

# COVID and MN Services

## Maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health

### COVID-19 : Resources and support



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Below are links to our universal resources.

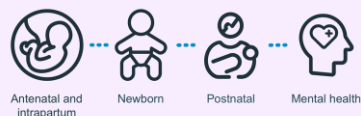
Links to resources specific to MNCAH and ageing can be found on the panel to the right of this page.

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# Continuity in respectful maternal and newborn care

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



For women with suspected, probable, or confirmed COVID-19 infection:

- WHO advice is that **caesarean section** should only be performed when medically justified.
- **Mothers and infants should be enabled to remain together and practice skin-to-skin contact, kangaroo mother care and rooming-in throughout the day and night.**
- If the newborn is admitted in the neonatal unit, **mothers should be supported to express milk**, have access to the unit and participate in the care of the baby.
- **Appropriate IPC measures should be applied.**

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



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.



## **Thank you**

**and all health workers  
caring for people at  
the frontline  
and  
those that are in the  
background to  
support.**