If a woman 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





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

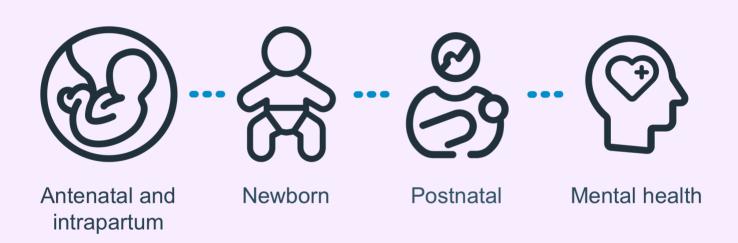


Cough or sneeze into your bent elbow or a tissue

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



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





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.





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

