The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council (DPAC) is pleased to provide you with information on its activities. For more information on the DPAC, including a list of members and liaisons, see the AAP Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council. Also see the AAP DPAC Strategic Plan for Disaster Preparedness 2016-2020.

Project Announcements

➢ AAP State Preparedness Funding Application
   As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the AAP is offering a new funding opportunity to promote pediatric preparedness! Up to $20,000 will be available through an application process to a select number of AAP Chapters, states, or regions to implement state-level activities designed to improve pediatric infectious disease and natural disaster/emergency preparedness. Please note the application MUST be submitted or supported by an AAP Chapter. Please submit all applications to DisasterReady@aap.org by July 31, 2017.

➢ New Zika Course Released!
   The AAP has released a new course titled Challenging Cases: Dengue, Chikungunya, Zika Virus Infections. This course covers these three conditions together because they share similarities in transmission and some clinical manifestations, so knowing the differences between them will aid in diagnosis. Misdiagnosis is common, and pediatricians should be prepared to differentiate among these diseases. Also, parents will have questions about the Zika virus, and this course presents an opportunity to prepare pediatricians to respond efficiently.

➢ What’s the Latest with the Flu
   Flu activity is winding down in most of the country. It’s important to note that flu viruses may continue to circulate at low levels during the summer. With 101 pediatric deaths from influenza reported this flu season, it is important to be vigilant in implementing influenza prevention and control strategies. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a report summarizing influenza activity in the US during the 2016-2017 influenza season. See the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. Also see the AAP “What’s the Latest with the Flu?” messaging series for clinicians and child care providers along with the Ready Wrigley Prepares for Flu Season activity booklet for children.

➢ Webinar Archive: Who’s on First? Handoff Strategies in the Children’s Hospital

The AAP created a new disaster preparedness and response webinar archives Web page. The page includes archived versions of each webinar, links to PowerPoint slides, and answers to questions from the audience.
Planning Ahead

American Academy of Pediatrics 2017 National Conference and Exhibition
The AAP National Conference takes place September 16-19, 2017, in Chicago, IL. Registration is available. The early bird registration deadline is August 4, 2017. Below are details about sessions that focus on disaster medicine.

Friday, September 15, 2017, 11:30am CT – 5:30pm CT
Peds 21 – Pediatricians Leading Change in Physician Health and Wellness
Presenters: Hilary McClafferty, MD, FAAP; David Schonfeld, MD, FAAP; Janet Serwint, MD, FAAP; Carol Bernstein, MD
Description: Physician wellness is a key force impacting the future of pediatrics. Burnout occurs across the spectrum of the pediatric professional career, from trainee to retiree, with nearly half of medical students, residents, and practicing physicians reporting symptoms of burnout. Join the AAP National Convention and Exhibition pre-conference session, "Pediatricians Leading Change in Physician Health and Wellness". Discover the relationship between burnout, job satisfaction, and quality care. You will leave this session with the skills you need to implement individual, practice, and organizational wellness strategies on a daily basis and during a disaster.

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 8:30am CT – 10:00am CT
Zika – The Evolving Story
Presenters: James Bale, Jr, MD, FAAP; Eric Dziuban, MD, DTM, CPH, FAAP
Description: This session will familiarize pediatricians with the epidemiology, presentation, and diagnostic approach for newborns and infants with a history and/or signs of Zika virus syndrome. The current guidance regarding laboratory testing of infants with possible congenital Zika as well as outpatient management for infants with laboratory evidence of Zika infection with or without abnormalities consistent with Congenital Zika Syndrome will be discussed. Participants will learn about the role of public health in outbreak situations and professional resources available regarding Zika.

Sunday, September 17, 2017, 7:30am CT – 8:15am CT
Disaster Preparedness 101
Presenter: Shana Godfred-Cato, DO, FAAP
Description: Participants will be provided with an overview of who responds to disasters and what their role is. The presenters will discuss different types of disasters including natural, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive events. The role of trainees and physicians in disasters will also be discussed. Disaster preparedness techniques for patients and families at home and work/school will be shared. This session repeats on Monday, September 18, 2017, at 9:30am CT – 10:15am CT

Disaster Health Education Symposium: Advancing the State of the Art
The National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health and the Uniformed Services University School of Medicine will host the Disaster Health Education Symposium: Advancing the State of the Art conference on September 7, 2017, in Bethesda, Maryland. This symposium will provide a forum with a specific focus on education and training in disaster medicine and public health. The symposium will:

1. Highlight approaches, science, and practice for education and training in disaster medicine and public health.
2. Present a forum for collaboration and networking among disaster medicine and public health professionals.
3. Explore the implications of the latest practice and research for disaster medicine and public health learning and performance.
4. Identify key areas for future research.

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