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## COVID-19 and Inpatient Perinatal Care in Rural Settings Part II

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020  
12:00-1:00 P.M. CENTRAL TIME



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**Intimate Partner Violence and  
COVID-19 in the Perinatal Period**

Dr. Kathleen Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC, FAPA  
Owner and Editor-in-Chief  
Praeclarus Press, LLC, Amarillo, TX

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12:00 pm – 1:00pm Central Time  
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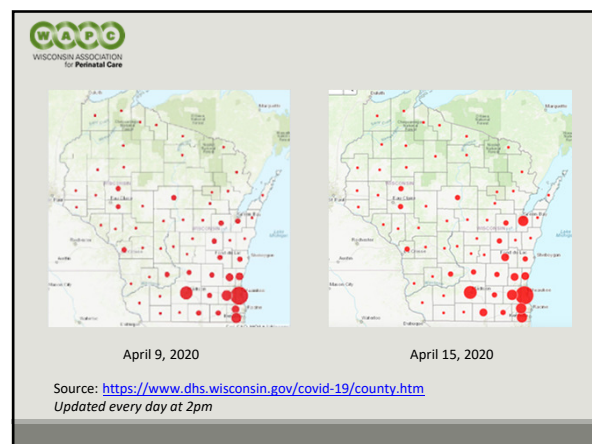
## Agenda


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- Introductions
- Polls
- Moderated “Question & Answer” session with panelists
- Resources – rural healthcare and perinatal care

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Let’s share a moment together, silently,  
to honor those in our communities who  
have died in recent days.





## WAPC Staff

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## Panelists

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## Panelists


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**Emily Jacobson**  
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**Dennis Hartung, MD, FACOG**  
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## Moderator

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**Kristin Lyerly, MD, MPH, FACOG**  
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Appleton, WI

## Wisconsin Locations Represented



- 1** Zachary Baeseman MD, MPH, FAAFP  
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- 3** Dennis Hartung, MD  
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## Goals/Objectives

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- **Connect** rural hospital systems in Wisconsin to share ideas
  - Join "Rural Obstetrics in Wisconsin" Facebook group
  - Message Kristin Schmalz Lyerly
- **Share** innovative strategies for implementing CDC and professional organization recommendations in smaller hospitals/settings

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## Today's Topics

- Testing
- Separation & Staff Conservation, Transfers, Regional Collaborations
- Determining and Communicating Policy Changes in Crisis
- PPE Policies
- Patient Communication

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## Poll #1: Testing Turnaround

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## Separation of Patients & Conservation of Staff

1. How are you designating COVID-19/non-COVID-19 areas?
2. Who is taking care of those patients?
3. How are you conserving staff/allocating personnel?
4. How are staff transitioning between departments in rural hospitals?

**Share what you are doing in your facility in the Q&A.**

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## Regional Collaborations & Transfers

1. How are you working with other systems to coordinate?
2. How do you balance hospitals' economic needs with best practices and patient/staff safety?
3. How are you communicating to the public that collaboration between hospitals/systems is in the everyone's best interest?
4. Transfers - when do you transfer? same considerations as usual? new plans?

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## Hospital Capabilities

Use the filter to the below to view specific HREC Region. The use of different colors indicates that the hospital should be reporting data on a daily basis. The data in the system represents a snapshot in time and should be used to assist in initial decision-making only.

Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (HERC) Regions

Legend:
 

- Region 1 (Northwest)
- Region 2 (North Central)
- Region 3 (North)
- Region 4 (South Central)
- Region 5 (Southwest)
- Region 6 (West)
- Region 7 (East)
- Region 8 (South)

**Licensed Beds (all licensed hospital capacity)**

Total IBA Beds	3,827
Total Beds	11,417
ICU	34%
ICU/ICU-Stepdown	14%

**COVID-19 Status**

Inpatients w/COVID Test Pending	280
ICU COVID Patients	163
Total COVID Patients	406
ICU	39%
ICU/ICU-Stepdown	15%

**Ventilators on Hand**

Statewide Supply of Ventilators	1,224
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**Ventilated Patients**

Total Number of Patients Receiving Mechanical Ventilation	346
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<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/hosp-data.htm>

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## Poll #1 Results & Testing Discussion

Wisconsin's two public health labs testing for COVID-19, the [Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene \(WSLH\)](#) and [Milwaukee Health Department Laboratory \(MHDL\)](#), have worked with DHS to develop a priority list for public health lab testing for COVID-19.

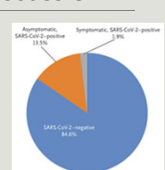
According to Dr. Ryan Westergaard of DHS:

- there should not be any limits on ordering tests for COVID-19
- hearing concerns about shortages of some testing materials
- very few labs reporting that the issues are impacting their output

**"Universal Screening for SARS-CoV-2 in Women Admitted for Delivery" (NEJM)**

- 29 of the 33 patients who were positive for SARS-CoV-2 at admission (87.9%) had no symptoms of Covid-19 at presentation
- more than one of eight asymptomatic patients who were admitted to the labor and delivery unit were positive for SARS-CoV-2

**"If equivalent or more rapid turnaround is available through an in-house or commercial lab, providers are encouraged to use these other laboratory options."**



<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/providers.htm>

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## Determining & Communicating Policy Changes in Crisis

1. How are hospitals reevaluating policies in light of new information?
2. How do you keep up on it?
3. How are policy changes communicated to providers?
4. Do providers have input on changes?
5. What are some ways providers can suggest change if there are concerns with job security? (i.e. conflict management)

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## Poll #2: PPE

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## Collaboration

1. With whom and how are you collaborating outside your facility? (e.g. tribal communities, Plain community, local public health, homebirth midwives, etc)
2. What considerations or adjustments are you making based on those collaborations?
3. How are you collaborating with home birth midwives differently in the context of COVID-19?

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## Poll #2 Results & PPE Discussion

**SECOND STAGE PRECAUTIONS:**

"We expressed to you our concern that CDC guidance is being interpreted as suggesting that obstetric care clinicians need not wear N95 masks and face shields when attending to patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 during the second stage of labor. We appreciate your clarification that the CDC recommends use of such PPE..." - ACOG & SMFM letter to CDC

**No major organization is recommending these precautions for patients who are not PUI or COVID+, although the Society of OB/Gyn Hospitalists recommends universal testing.**

"N95 mask should be worn in addition to droplet precaution PPE for any patients with suspected or confirmed COVID, and for any patient, *regardless of respiratory symptoms*, during indispensable aerosolizing procedures, including second stage of labor" - [Boelji et al. AJOG MFM, 2020](#) EXPERT OPINION

**PPE PRESERVATION:**

"There are several ways to extend the availability of N95 respirator supplies, if we reuse them until they are visibly soiled, structurally damaged, or hard to breathe through. Several decontamination methods have been proven to disinfect masks and respirators for reuse. Heat treatment (70oC for 30 min), UV-C radiation, and treatment with hydrogen peroxide gas have been shown to disinfect masks." - "Extending the Lifetime of N95 Masks - Recommendations for the Healthcare Industry", Johns Hopkins

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## COVID-19 Situational Awareness Update

Source: <https://www.wha.org/COVID19Update>

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## Patient Communication

1. Shared decision-making processes for mom-baby separation in hospital
2. Policies for labor & postpartum support (including doulas)

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## Other Q&A

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Other questions submitted live today


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## Resources

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<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">WI Dept. of Health Services</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">COVID-19 for Healthcare Providers: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/providers.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/providers.htm</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Rural WI Health Cooperative</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Email "Subscribe" to <a href="mailto:office@RWHC.com">office@RWHC.com</a> to receive the <i>Eye on Health</i> monthly newsletter COVID-19 Special Edition of Eye on Health: <a href="http://www.rwhc.com/Portals/0/EOH20/May.pdf">http://www.rwhc.com/Portals/0/EOH20/May.pdf</a></p>
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## Thank you for participating!

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We are immensely grateful to our panelists!

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