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The American Academy of Family Physicians Support of Continued Access to Reproductive Health Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), which represents 134,600 members, supports continuous access to timely, necessary medical care, including reproductive health services, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

As an organization representing frontline doctors, we must reinforce our fundamental belief in the patient-doctor relationship and that each patient, in consultation with their physician, should be able to select the appropriate care plan for themselves, independent of undue regulatory barriers. We also believe that physicians should be free to provide timely health care to their patients. While our national effort to combat COVID-19 requires that we balance the current needs of the patient with the risks associated with delivering care, we must remain patient-centric and recognize that delaying care has immediate impacts on the health of the woman. Often times, reproductive health services cannot be postponed as doing so could create unnecessary risks and complications or render them completely inaccessible.

Family physicians play an important role in providing comprehensive care to men and women and they should be trusted to make decisions in the best interest of their patients.

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