



July 27, 2020

## MINNESOTA CHAPTER NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONERS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TeamPeds Town Hall**

- August 12, 2020 @ 8PM
- Impact of Racism on Child Health
- Free event with RSVP

<https://community.napnap.org/communities/community-home/digestviewer/viewthread?MessageKey=45852af0-9db9-4dec-9a18-befad17c7c67&CommunityKey=1d4330f2-117d-4e28-baa8-19dcc1dfac0d&tab=digestviewer#bm45852af0-9db9-4dec-9a18-befad17c7c67> to register

- **2020 Child Abuse Summit**

- August 24 - August 26, 2020
- 3 day conference, virtual
- Fee is \$75
- 20.5 ANCC continuing education credits
- August 24 - August 26, 2020

<https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/childabusesummit> to register

- **Twin Cities Pediatric Update**

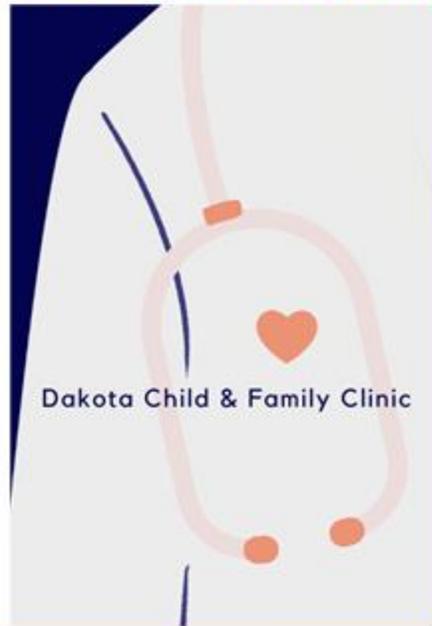
- September 11, 2020, 7:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Becky Carlsen speaking at this event

<https://www.childrensmn.org/events/2020-twin-cities-pediatrics-update/> to register

- **MN NAPNAP Fall conference**

- September 23rd, 2020
- Dr. Nelson speaking on Healthcare Inequality
- Registration opening soon
- Will post CE and official conference title as available

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



### COVID-19 Clinic Volunteers

DCFC is looking for  
volunteers to help with a  
COVID Clinic starting  
August 1st.

The hours are:  
Wednesdays 3-7pm  
Saturdays 9-1pm  
Sundays 12-4pm

If you would like to sign up or if  
you have questions please contact  
us at 651-209-8640 or by emailing  
ryan@dakotachildandfamily.org

## ENCOURAGING MASKS IN CHILDREN

### HOW CAN PARENTS HELP KIDS WEAR A MASK?

When masks cover faces, kids cannot see the friendly smiles and expressions of others. This can make children feel scared and unsafe. Check out these ideas developed by Kids Health to ease into wearing masks, for all.

- Help kids get used to masks by providing them during play time to practice wearing them and teaching how to put them on and take off
- Encourage kids to decorate masks. Children like control over situations and this is a great opportunity to feel ownership. Decorations can make it feel more normal to wear and more likely, they will want to wear their mask.
- Kids can pretend to be a doctor or nurse and make wearing masks fun.

For more information visit: <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/coronavirus-masks.html>

# Legislative Update

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## National Legislative Updates

**Student visas:** Members of NAPNAP closely monitored a lawsuit over whether foreign students would lose their visa status if their universities did not offer in person classes this fall. Prior to the pandemic, federal law restricted the number of online courses allowed to count towards the visa status. A temporary directive announced in March allowed students to maintain their visa status if their school closed or switched to online coursework so long as they intended to resume their in-person coursework once classes resumed. Dozens of universities in the US brought a lawsuit against the administration in early July when they proposed ending this directive, which would have resulted in the displacement of millions of teens and young adults. Courts reached an agreement several days later, allowing the March directive to stand and foreign students to remain in the US.

**Debate over return to school:** Experts remain divided on the issue of returning to in-person school this fall. In favor of returning are those who argue that the negatives effects of distance learning, which include improved education, allowing parents to return to work, and a social safety net for children affected by poverty or abuse and neglect, outweigh the risks of increased virus transmission. Experts also suggest that keeping kids out of school will have a long-term negative effect on their mental health. Those who favor a virtual first day of school this year cite the safety of at-risk teachers and other school employees, the safety of at-risk adults who are forced to send their children to school, and our relative lack of data regarding children (especially asymptomatic) infecting adults.

**Vaccine Updates:** Public health experts nationwide warn of potential outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases as the percentage of fully immunized children declines. Clinic closures and stay-at-home orders have resulted in fewer

## What's Happening at Home

### MN Policy Updates

**Special session:** Minnesotan legislatures are well under way in their second special session of the summer. The first special session, which lasted for 9 days in June, ended largely in stalemate as members of the house and senate failed to reach an agreement on police reform, bonding bills, county relief funds, and the evolving response to COVID-19. The two parties also failed to agree on an end to Governor Walz's peacetime emergency powers, meaning that they will remain in place through the current special session. Legislatures are cautiously optimistic that the second session will yield more results than the first.

**Support for childcare centers:** Between July 15<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>, childcare centers statewide may apply for grant money allotted to them in the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The fund is intended to keep childcare centers, which have seen a steep decline in enrollment since the beginning of the pandemic, open for business. In a state already plagued by a shortage of care centers, widespread closure could be disastrous for working families. The fund allots \$56 million in grant money to both home providers and licensed childcare centers. If approved, home providers could receive up to \$1200/month and licensed centers up to \$8500.

**Racism a Public Health Emergency:** On July 18<sup>th</sup>, the City Council of Minneapolis declared racism to be a public health emergency. The resolution passed includes a number of action items aimed at identifying, reversing, and repairing the harm caused to BIPOC communities as a direct result of racial inequality. Minneapolis ranks as one of the worst regions in the country for racial

preventative care visits and missed vaccines for children. Experts also warn of poor acceptance of a COVID vaccine, when it becomes available, as government distrust climbs amongst all demographics. NAPNAP urges its members to stay up-to-date on COVID vaccine information to provide families with accurate counseling and reassurance.

Find your legislator!

Do you know who is making decisions about your practice and the health of children and families in your community? Here's how you can find out- just type in your zip code: US house of Representatives-

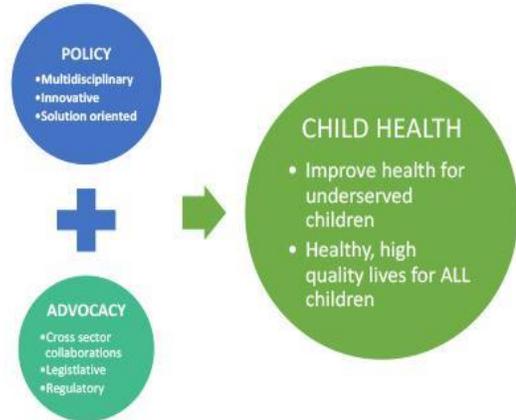
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disparity as measured by home ownership, high school graduation, and income.

**\*Please contact your legislative representative, Katie Roberts at [Katie.s.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:Katie.s.roberts@gmail.com) if you would like more information on these events.**



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