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INTERIM CLINICAL GUIDANCE

- AAP interim guidance designed to help pediatricians provide optimal care for patients and families during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Reviewed/ revised every 30 days.
- [Newborn Screening During the COVID-19 Pandemic:](#) (Updated 7/16/2020)
- [Newborn Care: Guidance for the care of infants whose mothers have suspected or confirmed COVID-19](#) (Updated 7/22/2020)
- [Guidance on Providing Pediatric Well-Care During COVID-19:](#) (5/8/2020)



AAP INTERIM GUIDANCE RELATED TO NEWBORN SCREENING & WELL-CHILD VISIT TRENDS

- AAP Interim clinical guidance reinforces:
 - Follow federal and state guidelines on newborn screening
 - procurement and follow-up
 - Screen for all diseases included in the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel
 - Newborn and infant care- consistent with **Bright Futures**
 - should occur in person whenever possible



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- Decrease in well-child visits during COVID-19 pandemic (Commonwealth Fund [May 19, 2020](#))
 - Week of April 5, visits for children ages 0-2 were 50% lower than baseline
 - Week of May 10, visits for children ages 0-2 were 35% lower than baseline



PROMOTING VISITS W/ PEDIATRICIAN

Telehealth visits



How to prepare for a video visit with the pediatrician

Have your child with you!

Other things to have ready:

- Your child's weight & temperature
- Your pharmacy info
- A list of specialists your child sees
- Medicines your child takes

Don't forget to test your camera and microphone before the visit. Log in a few minutes early.

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- **#CallYourPediatrician** campaign
Uses humor and real-world conversations
 - Reaches families with reminders that going to pediatrician, even during COVID-19, is important and safe.
- **29 HealthyChildren.org Articles**
 - Tips for Coping with a New Baby During COVID-19
 - COVID-19: Information for Families of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs



PROVIDER TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Online content on AAP.org
 - AAP News articles
 - Practice management tips
- Email covid-19@aap.org
 - About 30 emails received daily
 - Over 40 different topics addressed
 - Newborn care consistently in the top-10 categories of topics
- COVID-19 Webinars for Pediatricians (examples include):
 - Caring for children with complex medical conditions during COVID-19
 - Telehealth and COVID-19
- COVID-19 Project ECHO
 - Case based learning
- Online COVID-19 Discussion Board

