

NCPS Mission: To continuously improve the safety and quality of healthcare delivery in the region.

NCPS Newsletter: April 2020

A Message from the Executive Director

We are in the midst of unprecedented challenges with trying to contain the spread of the coronavirus. Countless individuals and families have been affected by this pandemic. We recognize the critical roles that healthcare workers play in maintaining their own and their patients' safety. Their tireless efforts are greatly appreciated! In light of these ongoing efforts, we are focusing this newsletter on resources and tools that may be helpful in this work. Please share this newsletter internally, and with your organization's leaders. Stay safe and healthy!

- Gail Brondum BS, LPN

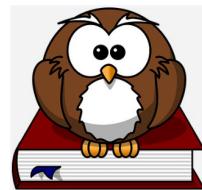
Patient Safety Alert: Obstetrical and Neonatal Patient Safety Events

Shared learnings for our members! Log in to the members-only portal on the NCPS website to access the April 2020 NCPS Patient Safety Alert. Please continue to report patient safety events to NCPS - those that reach the patient with or without harm, and those that pose risk to the safety of the care environment. **NCPS encourages you to report unsafe conditions as they relate to effective and safe infection control and prevention. Now, more than ever, this is crucially important for the safety of patients and the healthcare professionals caring for them.**

We improve safety when we learn together!

Learning Opportunity for NCPS Members

- The Institute for Healthcare Improvement is providing free access to IHI Open School courses now through May 31, 2020. [Access free educational modules \[neppatientsafety.us18.list-manage.com\]](http://neppatientsafety.us18.list-manage.com) focusing on teamwork, leadership, patient-centered care, and self-care, and earn up to 10 continuing education credits.
- Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute hosted a free webinar on Tuesday April 7, "Dealing with the Emergency Department amid COVID-19". [Click here to access the recording. \[neppatientsafety.us18.list-manage.com\]](http://neppatientsafety.us18.list-manage.com)



COVID-19 RESOURCES and TOOLS

- Nebraska Infection Awareness and Promotion Program (ICAP). COVID-19 Webinar Invite for Small and Rural Hospitals. Each Tuesday from 12 – 1 pm CST.**
- This is a recurring webinar that will address situation updates and essential information on COVID-19. There will be time following the presentation to ask questions via "Q&A" format. Click [here](https://icap.nebraskamed.com/covid-19-cah-webinar-invite/) for more information about how to join the webinar: <https://icap.nebraskamed.com/covid-19-cah-webinar-invite/>
 - Click [here](https://icap.nebraskamed.com/) for links to archived webinars and other COVID-19 resources: <https://icap.nebraskamed.com/>

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: American College of Radiology Recommendations for the use of Chest Radiography and Computed Tomography for Suspected COVID-19 Infection.** <https://psnet.ahrq.gov/issue/acr-recommendations-use-chest-radiography-and-computed-tomography-ct-suspected-covid-19>
- American Heart Association. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources for CPR Training & Resuscitation.** <https://cpr.heart.org/en/resources/coronavirus-covid19-resources-for-cpr-training>
- American Hospital Association. Four Lessons for Hospitals Implementing COVID-19 Drive-through Testing.** <https://www.aha.org/news/insights-and-analysis/2020-03-26-four-lessons-hospitals-implementing-covid-19-drive-through>
- Association of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Professionals.**
 - See Calendar to sign up for discussions about collaborating with colleagues during the COVID-19 pandemic held every Wednesday at 12 PM CST.
<https://www.ahepp.org/default.aspx>
 - Coronavirus resource page: <https://www.ahepp.org/page/Coronavirus>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus (COVID-19):**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
 - **Recommendations for the Use of Cloth Face Coverings for the General Public.** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>
 - **Guidance Documents.** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance-list.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc>
 - **Resources for Healthcare Professionals.** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/index.html>
- The Commonwealth Fund: Q&A Response to COVID-19 Lags in Rural Communities.** Many critical access hospitals and health clinics in rural communities across the U.S. face severe shortages of ICU beds, ventilators, and personal protective equipment for health care workers. In this new Q&A, IHI staff talk to Lynn Barr of Caravan Health, a firm that provides guidance to hospitals and provider groups participating in accountable care programs, about how rural providers are responding to the COVID-19 crisis. Read more at:
<https://www.commonwealthfund.org/blog/2020/qa-response-covid-19-lags-rural-communities>
- Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI):**
 - **Recommendations for PPE Conservation: Restrict, Reduce, Re-Use:** http://www.ihi.org/communities/blogs/covid-pandemic-conserving-personal-protective-equipment?utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=Feature&utm_campaign=2020_TW_Test&utm_content=Recs_PPE&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-It_PzK9oyhPKb6lKnRWSZQID1knqT8wdPX-2pJDDr3_SmRdTlzBp7xINXND4fT5mBF2mVYmbhoGtJURH9A-TBioCdA&_hsmi=85425619
 - **COVID-19 Guidance and Resources:** http://www.ihi.org/Topics/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx?utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=Feature&utm_campaign=2020_TW_Test&utm_content=COVID19&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-It_PzK9oyhPKb6lKnRWSZQID1knqT8wdPX-2pJDDr3_SmRdTlzBp7xINXND4fT5mBF2mVYmbhoGtJURH9A-TBioCdA&_hsmi=85425619

- **Preparing for a Surge of Hospitalized Patients.** IHI held a Virtual Learning Hour to discuss how health systems are readying themselves and their communities for dramatic increases in hospitalized patients. View the April 3 session here. http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/AudioandVideo/Preparing-for-Surge-Hospitalized-Patients-COVID-19.aspx?utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=Feature&utm_campaign=2020_TW_Test&utm_content=VLH_Surge&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-cdUI9MI8xFzQgEOEc60xBe0TbCMbNaY1EcZiMetEqDjU1CwwFFcm3gErLk9vEnGYZpJAEC4604exErMDGwj0H_juvQ&_hsmi=85769579 You can also sign up to receive information about the series of free webinars offered live every Friday from 9 – 10 AM CST by clicking here http://forms.ihi.org/ihi-virtual-learning-hour-special-covid-19-series?utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=Feature&utm_campaign=2020_TW_Test&utm_content=VLH_Series&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-cdUI9MI8xFzQgEOEc60xBe0TbCMbNaY1EcZiMetEqDjU1CwwFFcm3gErLk9vEnGYZpJAEC4604exErMDGwj0H_juvQ&_hsmi=85769579

Joint Commission: What Your Organization Needs to Know About the Coronavirus. See Resources at <https://www.jointcommission.org/covid-19/>

- **Podcast: Improvement and Innovation in Times of Crisis.** Kedar Mate, MD, Chief Innovation and Education Officer, IHI, spoke about ways health care can harness innovation to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. View and listen at: http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/AudioandVideo/improvement-and-innovation-in-times-of-crisis.aspx?utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=Feature&utm_campaign=2020_TW_Test&utm_content=Podcast&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--lt_PzK9oyhPKb6lKnRWSZQID1knqT8wdPX-2pJDDr3_SmRdTlzBp7xINXND4fT5mBF2mVYmbhoGtJURH9A-TBioCdA&_hsmi=85425619
- **The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.** Has released guiding principles for decision-making during a crisis. Click here to access “Rapid Expert Consultation on Crisis Standards of Care for the COVID-19 Pandemic”. https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25765/rapid-expert-consultation-on-crisis-standards-of-care-for-the-covid-19-pandemic-march-28-2020?utm_campaign=tw&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=857263&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-cdUI9MI8xFzQgEOEc60xBe0TbCMbNaY1EcZiMetEqDjU1CwwFFcm3gErLk9vEnGYZpJAEC4604exErMDGwj0H_juvQ&_hsmi=85769579

Additional Resources:

- The **COVID-19 Health Literacy Project** is translating critical information about the pandemic into dozens of underserved languages for non-English speakers in the US. https://www.statnews.com/2020/04/01/effort-provide-covid-19-resources-non-english-speakers/?utm_campaign=tw&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=85727263&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-cdUI9MI8xFzQgEOEc60xBe0TbCMbNaY1EcZiMetEqDjU1CwwFFcm3gErLk9vEnGYZpJAEC4604exErMDGwj0H_juvQ&_hsmi=85769579