



# Texas Perinatal Services NEWSLETTER

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### COVID-19: Moving Forward with Maternal and Neonatal

#### Surveys

For more than two months, Texas Perinatal Services has moved forward cautiously and conducted maternal and neonatal surveys for our hospital partners. Surveys were restarted in May on a case-by-case basis and as we have ensured quality protocols, we are pleased to report the survey process is going smoothly during this uncertain time.

Our goal continues to be focused on limiting exposure during the survey process for hospital staff and surveyors. Our surveyors and staff wear masks and follow all universal precautions.

Our survey scheduling team has worked hard to get hospitals that needed to reschedule due to COVID-19 back on schedule. Texas Perinatal Services is not assessing a penalty for surveys rescheduled due to COVID-19 during this time.

Texas Perinatal Services welcomes you to contact us personally to discuss your concerns.

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If You Are Pregnant, Breastfeeding, or Caring for Young Children

Protect Yourself and Your Family From COVID-19

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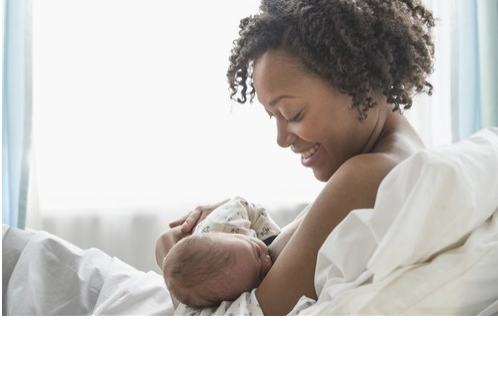


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#### In the News

Texas Perinatal Services is pleased to share with our hospital partners are in the news.

[Medical City Dallas Women's Hospital](#) was recently in *D Healthcare* for its Level IV Maternal Designation.



### August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month

August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month and this year's theme is *Many Voices United*.

National Breastfeeding Month is designated to advance the advocacy and promotion of breastfeeding to ensure that all mothers have the opportunity to breastfeed.

The U.S. Breastfeeding Committee has [helpful resources](#) that include a series of free webcasts during August.



## WE SAVE BABIES

NEONATAL NURSES WEEK

### Neonatal Nurses Week is September 14-20

The National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN) established Neonatal Nurses Week 20 years ago to celebrate and recognize the hard work by the thousands of nurses who care for the smallest patients.

Thank you to all neonatal nurses who work tirelessly every day for the lives of babies!

### Next Texas Perinatal Services Monthly Forum - August



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TETAF's Texas Perinatal Services (TPS) hosts its next Perinatal Forum on **August 24 at 11:00 a.m.** The topic will be on disaster plans and also the EPIC Pregnancy Badge.

If you have not previously joined one of the educational online forums that are exclusive to TETAF/TPS hospitals, contact [Carla Rider](#) to register.

### The Black Women's Health Imperative and AWHONN Partner to Address Maternal Mortality in Black Women

The Black Women's Health Imperative (BWHI) and the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) have partnered to develop curriculum that incorporates the experiences of Black women during their pregnancies, births, and postpartum care. The ultimate goal is to change the perception and behaviors of providers that are related to racism, implicit bias, and the effects on maternal mortality and morbidity.

Learn More

#### *Trends and Racial Disparities in Maternal Mortality & Morbidity*

**SPEAK UP**  
Implicit and Explicit Bias Training

**Save the Date**  
**February 22, 2021**

The University of Texas Medical Branch  
Galveston, Texas



Learn More

### TETAF Quarterly Board Meeting Remains Virtual in August



The quarterly meeting of the TETAF Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18 at 4:00 p.m. Due to COVID-19, this meeting will once again be held virtually via Zoom.

If you would like to join the virtual meeting, please register through the link below.

[Register for the TETAF Board of Directors Virtual Meeting](#)



### Mark Your Calendar

**October 21-23**

[National Association of Neonatal Nurses Annual Conference \(VIRTUAL\)](#)

**November 1-4**

[Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses \(AWHONN\) 2020 Annual Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada](#)

**February 11-12, 2021**

[Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies \(TCHMB\) 2021 Summit \(VIRTUAL\)](#)

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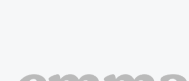


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