

System Disruptions to Childbirth During COVID-19



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pregnant person

- severe infection similar
- possibly more likely to be hospitalized
- possibly more likely to have longer-lasting symptoms

placenta

- placental infection possible but rare
- vertical transmission possible but rare
- possible increase stillbirths and prematurity

baby

- maternal-infant transmission possible but rare
- severe neonatal infection rare
- transmission via breastmilk unlikely

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prenatal

- less visits / disrupted visits
- more intimate partner violence
- more social isolation

labor & delivery

- less agency
- less labor support (visitor restrictions)
- earlier discharge

postpartum

- more financial strain
- more social isolation

She Was Pregnant With Twins During Covid. Why Did Only One Survive?

Why being Black and giving birth in New York during the
pandemic is so dangerous.



Are **SOME** pregnant people more likely to be severely impacted by COVID-19?

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* Nearly half of the pregnant people in recent CDC cohort study Hispanic

* Native, Black, and Latinx people make up disproportionate number of infections, severe cases and deaths in general population

Is a higher performing system possible?

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- Expanded birth settings and provider types
- Targeted use of telehealth and group visits
- Investments in building community trust