

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER TEXAS: March Connections

Welcome to the third edition of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' monthly newsletter. As a valued supporter, we would like to share the latest important updates on the work you make possible at Planned Parenthood. We have also included important action alerts and upcoming events.

March is Endometriosis Awareness Month



Endometriosis affects about 1 in 10 women of reproductive age and is the leading cause of infertility.



Endometriosis can be treated with hormonal birth control.

Our most common services provided are:



Birth control to help Texans plan and space their pregnancies.



Testing and treatment for STIs, HIV tests, and PrEP and PEP.



Lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screenings.

A NEWS CONNECTION

Some Congressional leaders from Texas are urging Gov. Abbott to allow Texans enrolled in Medicaid to continue to receive healthcare services at Planned Parenthood. With them, we will continue to advocate for our patients in the U.S. Congress and Texas Legislature in the weeks ahead.



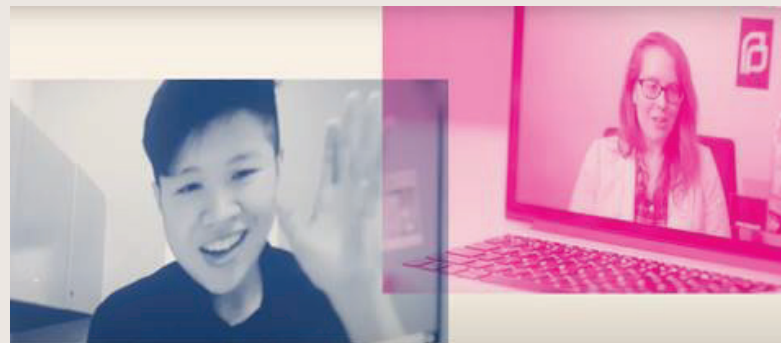
TAKE ACTION

After the state's decision to remove Planned Parenthood from Medicaid, Governor Abbott granted only thirty days for patients to find new providers in the middle of a pandemic. Now, Planned Parenthood is back in court to stop patients with low-incomes - many without another provider - from losing healthcare access. We must hold Gov. Abbott accountable.

TELEHEALTH IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY

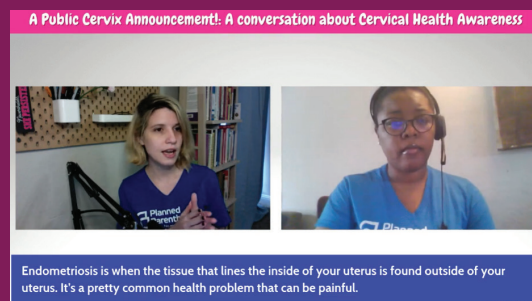
To ensure patients can access essential healthcare despite challenges like COVID, we expanded telemedicine services. Planned Parenthood offers virtual telehealth services so patients can access the sexual and reproductive healthcare they need. With your support, we provided over 20,000 telemedicine visits last year, a 300% increase in the telehealth services provided in 2019. 22% of patient visits last year were via telehealth services.

The winter storm was an unimaginable week for Texas. The power and water outages forced the closure of all of our health centers for most of the week except for El Paso. Fortunately, PP Direct, our telemedicine app, was available. Planned Parenthood healthcare is essential and barriers to our services can present significant challenges for our patients. Thank you for supporting Planned Parenthood and healthcare access, like telemedicine, through trying times.



A PUBLIC CERVIX ANNOUNCEMENT

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas educators hosted a Facebook event to talk about uterine health, including common infections and cervical cancer prevention education. 85 people joined the event, the video has been viewed 100s of times, and reached audiences across the state.



I Live Here
I Give Here

Amplify Austin

6 pm, March 4th
to 6pm, March 5th

Power Hour

12 to 1 PM on March 5

On March 4-5, 6:00 PM-6:00 PM, you will have 24 hours to give where your heart is! If you're going to make your gift on the big day, March 5, donate during the 12-1 PM Power Hour and help us win the \$1,000 power hour prize!

WAYS TO GIVE

How can you support Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas and the patients we serve who rely on our accessible, affordable healthcare? Make a meaningful gift to continue and expand our services.

You can give a one-time or monthly gift and even make a contribution in honor or in memory of someone.

Your gift of:

- **\$1,000** empowers 5 teens with science-based health and sex education
- **\$500** offers 5 patients peace of mind with emergency contraception for pregnancy prevention
- **\$250** provides 10 patients with packs of birth control pills
- **\$100** keeps communities healthy through the distribution of 500 condoms

If you have a question or if you want to know more, please contact the Development Office at (214) 254-3017 or email us at development@ppgt.org.

