

# Hidden Consequences: How the COVID Pandemic is Impacting Children

## ASPR TRACIE Webinar Series

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE), in collaboration with [ASPR's Pediatric Centers of Excellence](#) are collaborating on a webinar series focused on how the COVID-19 pandemic may affect children. Topics will include impacts on child health and wellness, child emotional and social effects, the impact of COVID-19 on children with special healthcare needs, and how secondary/other disasters may affect children during the pandemic.

### [Child Health and Wellness](#)

The first webinar in this series focused on child health and wellness. Panelists discussed resumption of routine care, missed immunizations, lead poisoning screening, sleep, and child neglect and abuse.

### [Child Emotional and Social Effects](#)

The focus of the second webinar in this series was the emotional and social effects of COVID-19 on children. Speakers discussed food and financial insecurity, racial disparities, the impact of social determinants on children's health, return to school and daycare, and alternate childcare.

### [The Effects of Secondary Disasters on Children](#)

The third webinar in this series focuses on how secondary disasters may affect children during the COVID-19 pandemic. Panelists discuss sheltering in place versus mass sheltering; family preparedness considerations; wildland fire preparedness and response; the potential impact associated with the 2020-2021 influenza season; planning for pediatric surge; multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C): epidemiology, clinical features, laboratory findings and outpatient approach; and pharmacy and supply chain considerations.

### [Impact of COVID-19 on Children with Special Healthcare Needs](#)

The fourth and final webinar in this series focused on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children with special healthcare needs. Panelists discussed related programs, the impact of COVID-19 and social determinants on this population of children, behavioral health/ psychological effects, child neglect/abuse, and secondary disaster preparedness planning considerations.

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