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COVID-19 and Routine Childhood Vaccinations-Identifying Gaps and Informing Solutions

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On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. The United States declared a national emergency and, on March 18, 2020, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued guidance advising pediatricians to restrict preventive care visits to younger children requiring immunizations. Pediatric primary care visit volumes precipitously declined. A growing literature is helping to define this impact and raise questions about how best to address the consequences of that lost care.

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