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FCAAP's COVID-19 Related FAQs – Week Four

FCAAP worked with some of its physician leaders in the compilation of this FAQ sheet, providing information and resources in response to questions posted by Florida pediatricians. This information is provided as of April 21, 2020 and is subject to change without notice based upon new information, resources, and directives from federal, state, and local authorities and medical experts. The information shared in this FAQ will NOT be updated to reflect changes. Please visit the FCAAP COVID-19 resource page for the most up-to-date information. This information is provided only as general guidance and is not being offered as a medical or legal opinion.

QUESTION: “Was the FL Chapter aware that State of Florida Employees who hold State Group Health Insurance are being told to receive their immunizations at retail pharmacies instead of going to their PCPs? If a member interprets that for their children's immunizations it is going against AAP recommendations. The letter goes on to say that offices are busier than usual and to avoid going there. As the office manager for Alliance Pediatrics in Gainesville FL, I can attest, we have plenty of availability to see our Pediatric patients and have made changes in our operations to provide a safe environment for our Well Exams, separate hours and we are already down 30% in visits, we can't afford for our members to skip their well exams and just get vaccines at the pharmacy. This is not good care. I am happy to provide a copy of the letter for your review.”

RESPONSE: The Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (“FCAAP”) was successful in opposing proposed legislation during the 2019 Florida legislative session which would have allowed pharmacists to administer vaccines to minors. Through the work of FCAAP and others the legislation was amended to only apply to adults. FCAAP continues to encourage parents to contact their child's pediatrician to discuss scheduling well visits and immunizations. The FCAAP Provider COVID-19 Resource page include the AAP's recommendation that pediatricians continue seeing children for well visits, especially for children under the age of two years who are due for immunizations. The page also includes guidance on ways practices can protect their staff and patients, including suggestions such as separate days or times for well and sick visits to allow time for thorough disinfecting of surfaces. The FCAAP Provider COVID-19 Resource page can be accessed here: <https://fcaap.org/posts/news/information-re-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/>.

QUESTION: “What is the current data in USA for Covid positive peds patients and mortality?”

RESPONSE: This question has been posted to be answered by Dr. Ivan Gonzalez and Dr. Brandon Chatani during the April 23, 2020, FCAAP COVID-19 Provider Forum. The Forum will be begin at 12:30pm ET and is accessible here: <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/fcaap-covid-19-forum/5>

QUESTION: “Role of hydroxychloroquine in the treatment of Covid?”

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