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Women with COVID-19 can breastfeed if they wish to do so. They should:



Practice respiratory hygiene and wear a mask



Wash hands before and after touching the baby



Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces





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.



If a women with COVID-19 is too unwell to breastfeed, she can be supported to safely provide her baby with breastmilk in other ways, including by:



Expressing milk



Relactation



Donor human milk



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







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



Respect and dignity



A companion of choice



Clear communication by maternity staff



Pain relief strategies



Mobility in labour where possible and birth position of choice





I'm pregnant.

How can I protect myself against COVID-19?



Wash your hands frequently



Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth



Put space between yourself and others



Cough or sneeze into your bent elbow or a tissue

If you have fever, cough or difficulty breathing, seek care early. Call beforehand, and follow medical advice.

