



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



**Date: April 15, 2020
1600-1630 hrs.**

Moderators: Leanne McArthur, Kristine Fraser

Present: L. McArthur, K. Fraser, A. Bunnie, G. Peterek, T. Lynch, H. Roukema, A. Stevenson, K. Calwell, E. Williams, D. Wiseman, J. Ouellette, C. Ford, J. Patton-Audette, L. Paton, A. McPherson, A. Tilstra, D. Howes, C. Edwards, K. Hannon, B. Garant, J. Kooger, B. Giles, J. Warkentin, T. Bruni, K. Forbes, S. Dineen, A. Howe-Poisson, J. Jagger, K. Turner, M. Adegbite, J. Schitka, G. Slack, J. Wilmott, I. Johnston, M. Greer-King, L. Bos, J. Piazza, D. Mayea-Parent, L. Morgan, K. Barzsa, A. Howe-Poisson, M. Rae

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

Discussion: COVID-19 Case Update

- London: 250 cases, 118 resolved, 12 deaths, 27 hospitalized, 11 ICU
- Ontario: 8,447 cases, 3,902 resolved, 385 deaths, 795 hospitalized, 254 ICU, 188 vented
- Canada: 27,557 cases, 954 deaths
- Elgin: 40 cases, 3 deaths
- Huron-Perth: 34 cases, 3 deaths
- Windsor: 408 cases, 16 deaths
- Chatham: 25 cases, 1 death
- Lambton: 119 cases, 11 deaths
- Detroit: 7,004 cases, 427 deaths
- Michigan: 27,001 cases, 1,768 deaths

- We will be working with regional partners on how we will address paediatric & perinatal care across the region, should there be a surge and beds are required or there is a need for active COVID beds – stay tuned
- There have been some leadership changes at LHSC during this time
 - Kelly Finlayson has accepted a new role outside of the organization
 - Deborah Wiseman is now the Director at Children's Hospital (NICU, PCCU & Regional Service Delivery)
 - Emily Williams, certainly has held many portfolios including successfully leading accreditation at LHSC. Emily now oversees Paediatric Emergency, Inpatients, Ambulatory Care and Child & Adolescent Mental Health

Action Items: None



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Item #2: Children's Hospital, LHSC Updates

Discussion:

Emily Williams: The biggest change at LHSC is our interpretation of the Ministry directive for the Extended-Use of PPE document released this past weekend. We will be rolling this out to staff today – Staff will no longer store masks for re-use when they go on a nutrition break, instead they will throw them away and get another new mask, which is a big shift

Dr. Sepi Taheri (presented by K. Fraser): In terms of updates, it's all quite good news:

1. No paed cases yet in London or the region as far as we know.
2. Inpatient guidelines are still in the making, but basically supportive treatment and minimal investigations, and no other specific therapies. If moderate – severe respiratory disease, or sepsis, need to stabilize and transfer to tertiary care centre sooner rather than later.
3. LHSC will participate in research regarding COVID in children and we would love to be informed of any positive cases in kids to consider enrollment – very preliminary stages at present, details to follow later.

Dr. Tim Lynch: Article from JAMA (see link below) which provided a quick synopsis of children in Italy. Rates of admission in Italy were low in this review which covered the month of March. There were no ICU admissions or paediatric deaths. Children represented about 1.5% of all the positive COVID cases in Italy

- **Leanne:** What they are sharing from Italy is different than what was shared from U.S. in the CDC article (see link below). In the U.S., they did have critically ill children.
- **Tim:** We do not know why there are differences in U.S. and Italy population. We don't know what co-morbidities would put children at risk. Italy also presented like we are with a delay of presentation of children to emergency departments, likely due to fear. Our paediatric volumes are way down as they are in many paediatric ERs

Action Items:

JAMA Article: <http://www.mncyn.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/April-8-2020-JAMA-Pediatrics-Screening-and-Severity-of-COVID-19-in-Children-Madrid-Spain.pdf>

CDC Article: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6914e4.htm#F1_down

Item #3: MNCYN Updates (Leanne/Kristine)

Discussion: Kristine Fraser

1. Please delete the Tuesday/Thursday Paediatric T-Con invite series from your calendars. We were unable to send out a cancellation for this as there was a glitch in the Outlook series



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when it was originally created, so we didn't want to send another email storm.

To delete the series:

- a. Highlight one of the occurrences (but don't open it) and right click
 - b. Highlight delete at the bottom of the list and select series, click delete
 - c. If the option is available to not send an update, select this. If this option is not available, select send update and delete the entire series.
2. CPS released two publications today:
- a. **Can we continue to recommend the introduction of allergenic foods during a pandemic to infants at risk of allergy:** Yes, even during a pandemic, **the CPS continues to recommend** early introduction of allergenic foods for at-risk infants, since the benefit (large reduction in food allergy) clearly outweighs the risk (extremely small risk of severe reaction at first ingestion).
 - b. **Type-1 Diabetes & COVID-19: Information for Parents**
3. Protected Code Pink Checklist for resuscitation of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic is posted on the MNCYN website.
4. BC Centre for Disease Control has a COVID-19 Paediatric clinical guidance document as well as a caring for children with COVID-19 document. Both of these will be posted on our MNCYN website under paediatrics later today.
5. Henry Roukema was speaking about the UV sterilizing device and this link has been added to the MNCYN website (<https://cleanslateuv.com/>)
- a. Henry Roukema: The UV Sterilizer LHSC is looking at is the CleanSlate which is quite expensive (\$8,000), but there are less expensive options out there.
6. MNCYN Resource Document & FAQ continues to be updated and uploaded to the MNCYN website

Item #4: Regional Q&A, Open Discussion

Questions: No questions voiced

- Please let Kristine or Leanne know if have any questions and we will follow up with appropriate person and get back to you

Action Items: Post [COVID-19 pediatric clinical guidance](#), [Caring for children with COVID-19](#) to MNCYN website

Post CPS articles to MNCYN Resource document

Adjournment: 1615 hrs.