

# COVID-19: A message for our guests.

## What You Need to Know:

The Wright Center for Women's Health remains open as we closely monitor the detection and spread of Coronavirus-19. ***There is no need to cancel your appointment unless you are sick with fever, cough, or having trouble breathing.*** If you are sick with these symptoms, please do not come to the office and call us to let us know at (630) 687-9595. If you have reason to think you might have been exposed to Coronavirus, do not come to the office - please contact us at (630) 687-9595.

In conjunction with the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we wanted to provide guidelines regarding infection precautions. We will continue to provide updates as they emerge and encourage you to visit the CDC website at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for further information.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### **How does Coronavirus impact pregnant women and newborns?**

Currently, there are no specific guidelines related to pregnancy. Based on limited data, pregnant women may be at higher risk for severe illness compared to the general population. We do not know if the virus can cross the placenta during pregnancy, but there have not been any case reports of newborns screening positive for the disease in mothers with known Coronavirus-19.

### **Can I breastfeed if I have a respiratory illness?**

Absolutely. Thus far, the Coronavirus has not been found in the breast milk of mothers infected with the virus. Most importantly, the Coronavirus is highly

unlikely to be the source of a respiratory illness in our current region. Thus, continued breastfeeding is appropriate.

### **Are children more susceptible to Coronavirus?**

No. The vast majority of cases have occurred in adults based on population data. There is currently no evidence that children are more susceptible to the disease.

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