Maternal and Child Health: Lending Our Strengths to a New COVID World

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Our “Usual” Work
2015-2019 Priorities by Population Domain

- Women’s and Maternal Health:
  - Preventive care increase
  - Tobacco use reduction

- Perinatal and Infant Health:
  - Infant mortality reduction

- Child Health:
  - Developmental screening increase
  - ACEs reduction
  - Overweight/Obesity reduction
  - Injury reduction
  - Tobacco use reduction

- Adolescent Health:
  - Overweight/Obesity reduction
  - Injury reduction

- CYSHCN:
  - Medical home
  - Transition services
2020-2024 Priorities

Women's & Maternal Health
- Increase Family Planning Access
- Decrease Maternal Mortality

Perinatal & Infant Health
- Increase Breastfeeding
- Decrease Infant Mortality

Child Health
- Decrease Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Decrease Obesity

Adolescent Health
- Decrease Tobacco & Vaping Use

Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)
- Increase Medical Home Access and Utilization (including transition)

Cross-Cutting
- Health Equity
- Mental Health
Tennessee Data
6.19.20

Age:
13% of cases <21yo
3 deaths <21yo

Race/ethnicity:
Black population (17%)
21% cases, 32% deaths

Hispanic population (6%)
26% cases, 8% deaths
March: Hit the Ground Running

MCH Role in the Pandemic

• Man-power
• Surveillance
• Communications
• Program and workforce adaptation
• Lending our strengths to the mission
  – Community engagement
  – Health equity lens
  – Moving data to action
June: Conversion from Sprint to Marathon

... Maybe?

Defining and influencing the “new normal”

- Lessons learned from remote work, remote visits
- Resumption of access to all health department services
- Health needs: testing, treatment, system development
- Community education and advising: re-opening
- Budget reductions
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trauma
- Confronting racism
MCH Data to Action Case Study
COVID Cases in Pregnancy, Tennessee

- Average of 28 new pregnant cases/week over last 4 completed weeks


Data Note: These provisional data aim to guide the Health Disparities Task Force, are for internal use only and should not be distributed further.
Ethnic Disparities: COVID-19 Cases in Pregnancy

49%

Of pregnant women infected by COVID-19 are Hispanic or Latino

(118 of 249 cases)


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THANK YOU

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