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## *President's Update: August 2021*

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you all were able to take some time off over the summer or are planning to very soon! I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the highlights of our chapter activities.

We continue to work closely with the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Association of Local Health Departments to improve pediatric provider access to the COVID-19 vaccine. This effort has been led by our Vice President, Dr. Monique Soileau-Burke. We anticipate the EUA for children under 12 to occur this winter, and many families may prefer that younger children receive the vaccine from their primary care provider. Payment for administration of this vaccine is higher than for others (about \$40), and it can now be ordered through ImmuNet [[ImmuNet\\_COVID19-Vaccine-Ordering-Guide.pdf \(maryland.gov\)](#)] with a COVID pin number.

Currently about half of local school jurisdictions are requiring masks in school. Our chapter is sending a letter to all local school districts recommending a safe return to school, which includes the use of masks indoors.

On August 5<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup>, I attended the AAP Annual Leadership Forum and District Meetings with our Vice President and our Executive Director. There were many informative sessions addressing topics ranging from engaging members virtually to addressing diversity, equity and inclusion. The plenary sessions also helped us learn to be aware of dominant social norms and addressed physician wellness. One purpose of the Annual Leadership Forum is to vote on resolutions presented by individuals, chapters, sections, committees and councils. Our chapter put forward a resolution requesting that National AAP develop a policy to address children's access to pornography. This resolution passed but did not make it into the Top 10 which are typically the ones addressed by the National AAP Board each year. The Top 10 resolutions this year can be found at [LC\\_2021\\_top\\_ten\\_resolutions.pdf \(aap.org\)](#).

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our Chapter Annual Meeting on September 11 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Rolling Hills Golf Club in Catonsville, MD. We will all be masked, and there is adequate space at the venue to distance while eating. We have three excellent speakers to address lessons learned during the pandemic, and we will be honoring several members.

Thank you for all you do for the children and families of Maryland, and please check out our [Events & Meetings | Maryland Chapter | American Academy of Pediatrics \(mdaap.org\)](#) for topics that interest you.

Regards,

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