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Title: “HERoes: How COVID impacts Women Veterans”

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Bios:

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Questions

1. The COVID 19 pandemic has changed the healthcare landscape. Access to routine and preventative health care has been delayed across the nation. Are there ways in which delayed access to routine care might affect women differently?
2. What about pregnancy? What do we know about the virus and pregnancy and breast feeding? Are there increased rates of unintended pregnancies? What are the considerations for maternity care?
3. Another issue to consider when thinking about stay-at-home orders and families spending more time together, is that there are people for whom home is not a safe place. Are there concerns about increased risk of intimate partner violence during the COVID-19 pandemic?”