



Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and Pregnancy COVID-19 Alert No. 7
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## Maternal and Infant Characteristics Among Women with Confirmed or Presumed Cases of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) During Pregnancy

NCHS recently released data from 12 states and the District of Columbia on characteristics of women with COVID-19 during pregnancy, and their newborns

(https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/covid19/technical-linkage.htm. These data are based on cases of COVID-19 reported to NCHS and linked to the standard birth record, allowing for an analysis of birth-related data by maternal COVID-19 status. While these data are not representative of all births in the United States and have other limitations, they provide a multi-state view of the impact of COVID-19 on pregnancy. Additional jurisdictions have recently begun reporting maternal COVID-19 cases to NCHS and their data will be included in future bimonthly updates. Other jurisdictions interested in collaborating on this project should contact Joyce Martin at jcm9@cdc.gov or Claudia Valenzuela at qat5@cdc.gov.

## **Provisional Estimates for Selected Maternal and Infant Outcomes**

NCHS has also released provisional estimates, using national data, for selected pregnancy characteristics and birth outcomes that may be directly or indirectly related to COVID-19. This includes data on timing and adequacy of prenatal care, cesarean delivery, preterm delivery, and infant birth weight (<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/covid19/technical-notes-">https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/covid19/technical-notes-</a>

<u>outcomes.htm</u>). Estimates are shown for each month in 2020 and compared with final data for the same period in 2019 and 2018 to identify changes. Updates will be released on a quarterly basis.

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