



PAIC Weekly Update 7/12

Monkeypox Vaccination Alert - What You Need to Know from the CDC

- On June 22, HHS announced that five commercial laboratory companies would soon begin offering monkeypox testing.
- As per PA HAN 643 and PA HAN 647, providers should consider testing any patient who presents with a rash or lesions that are consistent with monkeypox or presents with a rash or lesions and an epidemiologic risk factor for monkeypox.
- With this additional monkeypox testing capacity provided by commercial laboratory companies, providers will have more convenient access to monkeypox testing.
- If you have any questions, please call PA DOH at 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258) or your local health department.
- [Please see pdf for the entire health advisory.](#)

PAIC Upcoming Events and Resources

- **Pennsylvania Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, Let's Talk: "Do We Need an Omicron-Specific Vaccine for the Fall?"** Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Presentation followed by Q & A. Presenter: Paul Offit, MD, FAAP. [Register here!](#)
 - **PAIC wants to know what you have planned for National Immunization Awareness Month!** We want to showcase all the events, toolkits, and work going on around Pennsylvania for the month of August. Please respond to this email or email smihailescu@paaap.org & let us know! PAIC/PA AAP is interested in hosting Facebook Live events throughout August with our pediatricians. **Let us know if you would be interested in partnered or co-branding an event!**
 - **Volunteer as an Immunization Champion!** - PAIC has opportunities for local immunization champions willing to volunteer their time to assist with education and outreach, administrative tasks, and events. Visit <https://www.immunizepa.org/volunteer/> to learn more about what an Immunization Champion is, what we're looking for, and to fill out the interest form and get involved!
 - **Join the PAIC board!** If you are interested, please fill out this form on our website: <https://www.immunizepa.org/become-a-board-member/>
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Partner Updates:

- **Poster advertisements are up in Berks and Chester County!** There will be 25 convenience and grocery store locations throughout each county that will each feature one exterior poster and two interior decals - each advertisement will feature versions of the "I Vaxxed My Kid" or "Unity in Immunity" messages.
 - [Berks Poster Locations](#)
 - [Chester Poster Locations](#)
 - [See pictures of posters here!](#)
 - **MCIC is collaborating with Montgomery County to host our second COVID-19 VAX FACTS Virtual Town Hall.** We found last year that town halls were an effective strategy in connecting our leaders with the community to help combat vaccine misinformation. Local healthcare leaders share the latest updates and answer community questions on COVID-19 vaccines. Attendees can submit questions in advance or ask them live. Our second COVID-19 VAX FACTS Virtual Town Hall will focus on the COVID-19 vaccines for children under 5 years and is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13 at 7-8pm. [Register here.](#)
 - **COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics:**
 - [Casa San Jose](#) has a COVID-19 Mobile testing site Fri, July 15, 9am – 12pm at 2116 Broadway Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15216, USA. Their vaccine clinic tomorrow was cancelled.
 - Berks Community Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics: Wednesday – 7/13 – Zion Baptist Church – 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Saturday – 7/16 – 1110 Rockland Street location – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
<https://www.berkschc.net/coronavirus-updates/>
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Webinars & Upcoming Events

- Through a collaboration with Medscape Education, NFID offers online [CME activities and accompanying resources](#) to help:
 - increase vaccination rates among adolescents and adults,
 - and decrease disparities.
 - arming HCPs along with the entire multidisciplinary team with strategies to maximize vaccination opportunities will help to reduce the burden of vaccine-preventable diseases in the US.
- **Keeping Adolescents Up to Date! Champions for Older Adolescent Immunization: Approaches and Guidance Meeting.** Thursday, July 21, 2022, 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM. Champions drive change from within their healthcare provider organizations by aligning, organizing, and activating around vaccination goals. During this Champions for Older Adolescent Immunization program, you will:
 - Receive a digital toolkit of resources and learn how to apply them
 - Get suggestions on how to break through vaccine hesitancy
 - Develop an action plan to help your organization achieve its adolescent health and vaccination goals, including quality metric objectives
 - [Click here for more information and to complete your registration.](#)
- The National Network of Immunization Coalitions will host a Network webinar [Monkeypox Update](#) at **2:00 p.m. (ET) on Friday, July 15.** Tara Anderson, DVM, MPH, PhD, DACVPM, CPH, epidemiologist, Division of Viral Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will provide a situational update and an overview of the national monkeypox vaccine strategy. There will be time for questions and answers following the presentation. [Register for the](#)

Toolkits, factsheets, and resources

- [Pediatricians and Family Physicians Toolkit \(HHS\)](#) - You can download, print, and share the materials in this toolkit however you like. This toolkit has resources for pediatricians and family physicians who want to help increase confidence in and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines among their patients and in the communities they serve. Developed in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics, it includes information from CDC and new, culturally tailored materials from the HHS COVID-19 Public Education Campaign and its team of multicultural experts.
- **AAP to Promote Childhood and COVID Immunization for Children During NIAM in August** - The American Academy of Pediatrics is planning an active campaign for the August National Immunization Awareness Month, including traditional and social media outreach to promote vaccination for children, including the COVID vaccine now available for all children 6 months and older. The AAP will be updating the AAP [Immunization Campaign Toolkit](#) and AAP [COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign Toolkit](#) with new resources that include:
 - A new interactive [HealthyChildren.org](#) tool for parents to find answers about vaccines will be available in August.
 - An updated interactive immunization map “Child Vaccination Across America” offering data on childhood vaccine rates by state. This update will include [tutorials](#) to help teach users how to use this powerful tool (see more below).
 - Over a dozen new [YouTube](#) FAQ videos for parents will be available in August.
- **The AAP is excited to announce the release of the updated interactive, [Child Vaccinations Across America Map](#).** This interactive map allows immunizers and families to see state-specific data on immunization rates in comparison to national rates, vaccine exemptions, and goals/immunity thresholds needed to keep communities safe from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Vaccine News

Local News:

- [Pennsylvania counties with highest COVID-19 vaccination rate](#) (69 News)
- [Monkeypox vaccines coming to Philly, but health officials say it's not enough](#) (Philadelphia Inquirer)
- [LVHN launches COVID vaccine clinics for young kids in northeast Pa.](#) (Pocono Record)
- [Monkeypox cases in Pennsylvania rise to 20](#) (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)

National & Global News:

- [Exanthem and enanthem with fever and dyspnea](#) (Cleveland Clinic)
- [The Vaccine-Hesitant Moment](#) (NEJM)
- [The dominant BA.5 subvariant is leading a wave of COVID reinfections](#) (NPR)
- [Pediatric COVID-19 cases rising for 1st time since May](#) (ABC News)
- [About 300,000 children under 5 have received at least one Covid-19 shot. White House says](#) (CNN)
- [U.S. FDA grants full approval to Pfizer COVID vaccine for ages 12-15](#) (Reuters)



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