



The Council of Pediatric Subspecialties (CoPS) supports all pediatric subspecialties during this COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud of the work you are all doing, in this unprecedented time. For your convenience, we are collating here the COVID-19-related information most relevant to pediatric and subspecialty practice and training during the pandemic, with much of this information coming from CoPS Member Organizations

Along with representation from Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD) and Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs (AMSPDC), CoPS was a lead on a Letter to the Pediatric Community, released 5/11/20. This letter summarizes recommendations regarding fellowship recruitment for the 2020 fall season. CoPS representatives and Faculty Contacts were specifically highlighted as available mentors during this interview season in this letter, shared with the entire pediatrics community and other key stakeholders.

(<https://www.pedsubs.org/membership/member-organizations/>). We will update these as needed, and welcome suggestions for additional links and relevant information that should be included. Suggestions can be emailed to: info@pedsubs.org. We also want to hear from our Council, if there are any other ways CoPS could help support you, your societies and organizations, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

General information about the COVID-19 pandemic is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website, at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> with information specific to healthcare professionals at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/index.html>. Clinical care and infection control guidance topics are published there, and updated regularly.

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)'s response to the pandemic, including the 3 stages of GME the Council established, can be found here: <https://acgme.org/covid-19>

ACGME Review Committees have also written letters to the specialty communities. Here is the letter from the Committee for Pediatrics: <https://acgme.org/Portals/0/Documents/COVID-19/PedsCOVID19LTC.pdf>

The American Board of Pediatrics has assured us that no pediatrician will lose their board certification as a result of changes in practice related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Changes in certifying examinations, Maintenance of Certification (MOC), and residency/fellowship training requirements are included here:

<https://www.abp.org/news/covid-19-updates>

The Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD) provides updates on changed meeting dates and cancellations, and other impacts of COVID-19 on residency/fellowship training in their “What’s New” section of the website: <https://www.appd.org/home/index.cfm>. They are currently hosting virtual cafes for APPD members to share educational adaptations, surge planning, and other COVID-19 related developments and adaptations. Information about virtual cafes can be found here: https://www.appd.org/home/virtual_cafe.cfm including a Members Only link to register attendance. CoPS co-hosted a virtual café for fellows in mid-April 2020, and will likely plan more in coming months. Again, let us know at info@pedsubs.org if there are discussion topics you would suggest be included in those co-hosted cafes.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has information providers can share with families (<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/#Information>), as does the CDC website listed above. They also have developed pediatric clinical guidance supplementing CDC guidance, at: <https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/#ClinicalGuidance>