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| Content                 | <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has been going on since March 2020 and it greatly affects many sectors, particularly the health sector. Many health services have become limited as most healthcare facilities focus more on handling COVID-19 cases. However, access to healthcare remains essential for the community. One of the main issues that is greatly affected is maternal health. Every pregnant woman has the right to stay informed about pregnancy and childbirth through routine standardized Antenatal Care (ANC) visits and maternal health counseling as well. Both play a significant role in improving maternal health outcomes. Before the pandemic, one of the most effective ways to achieve maternal health care at the primary level was to organize maternity classes. Puskesmas Tegalrejo as one of the public health centers in Yogyakarta held the classes which contained face-to-face material counseling by various health workers ranging from doctors, midwives, dentists, psychologists, to nutritionists. Classes were held in each region for 4-5 days, within a duration of 3 hours per session. The pandemic has been a challenge in organizing maternity classes, including at the Puskesmas Tegalrejo who transforms the offline maternity class into the virtual (WhatsApp-based) one. Here, we tend to report the challenges and the opportunities of virtual maternity classes during the COVID-19 pandemic based on our observation at Puskesmas Tegalrejo, while still promoting interprofessional collaboration in practice.</p> |