

20200330 COVID-19 Webinar Topics in Chat

Testing

19:11:44 From David Sack : can you provide details about where to order the blood tests?
19:13:03 From Paul Leichthy to David Sack(Privately) : We will gather resource links, etc. and send them out after the webinar.
19:18:12 From Ryan Kauffman : <https://www.cliawaived.com/covid-19-rapid-test.html>
19:19:07 From Megan Pendergast : how did you come across this testing?
19:19:54 From Dj1197 : Why do you feel that people are slow to believe this?
19:21:33 From Keri Swartzendruber : If this test is only \$10 and apparently more accurate and quick results, why are hospitals not using it?
19:23:11 From Michael Sherer : My mother-in-law is currently in Lancaster General. They tested her for COVID-19 and turnaround was same day. Not sure what they were using, but I assume it was done by an in-house lab.
19:23:27 From HerbSarah : So, these tests will not be free as the government claims?
19:25:39 From Weldon Troyer : Are the Abbott tests available yet? If not ,when?
19:27:39 From Andrew Metzler : Abbott told us that they plan to start shipping Thursday.

Tele-medicine; remote with patients

19:15:12 From Ryan Kauffman : doxy.me
19:16:05 From HerbSarah : Do you get reimbursed for electronic care?
19:57:31 From Joanna Saufley : I would assume there are cardiology patients that are elderly and have limited access to technology that allows for Telehealth. How is that issue being addressed and cardiology care services being provided to this vulnerable population?

Government stimulus

19:23:46 From Jason Moshier : I believe the government stimulus bill is supposed to help hospitals but does anyone know how the stimulus bill is supposed to help individual medical providers?

Hospitals

19:44:51 From Michael Sherer : Matt, is your hospital converting clinical areas to increase bed space?
19:45:20 From Clair Hochstetler : Matt, what do you sense that you and the docs there are going to need to do to maintain social contact with each other and to sustain your spirit there. This pace can't continue for weeks on end, right?
19:47:45 From Dj1197 : Do you think the implementation of these new rules will continue on in the hospital system even after the virus subsides ?
19:49:33 From Jason Moshier : Our hospital employed provider offices are consolidating into fewer offices. Within my internal medicine office the other provider and I are going to rotate seeing patients or doing telemedicine on different days of the week.

19:50:12 From Matthew : Our hospital has many empty beds right now due to cancellation of all elective cases. So we are set up to absorb an influx of cases should that occur.

General

20:00:18 From Clair Hochstetler : Do you sense a surge happening in your area soon, or is the State flattening the curve” successfully there?

20:12:11 From Gail Blum : In MI it is too early to see if the curve is being flattened. I feel like we are waiting for "the other shoe to drop" as Detroit metro area becomes overwhelmed and patients are being moved to hospitals in outlying areas which will bring it into the area where I serve. Our PPE is fairly well stocked but I am aware of saving it for higher contact caregivers, i.e. our nurses.

20:27:46 From Gail Blum : Thanks to Joann for the MennoHealth podcast. I also recommend GeriPal.

20:41:33 From Keri Swartzendruber : Those that work in women’s services, what changes have you noticed and how do we go about protecting this vulnerable population and keep mothers and babies together and not separated?

Chaplaincy & Emotional/Spiritual Support

20:07:14 From Sarah Grace Swarr : Do you feel that staff and/ or patients are more open to chaplain services due to the unknown with the COVID-19 situation?

20:10:50 From Megan Pendergast : as a Chaplin how do you feel using resources that are already in high demand?

20:26:36 From Megan Pendergast : as a student who will be going into the workforce soon, how are you taking time to process and prevent burnout during this time?

20:34:44 From Dj1197 : What resources are available to health care professionals to aid them in making these hard ethical decisions?

20:54:00 From Paul Leichty : <https://mennohealth.org/events/gathering/annual-gathering-2019/>

20:54:27 From Paul Leichty : Scroll down to Addressing Moral Injury With Spiritual Strength

20:56:38 From Joe Kotva : There was a question about ethics resources. If people want to reach out to me individually, feel free to do so at jkotva@iu.edu

Masks & Personal Protective Equipment

19:36:01 From Mark Shelly : Regarding sterilizing N95, don’t use steam. H2O2 or UV work.

20:15:29 From Dj1197 : This is to anyone but how do people feel about sterilizing the masks and reusing them?

20:17:14 From Andrew Metzler : Double masking (putting a surgical mask over the N95), will help keep the N95 clean without the degrading it with repeat cleaning.

20:17:53 From Megan Pendergast : how do people feel about the homemade masks that are being sewn?

20:18:29 From charleneepp : We are now having 2 Zoom staff meetings a week and the ethics of use of equipment (PPEs) is a part of each of our conversations. Our department commitment is to limit our use in deference to the medical staff. It really seemed like staff care to respond by going in to this patient’s room this weekend.

20:19:05 From Keri Swartzendruber : We have been asked to use minimal/no makeup so that the masks can be reused. We are just collecting used masks (1 per day) for now because they haven't figured out how to sterilize them at the hospital yet.

20:21:40 From Korwin Schrock : Megan, homemade masks seem to be a good option to use for double masking (covering the N95) since there is not good data on homemade mask effectiveness. Our community is very involved in mask making and our organization is appreciative of this for sure.

20:38:01 From Paul Leichthy : <https://youtu.be/W6d3twpHwis> Masks from vacuum cleaner bags.

20:39:15 From charleneepp : A hospital in Glenwood Springs has 2 RNs that researched masks made from the blue material that typically protects surgical equipment. This material is 97% vs the 98% protection of the yellow masks.

20:41:37 From bills : You can also increase your safety with a face shield (Lowe's or Menards) which will decrease splash contamination. Wear it over your N-95

20:42:58 From Megan Pendergast : how can we incorporate the community that wants to help and do something while they sit at home?

20:46:30 From Michael Sherer : To what extent are N95 masks like Toilet Paper—enough product but unevenly distributed?

Ventilator Usage

20:25:56 From HerbSarah : We are in our mid-70s and have decided we do not want to be put on a ventilator if we get COVID19, especially if there is a shortage and younger people need them. How do we talk about such choices at this time in our faith communities?

20:31:50 From Joann Hunsberger : <https://fivewishes.org/>

20:46:30 From Michael Sherer : To what extent are N95 masks like Toilet Paper—enough product but unevenly distributed? Similar question for ventilators. If we can hold the peak back long enough can we ramp up supply?

Quote from Martin Luther

20:59:09 From Lyubov : Back in 1527, a deadly plague hit Martin Luther's town of Wittenberg and he wrote a letter to a friend (Volume 43, Pg. 132: "Whether One Should Flee From A Deadly Plague" – to Rev. Dr. John Hess) explaining how he felt churches should be dealing with such complicated circumstances

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God."

