



# National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners<sup>SM</sup>

## MINNESOTA

## PRESIDENT UPDATE

MN NAPNAP Members,

I am guessing that it has been a busy fall for all of us. Navigating the healthcare system in the midst of COVID-19, guiding patients and families as kids return to school or try to figure out how to do this all online, and trying to plan for what the upcoming winter season will bring. In addition to all of this, we have the upcoming election bringing excitement and perhaps a bit of anxiety for some. I wanted to take a moment and highlight a few ways we can make our voice and votes count for kids this season:

Vote! I am sure you are hearing this from everywhere, but make a plan and get it done. There is still time to request an absentee ballot, or make a plan to mask up and get to the polls on Nov. 3. For MN residents

<https://www.vote.org/minnesota/>

or <https://vote.mn>

and for ND residents <https://vote.nd.gov/PortalList.aspx>

or <https://www.rockthevote.org/how-to-vote/north-dakota/>

Help your patient's families vote! Here is one resource on helping families register to vote. You can even request a free Healthy Democracy Kit! <https://vot-er.org>

Healthcare for Kids - Many children and their families depend on Medicaid and CHIP to provide coverage for the care they need. Electing officials who will protect and expand coverage for children is something we can do.

Supporting healthy kids - One issue that many children face is food insecurity. This can have long lasting effects on their health. Keeping in mind programs like SNAP and WIC, as well as increased funding for local schools, can all help provide kids with the healthy meals they need.

If you are looking for more information and ways you can keep kids in mind this election season, MN AAP has a great resource. Check it out: <https://services.aap.org/en/advocacy/election-vote-kids/>

One more update, I hope you have all seen the new NAPNAP logo and website. As part of this, MN NAPNAP will also be changing our website, and housed on the National NAPNAP site. We will have this ready to roll out by the end of the month, so be looking for more information on our new website coming soon! For now, our current website is still up and running.

Thank you to all our MN NAPNAP members for all that you do for our kids and communities!

Sincerely,

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MN NAPNAP President

# Legislative Update

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## National Legislative Updates

**APRN Licensure Compact:** On August 12<sup>th</sup>, a compact allowing advanced practice registered nurses to hold a license in one state and have practicing privileges in all other states included in the compact was signed into law. To join the compact, a state must pass legislation to align scope of practice with the compact's model. While NAPNAP supports the adoption of a licensure compact, we do not support the current model legislation as it includes a controversial transition to practice period. APRNs would be required to practice for 2080 hours under the supervision of a physician before having full and independent licensure. Interestingly, 2080 hours is Minnesota's transition to practice period. There is no evidence supporting increased safety with a transition period; NAPNAP believes that all APRNs are qualified to assume full scope of practice upon graduation and passing of boards.

**Telemedicine:** Many states enacted temporary emergency changes in telemedicine legislation at the beginning of the pandemic. NAPNAP's very own Kelli Garber was the only APRN to testify in a senate hearing to make these changes permanent.

## Medicaid Finance Accountability Rule:

Legislation proposed over a year ago to revise the standards and requirements around the financing of Medicaid services was finally rejected once and for all earlier this month. The passage of MFAR would have crippled Medicaid financing across the country. The rejection of this bill ensures continued reimbursement and funding for the most vulnerable populations.

## What's Happening at Home

### MN Policy Updates

**Special Session:** Governor Walz will call a special session to order on October 12 to extend peacetime emergency powers. This will be the fifth special session of 2020.

FYI- adult patients who admitted to the hospital on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> may be eligible to vote in the hospital on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**\*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.**

# MDH IMMUNIZATION UPDATES

## Curious about your immunization rates?

- Drastic decline in immunization rates due to COVID pandemic. Large gap in school required vaccines for 4-6 year old and 11-12 year olds. This gap has improved since school started but MN is still far behind.
- MIIC assessment reports can show the effects on your patient population
- Find more information at Immunization Assessment: MIIC User Guidance and Training Resources
  - ([www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/train/assess.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/train/assess.html)).

**2020-2021 Minnesota Fall Flu Guide:** ([www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/vaccine/](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/vaccine/))

## COVID 19 vaccine: What to expect

- Currently 6 vaccines in clinical trial
- Three phases of clinical trial and three factors required for FDA approval and licensure
  - 3 United States vaccines are in the third phase
  - 2 United States vaccines are in the first or second phase
  - MN will get a low supply initially and priority groups will be determined by national guidance

## OCTOBER HEALTH AWARENESS

In October, many topics related to pediatric healthcare are recognized.

Here is a list of the most relevant and resources available to promote in clinics.

### Child Health Awareness:

<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/145/3/e20200013>

### Health literacy:

<https://pedsinreview.aappublications.org/content/40/6/263>

### National Bullying prevention:

<https://www.stompoutbullying.org/national-bullying-prevention-awareness-month>

### Down syndrome Awareness:

<https://www.childrensmn.org/2019/10/15/understanding-and-celebrating-children-with-down-syndrome/>

### SIDS Awareness:

[www.sids.org](http://www.sids.org)

### World pediatric bone and joint day (Oct.19):

<https://www.usbji.org/programs/pediatric-specialty-group/world-pediatric-bone-and-joint-day>

## Upcoming Events

1. Trauma Speaker Series: The ABC's of Pediatric Trauma- pediatric assessment
  - a. October 14, 2020 1-2PM
  - b. Registration link:  
<https://www.childrensmn.org/events/trauma-speaker-series-the-abcs-of-pediatric-trauma-pediatric-assessment/>
2. Trauma Speaker Series: The ABC's of Pediatric Trauma – airway injuries
  - a. November 11, 2020 1-2 PM
  - b. Registration link:  
<https://www.childrensmn.org/events/trauma-speaker-series-abcs-pediatric-trauma-airway-injuries/>
3. Trauma Speaker Series: The ABC's of Pediatric Trauma – breathing through the trauma
  - a. December 9, 2020 10-11AM
  - b. Registration link:  
<https://www.childrensmn.org/events/trauma-speaker-series-the-abcs-of-pediatric-trauma-breathing-through-the-trauma/>

# CHILD & TEEN CHECK UPS UPDATES

## Child & Teen Check Ups Update:

1. There was a significant drop in vaccination rates in March and April of 2020. Efforts are being made to attempt to improve access for families to get routine vaccines, and rates are improving, but still down about 32-34% from 2019 according to MIIC data. Rates are improving the most in the <2 year age range. Still down in the 4-6 and 11-12 ages. Here is a link to some resources regarding vaccinations in the time of COVID from the MDH.  
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/vaxpan.html>
2. Total amount of payment that has been claimed and reimbursed for C&TC is down significantly since March.
  - a. Reminder that you can combine telehealth with in person visit to create a complete bill for C&TC. It would be submitted as one claim with two dates of service.
  - b. For example, initial checkup done via telehealth. Arrangement made for family to come to clinic to complete vision/hearing screen and vaccinations. There is no set time limit by which the in person portion must be completed, but generally within 3-4 weeks is preferred.





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