

Dear Alberta Midwives,

For the past number of weeks, the College of Midwives (CMA) has been paying close attention to the developing news regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The CMA would like to ensure Registered Midwives have up to date information and feel well informed and prepared to work through the changing COVID-19 situation.

This virus presently has no vaccine available. Therefore, we all need to prevent and minimize the spread of COVID-19 through our wise, thoughtful actions. The safety of our clients and the public, as well as our midwifery registrants is paramount. The CMA is working closely with Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services, as well as with Alberta Association of Midwives, to provide the latest information to our members and to the public.

Please carefully read all of the following information as well as the information recently sent to you via AHS, PMAO and the AAM.

The current status of COVID-19 in Alberta is reported on the [Alberta Government website](#). At this time, the higher risk applies to people who have potential exposures that meet any of the [Alberta Health Services Criteria](#). Guidelines for COVID-19 can also be found on the [Alberta Health Services website](#).

Please also refer to [COVID-19 – Information for Registered Midwives from Alberta Health Services](#). This guidance information will be updated as more details becomes available.

We continue to monitor reports and recommendations from all health authorities and relevant sources.

The CMA is committed to protecting both our clients and members in the best possible way. We would like to thank Registered Midwives for supporting their clients in this challenging time. The CMA is confident that Alberta's registered midwives are well prepared to manage COVID-19 effectively by taking necessary precautions. We thank you and appreciate each and every one of you as we move forward together.

Over the next period of time as events around COVID-19 unfold please contact the CMA, should you have any thoughts, comments or questions related to Standards of Practice, Code of Ethics or Competencies. We would be happy to discuss these with you.

Resources:

- *Alberta Health Services Signage & Posters - [Hand wash, Symptoms, PPE](#)*
- *AHS Poster - [Infant Feeding and COVID-19](#)*
- *Alberta Health poster - [Help Prevent the Spread](#)*
- *CDC - [Pregnant women and COVID-19](#)*
- *CDC - [Guidance on Breastfeeding and COVID-19](#)*
- *SOGC - [Novel Coronavirus Statement](#)*



Sincerely,

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