



Caring for the Plain Community

Focus on COVID-19



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Pediatric emergency care professionals

Objectives:

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1. Utilize new skills and guidelines determined to be safe for children when accessing pediatric trauma.
2. Identify proper tools and standardized practices in order to improve the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric patients.
3. Define roles and responsibilities of team members who triage pediatric emergencies in order to identify communication strategies that result in effective patient care.

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Initial skepticism

- “It’s important that your body fights on its own ... most of the time it can fight its own things. And it’s not that we’re against doctors, but we try to take care of ourselves first. If we go to the hospital, we would probably be exposed to more germs.”

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Initial skepticism

- “We aren’t watching the news all day like everyone else, so I would say we aren’t as spooked by the coronavirus. Sure, I’ve been telling my children to wash their hands more with soap, but we’re not constantly being reminded of it. And I think we’re less likely to come into contact with it in our communities.”

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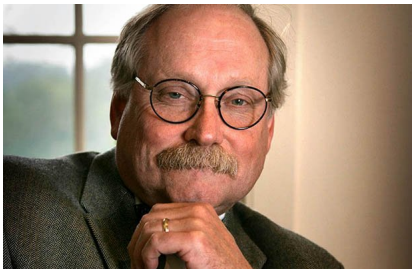
Initial skepticism

- “During this uncertain time we are living in I’m thankful that we have a God that we can fully trust if we choose to do so. We do not need to live in fear of COVID-19. We need to fear God. COVID-19 is possibly a mercy from God to help people think about death and whether they are ready or not to meet him.”

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“We do know this is very serious. We don’t want to take this lightly.”

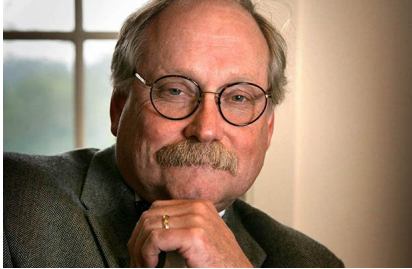
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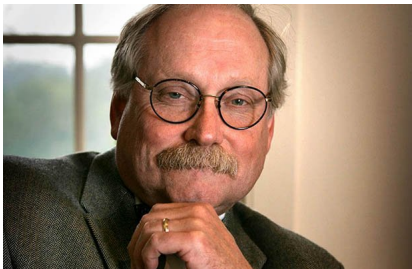


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“You can’t just tell or hope or guess that the cough someone has is a cold or the flu. They need to go to a physician so we can test them and give them advice about care. But the Amish are not going to do that unless we talk to them first — it begins with us reaching out to them.”

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“There is no question this virus is coming to rural Pennsylvania.”

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Informing communities

- Letters distributed by state and county health departments, clinics
- Local law enforcement
- “Amish grapevine”



Clinic for Special Children

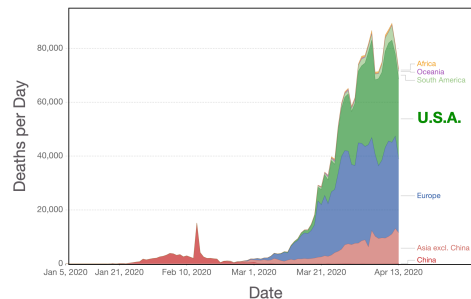
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Dear Friends,

Out of growing concern about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Clinic for Special Children (CSC) circulated an open letter to the community on March 20th, 2020, outlining dangers of the novel coronavirus and measures to control its spread. Many worrisome predictions about the pandemic have come to pass, and COVID-19 continues to claim the lives of people young and old, in all communities, and in all nations.

The death rate from COVID-19 is highest in the United States (**green shading**), where the number of U.S. citizens infected **continues to double every four days**. Many U.S. hospitals now face critical shortages of life-saving equipment (mechanical ventilators) and protective gear (masks, gloves, sanitizer), forcing doctors to make painful life and death decisions about how to ration limited medical resources.



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Addressing questions

- “Am I safe from COVID-19 if I live in a rural community?”
- “Does ‘the flu’ make me immune to COVID-19?”
- “Do all hand sanitizers work the same to kill COVID-19?”
- “Do all household cleaners work the same to kill COVID-19?”
- “Is it safe to gather with people who don’t seem sick?”
- “Can I get tested for COVID-19?”
- “Is there a cure for COVID-19?”

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Informing communities



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School closures



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Suspending church services, limiting gatherings



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Recommendations from the WI DHS

- Only members from the home district shall attend church services. This keeps the group smaller and contained to a smaller area and neighborhood.
- The family shall stay home from church services if any family member has symptoms of flu or colds.
- No lunch or refreshments shall be served at the location of worship. Families should eat at home.
- Hold church services in a building other than the family residence, whenever possible. This shall allow more spacing and reduce close contact.
- Use every precaution necessary to practice good sanitation, including hand washing, at worship services.

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Attending a recent Amish wedding in Missouri

“The wedding was certainly interesting, with all the social distancing and such, and also not so many guests, but the health department was not too hard to please. The people were seated by household or according to the van they came with – men, women, youth; no difference – with enough space between the groups. And people would get their plate and sit in the same place for eating and singing. The most unusual part was not shaking hands. Now that was strange!”

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Social distancing



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Social distancing



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Mask, face shield production



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Outlook

- Low number of infections, very few deaths ... now
- Some indications of “lockdown fatigue,” not uncommon in rural areas generally
- Will an eventual vaccine lead to improved vaccination rates in general?
- Uncertainty about what to do with stimulus checks
- Concern about contact with customers at Plain-operated businesses, especially those from out of state with vacation homes in WI
- Frustration with limits on visitors to patients in hospitals