescent, and adult immunization schedules.

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## Vaccine News

### Local News

- [COVID in Pa. weekly update, Nov. 9: Cases, positivity rate decline](#) (ABC 27)
- [Flu and COVID vaccine booster clinic happening in Centre County](#) (WTAJ)
- [COVID cases in Pennsylvania decline slightly. See the latest CDC community levels map](#) (Centre Daily Times)
- [Flu cases spike in Allegheny County; doctors warn the season hasn't peaked yet](#) (Pittsburgh's Action News)

### National & Global News:

- [Thanksgiving is two weeks away. Get your updated Covid-19 shot now, health officials warn](#) (CNN)
- [For Pregnant Women and Their Newborns, COVID Vaccine Offers Better Protection Than Prior Infection](#) (U.S. News)
- [Why There Isn't an RSV Vaccine to Combat the Current Surge](#) (Slate)



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