

# COVID-19 in pregnant women and newborns: latest data

## Maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health

### COVID-19 : Resources and support



Below are links to our universal resources.

Links to resources specific to MNCAH and ageing can be found on the panel to the right of this page.



#### COVID19 Resources MNCAH and Ageing

Pregnancy, Childbirth, Postnatal  
Care

Breastfeeding

Care for young children

Adolescents and Youth

Care for older persons

#### WHO Emergencies

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

WHO Home page

[https://www.who.int/maternal\\_child\\_adolescent/en/](https://www.who.int/maternal_child_adolescent/en/)

[https://www.who.int/maternal\\_child\\_adolescent/links/covid19-resources-and-support-for-mncah-and-ageing/en/](https://www.who.int/maternal_child_adolescent/links/covid19-resources-and-support-for-mncah-and-ageing/en/)

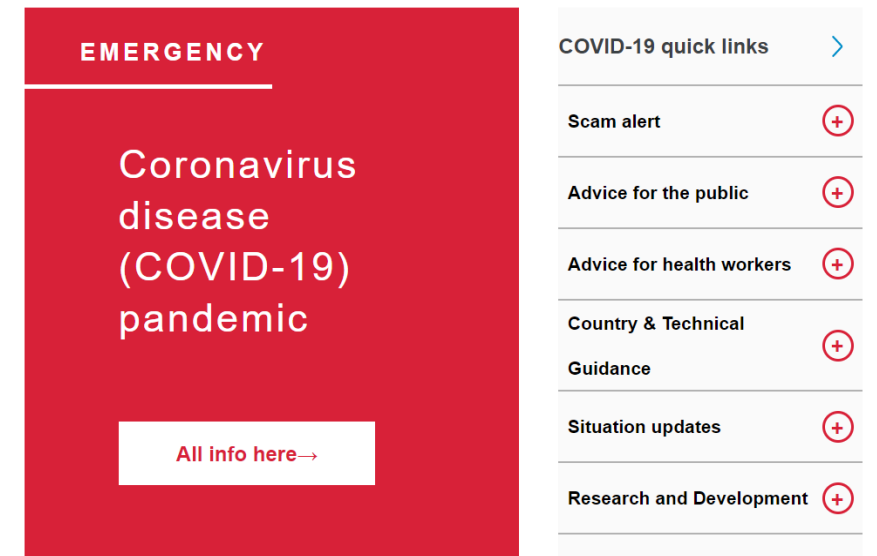
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## COVID-19 in pregnant women

- No known difference between the clinical manifestations of COVID-19 in pregnant and non-pregnant women of reproductive age
  - COVID-19 positive pregnant women do not appear to be at higher risk of severe disease compared with general population
  - Uncertainty on possible increased risk of negative maternal or neonatal outcomes, limited to infection in 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester, with some cases of pre-labour rupture of membranes, foetal distress and preterm birth reported
- Cohort studies of pregnant women ongoing

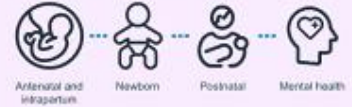


<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

## COVID-19 in newborns

- Few cases reported of newborns confirmed COVID-19 positive and all had mild or no symptoms.
- To date, the **live** virus has not been found in samples of amniotic fluid, cord blood, vaginal discharge, neonatal throat swabs or breastmilk.
  - Small number of babies with positive serology or PCR at birth, no clear evidence of risk of vertical transmission.
  - Amniotic fluid from mothers positive for COVID-19 and cord blood and throat swabs from their neonates delivered by caesarean section all tested negative for COVID-19 virus by RT-PCR.
  - Previous breast milk samples all negative for COVID-19 by PCR test, but an unpublished report of 2 mothers with breastmilk samples that were positive for viral particles by PCR; no reports on viral culture to date
- No published reports to date of babies of asymptomatic mothers who have developed COVID-19.

Before, during and after childbirth, all women have the right to high quality care. This includes:



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All women have the right to a safe and positive childbirth experience, whether or not they have a confirmed COVID-19 infection.



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Close contact and early, exclusive breastfeeding helps a baby to thrive.

A woman with COVID-19 should be supported to breastfeed safely, hold her newborn skin-to-skin, and share a room with her baby.

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**Check out the webinar series: [bit.ly/NewbornSeries](https://bit.ly/NewbornSeries)**

**Register for the next webinar on 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Deliver the care they are entitled to**

Register for 8 am GMT session: [bit.ly/3JuneS1](https://bit.ly/3JuneS1)

Register for 11 am GMT session: [bit.ly/3JuneS2](https://bit.ly/3JuneS2)

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