

# Safely Providing In-Person Family Planning Services

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# Objectives

- Describe at least two strategies for safely providing in-person services
- Describe one way family planning providers can ensure access to in-person services is equitable.
- Identify one strategy from a peer that can be implemented at your agency

# The Impact of COVID-19 on Sexual and Reproductive Health

Health, economic, social and personal decision-making systems disruption +  
PPE and supply shortages +  
Resource diversion +  
Enhanced barriers +  
An already-stressed FP system  
=  
*Sexual and reproductive health impact!*

# Keeping Staff and Clients Safe

- **Screen** staff and clients for symptoms of acute respiratory illness
- **Educate clients** about how to stay safe
- Help clients and staff **minimize contact**
- Ensure proper use of **personal protection equipment (PPE)**

# What Providers Can Do To Meet Needs During COVID-19

- Reduce exposure by providing remote services
- Utilize alternative delivery approaches
- Ensure family planning needs continue to be met
- Proactively identify unmet family planning needs
- Stay informed
- Utilize the [“What Family Planning Providers Can Do to Meet Client Needs During COVID-19” Toolkit](#)

# Hear From Your Peers

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# Questions?



# Poll

1. Go to <https://www.menti.com/5vf3vbsrwq>
2. Enter this code: 24 51 09 0
3. Type in your response

*How has your program changed the way family planning services are provided?*

# Virtual Break Out

# Questions to Consider

- What changes have you made to how you provide in-person services at your agency?
- What challenges continue to impact providing in-person family planning services?
- How are you ensuring that access to in-person family planning services is equitable and inclusive for clients?

# Report Out

*What are 1-2 strategies for ensuring safe, in-person services that your group discussed and which other agencies may try?*

*What is one strategy your group identified to ensure equitable access to safe, in-person family planning services?*

# Resuming Routine Care

- A gradual process
- Will require multi-facility/sector collaboration
- Will require new and frequently revisited policies
- Monitoring and stewardship of PPEs
- Staff scheduling
- Consider health professional wellness

# Resources: Collections

- [Family Planning National Training Center](#)
- [National Clinical Training Center for Family Planning](#)
- [Reproductive Health Access Project](#)
- [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists](#)

# Upcoming Session

- December 8, 2020: Supporting Resiliency During COVID-19
  - [Register Here](#)

# Thank you!

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