



MNCYN & LHSC COVID-19  
Weekly Perinatal Regional  
Teleconference Update  
Minutes



Date: April 6, 2020  
1500-1530 hrs.

**Moderators:** Leanne McArthur, Gwen Peterek

**Present:** Leanne McArthur (MNCYN), Gwen Peterek (MNCYN), Kristine Fraser (MNCYN), Sheila Johnston (MNCYN), Jocelyn Patton-Audette (GBHS), Jackie Koufie (STEGH), Pam Murray (HPHA)

**Item #1: Welcome/Regional Updates, COVID-19 Cases (Leanne McArthur)**

**Discussion:**

- Leanne apologized for the technical glitch with Microsoft Office today that resulted in multiple appointments or cancellations being sent to your calendars. This was not a personnel issue, it was a technical problem. We are working with our IT people to address this, but we are aware that additional emails are challenging.
- Regional update
  - London 136 cases, 26 hospitalized, 18 recovered, 5 deaths
  - Windsor – 204 possible cases, 3 deaths (41% male / 59% female)
  - Chatham-Kent – 16 cases, 1 death
  - Lambton – 80 cases, 32 hospitalized, 8 deaths
  - Huron-Perth 17 cases, 1 death (5 male/12 female)
  - Michigan - 15,718 cases, 617 deaths
  - Detroit – 4495 cases, 158 deaths
- Province of Ontario - 4347 cases, 132 deaths, 1624 resolved, 589 hospitalized, 216 in NICU, 160 in ICU on ventilators
- Leanne reported that the Maternal Newborn committee of PCMCH is looking to synthesize all of the information across Ontario to standardize practice and to provide support when looking to collect data (BORN Ontario), to ensure that we have fewer variables as to how we practice in relation to Covid-19 patients
- CPS has released several statement papers related to the care of mothers who are suspected of, or are confirmed Covid-19 positive, including 1) breastfeeding, 2) Labour and Birth Care, 3) Maternal Newborn Care and 4) NICU. These new guidelines and statements are mostly aligned with WHO guidelines, eg. keeping mom & baby together, washing the breast before breastfeeding, etc.
  - Guidelines / statements will be posted on our website Resources document under “Canadian Paediatric Society”

**Item #2: LHSC Women’s Care Updates**

- **Discussion:**



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- Leanne noted that maternal newborn leaders from LHSC are not available today to provide an update, as they are running a simulation relating to a crash c-section out of OB Triage of a mom who is a person under investigation with a history of Covid-positive contact. The sim is multidisciplinary and will include transfer of the baby to NICU to test the flow maps and processes. They will share the results of the simulation on the Friday T-con.
  - Stacey Laureano will also provide a link to other relevant postings to share by Wednesday or Friday's T-con

**Action Items:**

- **Request Stacey Laureano to provide feedback from simulation and other Maternal / Newborn links**

**Item #3: MNCYN Updates (if applicable) (Leanne/Gwen)**

**Discussion:**

- Gwen reported that we continue to update our resources as things evolve and change or if there is new information available. Some of the updates will include:
  - CPS guidelines:
    - Breastfeeding when mothers have suspected or proven Covid-19
    - Delivery room considerations for infants born to mothers with suspected or proven Covid-19
    - NICU care for infants born to mothers with suspected or proven Covid-19
  - Slides from BORN Ontario re: Covid data collection and the Covid-19 Data Tool  
There may be some tweaking done to incorporate feedback after their second webinar, so we hope to have them available on our website by tomorrow. They will also be available on the BORN website [www.bornontario.ca](http://www.bornontario.ca)
  - Gwen strongly encouraged all sites and midwifery practices to designate a specific person to collect and submit the Covid data to BORN. BORN is requesting the name of the hospital or midwifery practice and the name of the designated data collection person be submitted by April 9<sup>th</sup>. Email to: [Covid@bornontario.ca](mailto:Covid@bornontario.ca). Gwen stressed the importance of having Canadian data in order to inform practice, while at the same time, not forgetting to continue to send your regular data to the Born Information System (BIS). Data on the Covid-19 pandemic will be shared with the rest of the country.
  - A postpartum patient brochure for mothers who are suspected or proven Covid positive is in development. It is to be given to moms at discharge. The handout will have the contact information for all the health units in our region and others in the MNCYN partnership.



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- Leanne – have been in conversation with Health Nexus and Best Start, with a view to exploring opportunities for information regarding community care when families go home in order to reduce transmission. Hoping to put together a small working group and Leanne will share any updates.

**Action Items:**

- **MNCYN Team to post updates, documents**

**Item #4: Regional Q&A, Open Discussion**

**Questions:**

1. Pam Murray (HPHA) - reported that Stratford has had a couple of moms who presented in labour with fevers, but no respiratory symptoms. They were swabbed, but the swabs were both rejected, then sent on to Lifelabs for processing, which delays the results by 24-48 hours.

**Q:** Is London swabbing all moms with fever in labour and secondly, what is London putting on the requisition to ensure it is processed quickly?

**A:** Leanne – LHSC IS swabbing for fever. She will ask Deb Wiseman to comment about the requisition issue.

**Discussion:**

- Does the region wish to reduce the number of calls per week?
  - Jocelyn (GBHS) suggested reducing the number of T-con updates to 1-2 perinatal and 1 paed's per week.
  - This was in line with what the team was considering. We will continue to update the website regardless.
- Nurse Leaders meeting – of the regional nurse leaders who responded to the poll last week about continuing or deferring the spring meeting, the consensus was to defer, therefore, the next meeting will take place in the fall. Leanne commented that the date of the meeting (April 17) will be at a time when we are getting into the peak of the pandemic, so we want everyone to have the opportunity to have “all hands on deck”.

**Action Items:**

- **Leanne to ask Deb Wiseman about swabbing requisition process to ensure rapid response test**
- **Add to FAQ**
- **Notify regional nurse leaders (and speaker) of the decision to defer the April 17<sup>th</sup> nurse leaders' meeting.**

**Adjournment:** 1514 hrs.



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