



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



Date: June 1, 2020
1500-1530 hrs.

Moderators: Gwen Peterek

Present: Gwen Peterek (MNCYN), Colleen Ford (GBHS), Sheila Johnston (MNCYN), Kevin Coughlin (LHSC), Stacy Laureano (LHSC), Michelle Basacco (LHSC), Alissa Howe Poisson (Chatham), Gail Slack (Chatham), Amanda Williams (LHSC), Tijahan Antic (MOH), Kate Lynch (LHSC), Anita Bunnie (MNCYN).

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

- Leanne McArthur and Kristine Fraser both send their regrets as they were not able to attend today
- Based on the poll we did last week we have decided that, moving forward, our perinatal WebEx calls will be hosted weekly on Mondays from 1500 – 1530 hr.
- **Current regional Covid-19 cases (as of June 1, 2020)**

LOCATION	CASES	RECOVERED	DEATHS	OTHER STATS
LONDON-MIDDLESEX	539	382	53	3 new cases
WINDSOR-ESSEX	970	496	65	
CHATHAM-KENT	146	135	1	
ST. THOMAS	74	60	4	
LAMBTON	263	201	22	
HURON-PERTH	53	45	5	
GREY-BRUCE	93	87	0	
MICHIGAN	57,397		5,491	
• DETROIT	11,068		1,376	
ONTARIO	28,263	22,153	2,276	781 in hospital 125 ICU 89 Vent
CANADA				

Update submitted by Leanne McArthur:

- Leanne has been participating on a committee of the PCMCH looking at knowledge translation. The committee has been working diligently to put the Ministry Guidelines for COVID-19 into a public message that will be made available both in English and in French. They are not sure at this point when it will be disseminated but we will let the region know as soon as it is published.
- There now is also another community task force working to collaborate on other aspects for public dissemination primarily around postpartum and newborn care during COVID (eg. well



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baby visits, newborn hearing screens etc.) This committee also includes a few patient representatives. We will keep the region posted on how this work is moving forward as well.

Item # 2: MNCYN Update: (Gwen)

- Summary of Webinar entitled “Driving and Accelerating a ‘One System’ Response: Why COVID-19 has Shone a Spotlight on Integrated Care” –hosted by the International Foundation for Integrated Care, May 27th – Over 600 participants
 - Very informative webinar with several presenters including 3 groups representing Ontario Health Teams from Toronto and the Orangeville area and other international speakers showcasing how COVID has propelled efforts toward the development of high performing community health and social care teams working collaboratively to provide exceptional support for patients, health care providers and personal caregivers
 - Link to this and under Webinars provided by the IFIC posted under our General Tab

Newborn Hearing Screening:

- Update from Karen Tjosvold, Interim Manager, Thames Valley Children’s Centre, SW Lead for Infant Hearing Program.
 - TVCC Infant Hearing Program (IHP) is in the process of reviewing a plan for returning to services and is working collaboratively with other IHP programs across the province as well as the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) to come up with some consistent strategies that align with Public Health and Provincial directives around COVID-19. Once plans are finalized, they can give us more specific information as to how they will move forward. Currently they have IHP staff across the SW region contacting families of all newborns to try to answer any questions about the program and to get up-to-date contact information so that, when they have a plan, they will be able to contact them. They have also trained IHP screeners across our region that will return to their role of carrying out the newborn screenings.

Resources:

Resources Document: Have added a couple of updates from SOGC

- SOGC Statement on Pregnant Workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic (May 21)
- Prenatal Screening Update during the COVID-19 Pandemic (May 22)

Under Mental Health Tab: We have posted the link to the series of presentations given last week by the U of T re: Health Care Workers Mental Health and Wellness During COVID – 19

- [Healthcare Workers’ Mental Health and Wellness During and After COVID-19 25.05.2020 \(YOUTUBE\)](#)
- [“Maintaining Resilience During \(and After\) a Pandemic: A Stress Vaccine for Health Care Workers” with Dr. Rosalie Steinberg 25.05.2020 \(PDF\)](#)



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- [“Principles of a Preventative Psychosocial Approach for Staff Working in a Disaster: How to mitigate post-traumatic stress injury and promote post-traumatic growth in ourselves and our patients” with Dr. Janet Ellis 25.05.2020 \(PDF\)](#)
- [“Healthcare Professional Wellbeing: Taking Care of Yourself and Your Colleagues” with Dr. Janet Bodley 25.05.2020 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Advocacy Projects from the Department of ObGyn and the COVID-19 Women’s Initiative 25.05.2020 \(PDF\)](#)

Under General Tab: We have added several links that we received last week from the PCMCH

- **MOH: COVID guidance for Primary Care Providers in a Community Setting (22.05.2020)**
http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_primary_care_guidance.pdf
- **Ontario College of Family Physicians: Considerations for Family Physicians: In-Person Visits When Phone/Video isn’t Enough (26.03.2020)**
<https://www.ontariofamilyphysicians.ca/tools-resources/timely-trending/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/considerations-for-in-person-visits.pdf>
- **St. Michael’s Hospital’s Proposed Interim Schedule for Well-Child and Low-Risk Prenatal Visits During the COVID Pandemic (16.04.2020)**
https://www.cfp.ca/sites/default/files/pubfiles/PDF%20Documents/Blog/interim_schedule_apr_16.pdf
- **MOH: Directive #2 for Health Care Providers (Regulated Health Professionals or Persons who operate a Group Practice of Regulated Health Professionals) (26.05.2020)**
http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/directives/RHPA_professionals.pdf

Under PPE:

- **MOH: Workplace PPE Supplier Directory**
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/workplace-ppe-supplier-directory#no-back>

Action Items: None

Item #3: LHSC Updates (Women’s Care / NICU):

Discussion:



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- Stacy Laureano: Nothing new currently other than we are working with other partners to give reliable options for N95 masks.
- Kevin Coughlin: In the NICU we have alerted staff to keep an eye out for symptoms that might not initially present like Covid-19.
 - Gwen Peterek: I had heard that there has been a revision to the LHSC NICU visiting policy
 - Kevin Coughlin: There is no change in who the visitors are – ie. They are the same 2 identified visitors, but now they can have one visit every 12h, instead of 1 every 24h.

Item #4: Regional Q&A, Open Discussion

Questions:

Q: Gail Slack (Chatham) – is that what all the other hospitals are doing in terms of support people (ie. 1 every 12 h?) (referring to NICU change in visitor policy noted above)

- Colleen Ford (Owen Sound): We allow 1 support person at a time, but we don't have a time limit, or switch out timeframe.

Q: (Gail Slack) – We're still allowing 1 support person in for a labouring person. Has anyone's visiting restrictions changed?

- Amanda Williams (LHSC): If we have a paediatric patient who is pregnant, they would be allowed 2 support persons (one parent because they are a minor and one partner/support person). Otherwise, no changes.
- Colleen Ford – no changes to visiting policies. We're not ready to move or open things up yet, though some meetings have been held to discuss the plan.

Discussion:

- No further discussion, updates from the region or questions. Reminder to email your questions to gwen.peterek@lhsc.on.ca or kristine.fraser@lhsc.on.ca

Action Items:

- None

Adjournment: 1517 hrs.