

Temporary Changes in Policies on L&D during COVID-19 Pandemic

N95	<p>Please follow department guidelines. Please wipe down the epidural cart after each placement. Please wear N95 at any time when you will have a <u>patient contact</u>, including epidural placement and any types of cesarean sections. Starting 4/29, L&D started the universal testing for every woman on the floor, we had couple of asymptomatic patients tested positive.</p>
COVID/PUI Registry	<p>SOAP plans to open a national registry for COVID OB patients. Please take 2 labels - one for our registry (for both COVID and PUI pts), one for your N95 brown bag. The click board is located in the office</p>
N95 reuse	<p>Please wear a surgical mask over your N95., I strongly suggest following hospital policy regarding N95 use and reuse. After 3 shifts, please send your N95 for sterilization and rechecking for integrity.</p>
Verbal Consenting	<p>You can take verbal consent now per BIDMC's policy</p>
Caring COVID and PUI patients	<p>Please refer to Dr. Sara Neve's email, and in consistence with the department policy, the residents who are on the L&D can take care the COVID patients for epidurals, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Epidural placement - Level Checks and boluses - Catheter pulls <p>Please let me know if you have any questions. This will change if OR is getting busy and OB will lose the backup attendings.</p>
Consult	<p>We offer the pregnant woman the option for telephonic consult on scheduled date and time. They are instructed to call 7-3077. Please direct the call to the fellow or a senior resident. If there is a medical indication, then it will be an in-person consult.</p>
Key for Epidural pump	<p>Every epidural pump has a key attached to it. Another spare key is kept in each epidural cart</p>
Support person	<p>One support person will be allowed to remain in the labor room during epidural placement in order to reduce traffic in L&D. Please seat the support person and he/she will stay away as far as possible in the room. Consider placing them behind the curtain or facing the window. The support person will wear a mask.</p>

Postops	We can call each patient for postop checks. If there is a potential complication, then we will evaluate the patient in person.
Feldberg C-section room	<p>As of 3/26/2020, some scheduled cesarean sections have been moved to Feldberg 2. A separate OB anesthesia team will do these cases. However, twin and preterm cesarean delivery will be on L&D.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If there are multiple cases in Feld 2, the L&D team should help to get the following cases ready; - If no case or only one case is scheduled in the downstairs, the Feld 2 OR team can help the L&D team if they are busy. - If Feld 2 OR team is busy, the L&D team will do scheduled section that is planned to be performed on L&D. - Good communication between the team will be helpful.
Wednesday Sign out	<p>Junior on call resident: at 7am Other residents and Attendings after Grand Round/Town Hall: at 8:30am If there is a M&M, the sign-out will be at 8:45am</p>
OR Room Check	The residents should check the anesthesia machine daily as you always do, including OR C when it is available.
OR setting up	<p>On Tuesday, May 26, the OR C will be changed back to “New Norm” operating room.</p> <p>OR A remains a “hybrid OR” for COVID patients and emergent c-sections.</p>