

Subject: Address Needs of Children, Families and Pediatricians in COVID-19 Response

Dear **Recipient's Title and Name**:

As a pediatrician and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, I am urging you to address the urgent needs of children, families and pediatricians in future COVID-19 response legislation.

Importantly, the continued lack of sufficient personal protective equipment and wide-scale, rapid testing must be addressed immediately.

Congress must ensure the stability of the health care system for children. Many pediatric practices are suffering financially as practice volumes have decreased rapidly. Failure to provide support will threaten our nation's ability to address children's needs and to prevent future outbreaks of infectious disease through immunization.

Congress must support policies that increase direct financial support to pediatricians, Medicaid funding, access to nutrition assistance through SNAP, and health coverage for COVID-19 testing and treatment for all families regardless of insurance or immigration status.

Thank you for your work to address this crisis.

Sincerely,

Sender's Name and Credentials/Designations