

Breastfeeding in the Era of COVID-19

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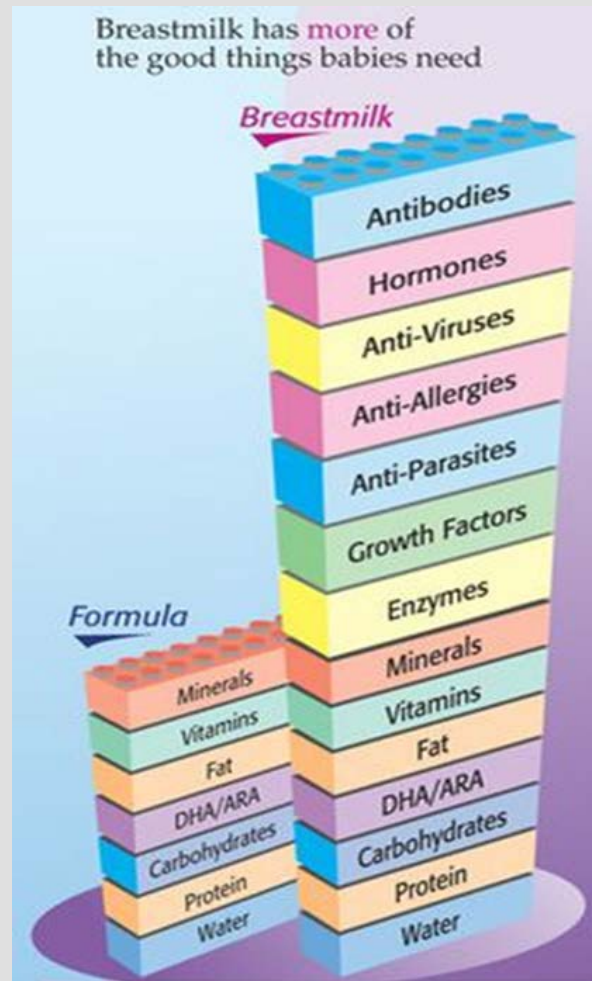


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LET US NOT FORGET



CDC, ACOG, WHO, ABM

There are rare exceptions when breastfeeding or feeding expressed breast milk is not recommended.

Whether and how to start or continue Breastfeeding should be determined by the mother in coordination with her family/support network and health care practitioners.

“Shared Decision Making”

WHAT WE KNOW : FROM OTHER RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES

- Tuberculosis
- Influenza
- SARS
- MERS

CAN SARS-COV2 BE TRANSMITTED DURING BREASTFEEDING?

- Currently the primary concern is not whether the virus can be transmitted through breastmilk but rather whether an infected mother can transmit the virus through respiratory droplets during the period of breastfeeding.



CLINICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- The clinical condition of the mother and the infant
- SARS-CoV-2 testing results of the mother (confirmed versus suspected)
- Desire to feed at the breast
- Individual facilities capacity to accommodate separation or co-location
- The ability to maintain separation upon discharge
- Other risks and benefits of temporary separation of a mother and her infant

PREGNANT AND BREASTFEEDING WOMEN AND RESEARCH

- Many studies looking at “experimental” treatments exclude pregnant women and breastfeeding women but then we will have no real data on which to base future recommendations.



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