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## **MDAAP Executive Director's Digest – February 19, 2021**

**MDAAP/MDH/GHHI Webinar Series: "Lead, Asthma, Radon and Healthy Homes in Maryland: New Resources for Clinicians and Patients":** The MDAAP, with the Maryland Department of Health and the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative, are sponsoring the webinar series "Lead, Asthma, Radon and Healthy Homes in Maryland: New Resources for Clinicians and Patients" with up to 3 hours of free CME offered for healthcare providers ([Lead \(maryland.gov\)](#)). The program will help healthcare providers to:

- \*Understand new legal requirements related to lead poisoning prevention
- \*Improve clinical management of children with lead exposures
- \*Identify and access new services for home-based pediatric environmental hazards including lead, asthma, and radon
- \*Quickly identify pediatric patient needs for these services

To register for a session, go to <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/OEhfp/eh/Pages/Lead.aspx> or click on the hyperlinks as below:

- \*Live Virtual Session 1: Maryland's Evolving Approach to Lead Poisoning – Wednesday, **February 24, 2021** (12:00 - 1:00 PM; Repeat 5:00 - 6:00 PM)
- \*Live Virtual Session 2: Overview of Healthy Homes Approach to Children's Health – Tuesday, **March 9, 2021** (12:00 - 1:00 PM; Repeat 5:00 - 6:00 PM)
- \*Live Virtual Session 3: Case Presentations: Lead and Asthma – Tuesday, **March 23, 2021** (5:00 PM)

The sessions will be recorded and CME will be available for the recordings for a two-year period. [Attachment]

**MDAAP Hospitalist Committee:** Join Michelle Melicosta, MD, FAAP to revitalize the MDAAP Chapter Hospitalist Committee! Michelle invites anyone with an interest in pediatric hospital medicine, regardless of whether you are currently practicing as a hospitalist or not. She is eager to hear what you would be interested in. For example: peer discussions around clinical or administrative hospital issues? Educational sessions geared towards hospitalists? Brainstorming about research opportunities? Support for those being re-deployed during COVID? Is anyone thinking about sitting the ABP pediatric Hospital Medicine Boards? Our first organizational Zoom meeting of the MDAAP Chapter Hospitalist Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, **March 24, 2021** at 6:30-7:30p.m. ET. To join this meeting, *please register in advance* at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErcuGuqzKpHtC8fEuF9t4w5PgiX29phBEz>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**MDAAP Chapter Chats – March to June 2021:** *Join MDAAP President Debbie Badawi* to discuss issues regarding your patients/families and practices as Maryland pediatric healthcare providers!

- \*Thursday, **March 25, 2021** at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET – register in advance for this webinar at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_MV\\_trLA3SvaX0RIusT9Q3w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MV_trLA3SvaX0RIusT9Q3w) -

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

\*Friday, **April 9, 2021** at 12:30-1:30 p.m. ET – register in advance for this webinar at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_bq-J-aA3RaGQ1WWD\\_fteBQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bq-J-aA3RaGQ1WWD_fteBQ) - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

\*Tuesday, **May 11, 2021** at 8:00-9:00 a.m. ET – register in advance for this webinar at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_SSAynaXeSLau\\_FQ2tPSBxA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SSAynaXeSLau_FQ2tPSBxA) - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

\*Friday, **June 11, 2021** at 12:30-1:30 p.m. ET – register in advance for this webinar at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_3pst3ZlqSwwKbFZP59tH-A](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3pst3ZlqSwwKbFZP59tH-A) - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**MDAAP Member Benefit – Free Posting of Job Opportunities:** As a current MDAAP member, we can post a job announcement from you for three (3) months on our website under the “Resources/Job Opportunities” tab at <https://www.mdaap.org/job-opportunities/> at no charge to you. It will also be included in the Executive Director’s Digest which is sent to all MDAAP members twice a month. Please contact [loretta@mdaap.org](mailto:loretta@mdaap.org) if you have questions about placing a job opportunity.

#### MDAAP Foundation

**2020/2021 Holiday Fundraising Campaign - Support Early Literacy for Maryland’s Children!** Please consider supporting early literacy for Maryland’s children with a charitable donation to the *Maryland Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Foundation*; a letter from Maria Brown, MDAAP Foundation President is attached. As Maryland pediatricians and pediatric healthcare providers, we know that the pandemic has taken an unprecedented toll on our children and families. Even the youngest of children have been schooling via distance learning and missing out on enriching and nourishing social interactions with friends and teachers. Families are craving time with their children that does not involve screens.

*To donate online* (via PayPal), go to our website <https://www.mdaap.org/foundation/>.

*To send a donation by check*, please make your check out to the “MDAAP Foundation” and mail to 1211 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD, 21201.

You can also *make a purchase* at [smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1762334](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1762334) – where AmazonSmile donates to Maryland Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Foundation.

For each donation of \$10.00 or more, we will send a beautiful contribution card to anyone you designate, sharing with them that you have made a gift in their honor this holiday season [Attachment].

#### MDAAP Legislative Matters

**MDAAP Legislative Zoom Meetings – Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. ET:** Please remember to pre-register at [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU\\_mXJNd18A9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU_mXJNd18A9) to join this meeting to discuss proposed bills during our current January-March 2021 Maryland

legislative session.

## COVID-19 Topics

### **From Gov. Hogan ENEWSLETTER- GoVAX: An Update from the Office of Governor**

**Larry Hogan:** Volunteers from the Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps—including retired nurses—are supporting vaccination clinics across the state. Sign up to volunteer at a vaccination clinic at Maryland Responds ([Maryland Responds](#)). The State of Maryland has launched a grassroots public outreach and equity campaign to promote vaccine confidence. These vaccines are safe, effective, and authorized for use by our country's leading medical experts. Join the GoVAX campaign at [covidLINK | Maryland Department of Health](#).

**MDH Website "Coronavirus and MDPCP Practices":** See the Maryland Department of Health's information page at [Coronavirus \(maryland.gov\)](#) for information including:

- \*MDPCP COVID-19 Webinars
- \*Latest Policies and guidance on social distancing protocols, Testing, and Treatment
- \*COVID-19 Vaccine Information
- \*Telehealth
- \*Grants and Assistance for Providers
- \*Resources for Providers to Share with Patients

**CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkits:** At [COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkits | CDC](#) get audience-specific toolkits that will allow you, your health care team and other staff to:

- \*Build confidence about COVID-19 vaccination among your healthcare teams, pharmacy teams, and staff.
- \*Provide your health professionals and pharmacy teams with tools they can use to educate patients and answer questions.
- \*Provide proper storage and handling information to your audience. Remember: all vaccination providers participating in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program must store and handle COVID-19 vaccines under proper conditions to maintain the cold chain as outlined in the toolkit and addendum.

MDAAP Upcoming Meetings/Events – FMI, <https://www.mdaap.org/events-meetings/> - *Mark your calendars!*

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

8:00-9:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Legislative Session Zoom Meeting

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU\\_mXJNd18A9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU_mXJNd18A9). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

12:00-1:00 p.m.

MDAAP/MDH/GHHI Webinar Series: "Lead, Asthma, Radon and Healthy Homes in Maryland: New Resources for Clinicians and Patients" – Live Virtual Session 1: Maryland's Evolving Approach to Lead Poisoning

Register at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#). For more information, see [Lead \(maryland.gov\)](#).

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

5:00-6:00 p.m.

MDAAP/MDH/GHHI Webinar Series: "Lead, Asthma, Radon and Healthy Homes in Maryland: New Resources for Clinicians and Patients" – Live Virtual Session 1: Maryland's Evolving Approach to Lead Poisoning  
Register at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#). For more information, see [Lead \(maryland.gov\)](#).

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

8:00-9:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Legislative Session Zoom Meeting

Register at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU\\_mXJNd18A9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU_mXJNd18A9).

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

12:00-1:00 p.m.

MDAAP/MDH/GHHI Webinar Series: "Lead, Asthma, Radon and Healthy Homes in Maryland: New Resources for Clinicians and Patients" – Live Virtual Session 2: Overview of Healthy Homes Approach to Children's Health

Register at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#). For more information, see [Lead \(maryland.gov\)](#).

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

5:00-6:00 p.m.

MDAAP/MDH/GHHI Webinar Series: "Lead, Asthma, Radon and Healthy Homes in Maryland: New Resources for Clinicians and Patients" – Live Virtual Session 2: Overview of Healthy Homes Approach to Children's Health

Register at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#). For more information, see [Lead \(maryland.gov\)](#).

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

8:00-9:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Legislative Session Zoom Meeting

Register at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU\\_mXJNd18A9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU_mXJNd18A9).

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Teen Safe Driving Coalition Zoom Meeting

Details – TBD.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

8:00-9:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Legislative Session Zoom Meeting

Register at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU\\_mXJNd18A9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU_mXJNd18A9).

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

7:00-8:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Child Maltreatment/Foster Care Committee Zoom Meeting

Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkcemspjIvHNyYG-fHXoL08JE1-ndmkBFI>.

Thursday, March 18, 2021

7:00-8:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Board of Directors Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88624672024?pwd=cmNwSTRCb3dROHY1Zk9zdTJXZlB1dz09> - Meeting ID: 886 2467 2024 - Passcode: 285069

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

5:00-6:00 p.m.

MDAAP/MDH/GHHI Webinar Series: "Lead, Asthma, Radon and Healthy Homes in Maryland:

New Resources for Clinicians and Patients" – Live Virtual Session 3: Case Presentations: Lead and Asthma  
Register at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) For more information, see [Lead \(maryland.gov\)](#).

Tuesday, March 23, 2021  
8:00-9:00 p.m. ET  
MDAAP Chapter Legislative Session Zoom Meeting  
Register at  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU\\_mXJNd18A9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU_mXJNd18A9).

Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
6:00-7:00 p.m. ET  
MDAAP Chapter Hospitalist Committee Zoom Meeting  
Register at  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErcuGuqzkgHtC8fEuF9t4w5PgiX29phBEz>.

Thursday, March 25, 2021  
12:00-1:00 p.m. ET  
MDAAP Chapter Chat Zoom Meeting  
Register at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_MV\\_trLA3SvaX0RIusT9Q3w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MV_trLA3SvaX0RIusT9Q3w).

Tuesday, March 30, 2021  
8:00-9:00 p.m. ET  
MDAAP Chapter Legislative Session Zoom Meeting  
Register at  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU\\_mXJNd18A9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOygpjgiHtOorpCEh8L4RU_mXJNd18A9).

#### From National AAP

**AAP Virtual Office Hour: "Considerations for Safety and Suicidality in a Telehealth Environment":** Go to [Webex Events](#) to register for the complimentary AAP Virtual Office Hour on Wednesday, **February 24, 2021** from 1:00–1:30 p.m. ET. Join pediatrician and addiction medicine specialist Lucien Gonzalez, MD, MS, FAAP and child and adolescent psychiatrist Elise Fallucco, MD, DFAACAP as they discuss important considerations for safety and suicidality in a telehealth environment. Dr Gonzalez and Dr Fallucco will share practical strategies that pediatric clinicians can use to evaluate patient confidentiality, assess suicide risk, and connect patients and families to resources via telehealth. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive Q and A session following the discussion. This series, focusing on mental health care for children and adolescents via telehealth, is being offered as part of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau-funded AAP initiative, "Supporting Providers and Families to Access Telehealth and Distant Care Services for Pediatric Care."

**2021 Virtual AAP Advocacy Conference:** Registration is open at [2021 AAP Advocacy Conference - AAP](#) for the virtual 2021 AAP Advocacy Conference - formerly named the Legislative Conference - which will take place **April 11-13, 2021**. Join your colleagues for this year's virtual conference and learn how to become a strong voice for children! Participants will hear from distinguished guest speakers, attend advocacy skills-building workshops and learn about timely policy issues impacting children, families, and pediatricians. On the final day of the conference, participants will attend virtual meetings with their congressional offices and others from their state to discuss a timely child health issue. Early bird registration closes on Sunday, **February 28, 2021**. We hope to see you in the spring!

**Interested in Being SOID Training Fellow Liaison?:** Are you a first- or second-year pediatric infectious diseases fellowship trainee interested in taking on greater leadership roles? The AAP Section on Infectious Diseases Executive Committee is inviting all first- or second-year ID fellowship trainees interested in serving as an Executive Committee Training Fellow Liaison or

an Education Subcommittee Training Fellow Liaison to submit their nomination. Nomination materials are due to Dana Bright, MSW Senior Manager, Immunization Initiatives, at [dbright@aap.org](mailto:dbright@aap.org) by **March 1, 2021**. For more information, see [Call for Nominations: SOID Executive Committee and Education Subcommittee Training Fellow Liaisons \(aap.org\)](#).

**Call for Nominations for Section on Infectious Diseases Lifetime Contribution Award:**

The SOID Award for Lifetime Contribution in Infectious Diseases Education is given annually to a Fellow of the AAP who has made outstanding contributions in this area. The candidate's contribution should show a substantial long-term dedication to the highest ideals of education. The candidate need not be a member of SOID. To nominate someone, please submit the name and email address of the nominee, a nomination letter, and the nominee's resume to Dana Bright, [dbright@aap.org](mailto:dbright@aap.org), by **March 1, 2021**. For more information go to [SOID Award for Lifetime Contribution in Infectious Diseases Education \(aap.org\)](#).

**Nominations Sought for Excellence in Pediatric Rheumatology Award:** Nominations are being sought for the 2021 James T. Cassidy Award. The AAP Section on Rheumatology will recognize an individual for outstanding achievement in the field of pediatric rheumatology. Nominees must be a member in good standing of the AAP Section on Rheumatology. Nominations should be submitted to [llaskosz@aap.org](mailto:llaskosz@aap.org) by Wednesday, **March 31, 2021**. Find more information at [SORh Awards \(aap.org\)](#).

**2021 Resolutions—Submissions Due Thursday, April 1, 2021:** Resolutions afford AAP members the opportunity to provide input regarding AAP efforts to address important child health issues. All resolutions are advisory to the Board of Directors. The resolution deadline for the Summer Leadership Meeting will be **April 1, 2021**. Please see the guidelines for submitting resolution at [alf\\_guidelines\\_submitting\\_resolution.pdf \(aap.org\)](#). Questions? Contact Jonathan Faletti at [jfaletti@aap.org](mailto:jfaletti@aap.org).

**"Children and COVID-19: State-Level Data Report":** Find the February 11, 2021 report at [Children and COVID-19: State-Level Data Report \(aap.org\)](#). Questions? Contact Blake Sisk at [bsisk@aap.org](mailto:bsisk@aap.org).

**Peanut Allergy Prevention Through Early Introduction Video Series:** This video series ([Peanut Allergy Prevention Through Early Introduction Video Series | pedialink.aap.org](#)) provides an understanding of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) guidelines for early introduction of allergens to prevent peanut allergies. It also includes a video to share with parents to reinforce the recommendations. Chapters can share this resource with their members. Questions? Contact Karla Moreno [kmoreno@aap.org](mailto:kmoreno@aap.org).

**Join AAP Section on Home Care:** The AAP Section on Home Care is dedicated to serving as a resource for providers and families interested in home care. The SOHCa contributes to the AAP mission by offering quality educational programs for general pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists. The SOHCa offers its members a forum for education, networking, leadership, and advocacy. Learn more about the SOHCa [here](#). Find more information on membership at [SOHCa Membership Criteria \(aap.org\)](#). to join, see [AAP DTI | My Account](#).

**COVID-19 AAP Advocacy Report, Eighth Edition – February 3, 2021:** See the latest edition of the AAP Advocacy Report at [COVID-19 Advocacy Report 8.0.pdf \(aap.org\)](#). All prior COVID-19 advocacy reports, letters, and advocacy resources pertaining to the pandemic can be found on the "COVID-19 Advocacy Resources" page at [COVID-19 Advocacy Resources \(aap.org\)](#).

## Funding Opportunities

**HRSA "P4 Challenge: Innovations in Pediatric Primary Care to Improve Child Health":** Vaccinations and well-child visits help prevent outbreaks of childhood diseases. Recent CDC

data show that fewer children got vaccines on time this year compared to last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The P4 Challenge invites applicants to propose and implement innovative approaches to increase access to and utilization of well-child visits and/or immunizations services within primary care settings. Phase 1 submissions are due Monday, **March 15, 2021**. For more information, go to <https://mchb.hrsa.gov/p4challenge#prizes>.

### Educational Opportunities

**Webinar: "Advancing Equitable Distribution of the COVID-19 Vaccine in Communities of Color"**: Hosted by the University of Maryland, this event will be held on Thursday, **February 25, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. ET. For more information at to register, see [Meeting Registration Success - Zoom](#).

**Webinar: "Improving Patient Experience: Data Analysis Methods"**: Registration is open for a webinar on Wednesday, **March 3, 2021** from 1 to 2 p.m. ET focused on supporting healthcare organizations in using AHRQ's Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) surveys to improve patient experience. Speakers will discuss their use of different data analysis methods to better understand patients' experiences, focus improvement efforts, identify potential solutions and track the impact of interventions. This is the second webinar in a series of three presentations. To register, see [Webex Events](#).

**17th Annual BHA Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Services Conference: "Integrating Clinical Intervention with Behavioral Health Approach"**: Hosted by the University of Maryland School of Medicine, join this Zoom event on Tuesday, **March 9, 2021** at 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET. This statewide conference generally attracts 300-400 stakeholders from Maryland's public behavioral health community. Attendees include administrators (state and local), program directors, behavioral health and substance use disorders providers, consumers, family members and various advocacy groups. The conference fee is \$55.00, and registration is available at [Conferences \(eventrebels.com\)](http://Conferences.eventrebels.com).

**March Madness in Medicine: Developing a Winning Game Plan for Chronic Disease Management**: The MDH Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control is offering a training series in March 2021 for physician and non-physician team members in Maryland to prevent and manage chronic diseases. Please see the training flyer below for more information about each training. Register for sessions at [March Madness in Medicine Registration | Whova](#). If you have any questions about the above trainings, please email Sue Vaeth at [Sue.Vaeth@maryland.gov](mailto:Sue.Vaeth@maryland.gov).

### FYIs

**"Health Care Heroes 2021"**: The Daily Record will recognize Health Care Heroes in the following categories: Advancements and Innovation in Health Care; Community Outreach/Education Hero; Workplace Wellness Program of the Year; Nurse of the Year; Nurse Practitioner of the Year; Physician of the Year; Lifetime Achievement. Home to several renowned medical and federal institutions, Maryland is a national leader of health care research and development. The Daily Record will be honoring those organizations and individuals who have made an impact on the quality of health care within our state. Nominations close on Thursday, **March 18, 2021**. For more information, see [Health Care Heroes – Maryland Daily Record \(thedailyrecord.com\)](http://HealthCareHeroes-MarylandDailyRecord.thedailyrecord.com).

**Participants Needed For Research Study on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Prescription**: MDAAP Chapter member Oluwatosin Olateju, MSN, BSN, RN, is working with the Anne Arundel County Department of Health to recruit providers caring for adolescents in ambulatory care settings to participate in a study that will assess the providers' knowledge, perceptions, and practices with regard to prescribing PrEP to minors. Participation involves one 45-minute interview session; each participant will receive a \$50 gift card in compensation for

their time. Questions? Contact Oluwatosin Olateju, [hdolat22@aacounty.org](mailto:hdolat22@aacounty.org), [olola41@morgan.edu](mailto:olola41@morgan.edu), 443-722-1170. [Attachment]

**Fluoride Varnish and Oral Health Screening Program:** The Maryland Medicaid Program reimburses Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) medical providers who apply fluoride varnish to children, ages nine months through age five. Providers are eligible to receive a \$24.92 reimbursement for each varnish applied during an approved well-child visit. The Maryland Department of Health Office of Oral Health would love to help you become a part of the growing fluoride varnish provider team committed to using a preventive agent known to reduce dental caries in the primary (baby) teeth of “at-risk” infants and toddlers. See the attached MDH “Maryland’s Mouths Matter” 2021 newsletter for information about training and certification. [Attachment]

**2021-2025 Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan (Cancer Plan):** The MDH Center for Cancer Prevention and Control is pleased to release the 2021-2025 Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan (Cancer Plan). The Cancer Plan was developed with input from various cancer stakeholders and subject matter experts from across Maryland. Its purpose is to set forth measurable objectives and strategies to reduce the burden of cancer in Maryland. The Cancer Plan outlines a vision for improving cancer control in Maryland across the cancer continuum, and includes sections on Primary Prevention of Cancer, High Burden Cancers in Maryland, and Survivorship, Palliative Care, and Hospice Care. Each section includes background information on relevant topics, as well as goals, data-driven objectives, and strategies to serve as a guide for cancer control in the state. View the Cancer Plan at [2021-2025 Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan](#).

**“To Protect Children of Color, Leaders Must Understand and Address Environmental Racism”:** Environmental racism occurs when policies and practices disproportionately expose Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color to pollution and hazardous conditions in their homes, neighborhoods, places of work, and other parts of their lives. Despite the direct role of policy and regulations in creating and perpetuating environmental racism, its harmful, lasting effects on children are often left out of discussions about addressing environmental issues like pollution and climate change. ([To Protect Children of Color, Leaders Must Understand and Address Environmental Racism - Child Trends](#))

**“Improving COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Among Your Staff”:** Shared by our AAP colleagues at Children’s Hospital Colorado, see attached fact sheet regarding how to overcome vaccine hesitancy. [Attachment]

**“School Breakfast Scorecard, 2019–2020 School Year (February 2021)”:** As school doors re-open, school breakfast will be critical in helping combat childhood hunger and learning loss prompted by COVID-19, says the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), the nation’s leading anti-hunger advocacy group. According to FRAC’s recently released report ([School Breakfast Scorecard, 2019–2020 School Year \(February 2021\) - Food Research & Action Center \(frac.org\)](#)), more than 12.6 million low-income children received a free or reduced-price school breakfast on an average school day from September through February of the 2019–2020 school year. While this represents a 1.5 percent increase in participation among low-income children over the 2018-2019 school year, more needs to be done to ensure that the School Breakfast Program regains lost ground caused by the pandemic to reach more children in need. See how Maryland scores starting on page 8 of the report.

**“Extreme Risk Protection Orders: What Clinicians Need to Know”:** In partnership with the Bloomberg American Health Initiative of the Bloomberg School of Public Health and the School of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, they have launched a new online learning tool on Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) laws for healthcare professionals. This new offering is available at [Extreme Risk Protection Order: | Bloomberg American Health Initiative \(jhu.edu\)](#). This tool provides step-by-step instruction from leading subject matter experts and features simulated patient-clinician encounters modeling effective counseling strategies. CME credits are available – see [Extreme Risk Protective Orders: What Clinicians Need](#)

[to Know - Johns Hopkins University - Continuing Education \(CE\) - 80053985 - Extreme Risk Protective Orders: What Clinicians Need to Know \(cloud-cme.com\)](#). Whether you are a medical, mental health, and/or public health practitioner/advocate/educator, you are part of a broader community that can benefit from learning more about what ERPO laws are, why we need them, and how they work. Questions? Contact [gunpolicy@jhu.edu](mailto:gunpolicy@jhu.edu).

**“Research Highlight: Using Mobile Technology to Improve Care for Teens with Depression”:** The need for mental health services that help teens manage and treat their symptoms has never been greater, but these services are not always available or easy to access. Current smartphone technology offers a means of collecting and evaluating much of this health data with minimal effort. In a project funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Small Business Technology Transfer program, researchers are investigating whether this technology can be used to create a passive monitoring system that can predict teens’ depressive symptoms and improve the quality of their care. ([NIMH » Using Mobile Technology to Improve Care for Teens with Depression \(nih.gov\)](#))

[Job Postings](https://www.mdaap.org/job-opportunities/) – FMI, <https://www.mdaap.org/job-opportunities/>

### **Physician III – Non-Merit – Baltimore County (01/28/21)**

Job #24.456 8-19

A Non-Merit vacancy exist in Clinical Services, Department of Health and Human Services. Under direction, plans, directs, and controls the activities of a bureau of the Health Department.

- \*Plans, organizes, directs, controls, and evaluates the programs and services provided by a Health Department bureau.
- \*Coordinates the activities of the bureau with services provided by other health agencies.
- \*Plans, prepares, and administers operating and grant budgets.
- \*Interprets and develops standards, policies, and procedures governing program operations.
- \*Examines and diagnoses patients.

For more information, see [physician-iii-non-merit | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#).

STAY WELL,



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**Maryland Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics**

**71 Years of Caring for Children - 1950-2021**

*MDAAP's Mission: "To support and encourage pediatricians in the promotion of optimal health for all of Maryland's children and adolescents."*

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