



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



**Date: September 14, 2020**

1500-1530 hrs.

**Moderator:** Gwen Peterek(MNCYN)

**Participants:** Gwen Peterek (MNCYN), Anita Bunnie (MNCYN), Kristine Fraser (MNCYN), M. Bassaco (LHSC), A. Williams (LHSC), S. Laureano (LHSC), C. Ford (Owen Sound), K. Barzsa (Cambridge), P. Lipschik (St. Thomas). Dr. K. Blaine (Stratford), M. Rae (Hanover). K. Fisher, M. Rathwell (Stratford), T. Antic (MOH), unknown caller on the phone.

**Welcome:** Gwen Peterek (MNCYN)

- Leanne McArthur is unable to attend today and sends her regrets so Gwen Peterek facilitated the meeting.

**Item #1: Regional Update: COVID-19 Cases:**

- Over the weekend London public-health officials declared a COVID-19 outbreak after five Western University students tested positive. Apparently, there is considerable concern that many people were exposed in downtown bars and restaurants so more cases are likely in the coming days.

c	CASES	RECOVERED	DEATHS	OTHER STATS
LONDON-MIDDLESEX	756	678	57	6 new case
WINDSOR-ESSEX	2594	2427	76	
CHATHAM-KENT	365	361	2	
ST. THOMAS	258	248	5	
LAMBTON	343*	314*	25*	(as of Sep 13)
HURON-PERTH	123	115	5	*Currently following Gov. ON guidelines and reporting only total cases, active cases and number of active long term care home outbreaks. Numbers may not be up-to-date.
GREY-BRUCE	130*	128*	0*	Sep. 13
THUNDER BAY				
MICHIGAN	111,524*		6,591*	
• DETROIT	14,080		1,514	
ONTARIO	44,817*	39,974*	2,816*	4 in hospital 1 ICU Vent



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				(as of Aug 31)
<b>CANADA</b>				

**MNCYN Update: (Gwen Peterek)**

**New MNCYN Website!**

MNCYN is happy to announce that last Friday we launched our new website which we are very happy with. For the last several months our team has been working with PROSAR Inbound, a marketing and design agency, to re-brand our program. This includes the development of a new logo, website and email addresses for our team members.

While our Network name will remain the same ... Maternal Newborn Child and Youth Network (MNCYN), we have changed the titles of both the perinatal and paediatric program to:

- Regional Perinatal Program
- Regional Paediatric Program

Also, our email addresses will be changing to <mncyn.ca> rather than <lhsc.ca>, although that is still a work in progress

We are still working on getting the calendar of events updated on the new website along with a few other details. Our COVID-19 Resource page was taken down with the old website and we hope to get it re-launched onto the new site soon. We encourage everyone to have a look at our new website and hope that you will find it easy to navigate.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or comments about it.

**Recent Article:**

Gwen recently learned of an interesting article published in the Lancet entitled

[Early estimates of the indirect effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on maternal and child mortality in low-income and middle-income countries: a modelling study](#)

While the COVID-19 pandemic will increase mortality due to the virus, it is also likely to increase mortality indirectly. In this study, they estimate the additional maternal and under-5 child deaths resulting from the potential disruption of health systems and decreased access to food. It is an attempt to reflect real-world possibilities, given emerging reports of the supply-side and demand-side effects of the pandemic using the Lives Saved Tool to estimate the additional maternal and under-5 child deaths in 118 low-income and middle-income countries.



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**Action:**

We will post this article Under the Perinatal Section of the MNCYN COVID Webpage and on the Resources page one we have the COVID page back up and running.

**Update Re: Anticipated Release of Revised COVID -19 Guidelines for Maternal Newborn Care**

The Guidelines have not been released yet but are anticipated soon. We will let the region know once they have been published.

**Item #2: LHSC Updates:**

**OBS: Amanda Williams/ Stacy Laureano:**

Nothing much new to share other than LHSC is waiting to see what happens with the COVID-19 trends as students return to school this week. It is anticipated that LHSC will have some staffing issues as a result of children being sent home ill.

OBCU is planning to repeat a simulation exercise that had been done previously to see if any of the learning implemented from before has improved the way that care is delivered. It is scheduled for Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> and will be a full simulation starting with the woman who arrives for screening, is sent to OBS Triage, goes on to have a complicated labour and birth resulting in a full code of both mother and baby. When this scenario was done before it became quite chaotic with AGMPs for mother and baby happening in the same room. Since then it has been decided to remove the baby to another room for AGMPs so it will be interesting to see if this simulation goes better.

**NICU: Henry Roukema / Kevin Coughlin:** Not in attendance, therefore, no NICU update available for this meeting.

**Action:**

**Stacy Laureano to submit the summative evaluation of the Simulation with any key learnings outlined to MNCYN to post on the COVID-19 webpage.**

**Regional Q & A:** No Questions

**Action:** None

We will check in with you again in a couple of weeks. The next Perinatal WebEx meeting scheduled for **Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> from 1500 – 1530 hr.**

If you have any comments or questions don't hesitate to reach out to us and we will try to get the answers for you as soon as possible.

**Adjourned: 1513 Hrs.**



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