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AAP issues interim guidance on cloth face coverings, testing protocols, PPE

Drawing on the latest evidence on COVID-19, the AAP has released new interim guidance on [cloth face coverings](#), [testing protocols](#) and [personal protective equipment \(PPE\) for pediatric medical providers](#).

AAP News is providing coverage of each of these recommendations.

[AAP urges universal cloth face coverings for those ages 2 and up, with 'rare exception'](#)

Children can and should wear cloth face coverings when not able to physically distance, including while in schools, child care and other group settings. The guidance also indicates that cloth face coverings should be considered in the home to protect at-risk and medically fragile family members.

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[AAP COVID-19 testing guidance covers whom to test, types of tests, PPE](#)

Children may need to be tested for SARS-CoV-2 if they are symptomatic, in close contact with someone who has the virus or are scheduled for elective surgery. The AAP recommends using molecular tests approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

[New AAP interim guidance covers use of PPE in ambulatory settings](#)

The guidance applies to offices, urgent care centers, school-based or -linked clinics and homes in both urban and rural settings. It addresses PPE supply, risk and mitigation strategies, and precautions related to aerosol-generating procedures.

Resources

- For the latest news on COVID-19, visit <http://bit.ly/3aT35eh>
- Information from the AAP, <http://www.aap.org>
- Information for parents from HealthyChildren.org, <https://bit.ly/3gWladq>
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