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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 (https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/covid19/technical-notes-outcomes.htm). 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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