

ACOG Guidelines for Maternity Care during COVID-19

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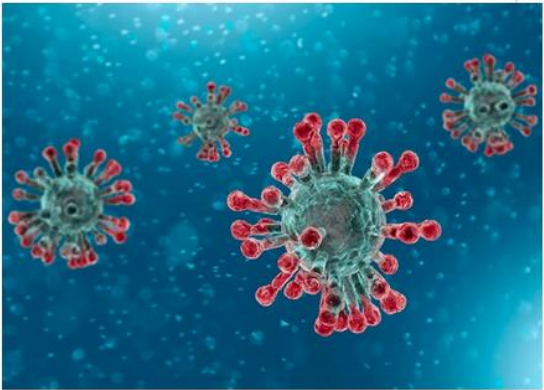
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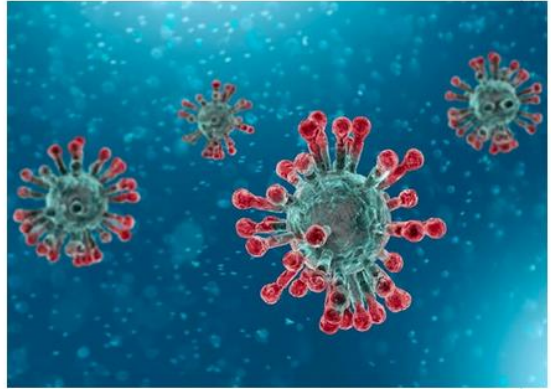
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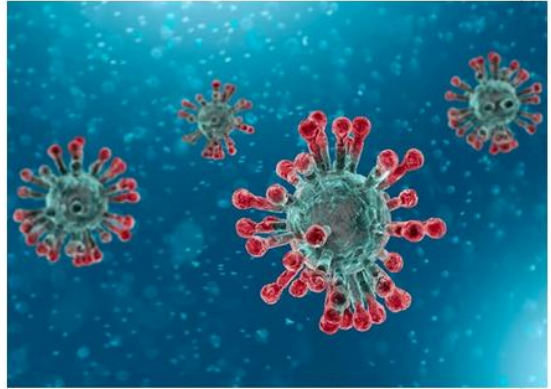
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- **Clinical Information**
 - COVID-19 Practice Advisory
 - Committee Opinions – Telehealth & Hospital Disaster Preparedness
- **Patient & Resources**
 - Patient FAQ – COVID-19, Pregnancy, and Breastfeeding
- **Practice Management**
 - Postpartum Medicaid Coverage Extended
 - Managing patients remotely (digital and telehealth services)
- **Advocacy**
 - Access to contraception, Racial Inequities, Immigrant Health
- **External Resources**
 - Editor curated COVID-19 Resources, CDC

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- **Practice Advisory**

- Testing
- Joint ACOG/SMFM Patient Assessment Algorithm
- Community mitigation efforts and risk of negative impact on obstetric care
 - Maximize use of telehealth across maternity care
- Addressing inequities in Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations
- Infection Prevention and Control in Inpatient Obstetric Care Settings
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Breastfeeding

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- **Physician FAQ – Prenatal Care**

- Pregnant patients and work
- Modified prenatal care
- Use of telehealth
- Routine screening prior to appointment
- Essential antenatal fetal surveillance and ultrasounds
- Use of aspirin as recommended for preeclampsia risk reduction
- Corticosteroids
- Mental health, IPV and anticipatory delivery admission guidance
- Immunizations

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- **Physician FAQ – Intrapartum Care**

- Timing of delivery
- Mode of Delivery per OB indication
- Scheduled deliveries to continue as indicated with guidance at local facility/system level
- Delayed cord clamping not contraindicated
- Umbilical cord banking not contraindicated
- Doula support encouraged as desired by patient; adhere to visitor policy
- Nitrous oxide use suspended
- Oxygen indicated for maternal hypoxia, but not to treat abnormal fetal testing
- Intrapartum fever – use clinical judgement

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- **Physician FAQ – Postpartum Care**

- Expedited discharge should be considered
- Mental health support services
- Modified postpartum counseling (changes, communication, infant feeding, contraception)
- Modified postpartum visit schedule
- Circumcision timing need not be altered (defer to local resources)

- **Special consideration for incarcerated pregnant people**

- Access to prenatal care, abortion, postpartum care, breastmilk expression, timely assessment of pregnancy-related or COVID-19 symptoms