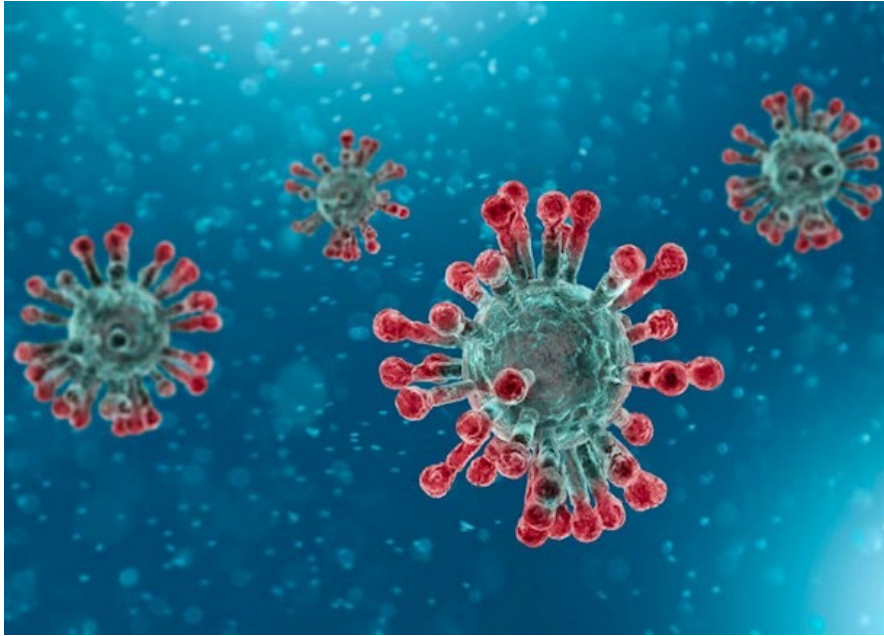


Maternal Morbidity with COVID-19 in Pregnancy and the PRIORITY Study



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What Pregnant Women Should Know About Coronavirus

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The information available so far is thin, but it appears that pregnant women are no more likely than anyone else to have severe symptoms from the coronavirus. In an [analysis of 147 women](#), only 8 percent had severe disease and 1 percent were in critical condition, according to a report published on Feb. 28 by the World Health Organization.

Clinical Practice Advisory

March 13, 2020:

“Currently available data on COVID-19 does not indicate that pregnant women are at increased risk.

However, pregnant women are known to be at greater risk of severe morbidity and mortality from other respiratory infections such as influenza and SARS-CoV. As such, pregnant women should be considered an at-risk population for COVID-19...”

December 14, 2020:

“Available data suggest that pregnant women with COVID-19 may be at increased risk for more severe illness compared with nonpregnant peers. Given the growing evidence, CDC now includes pregnant women in its “increased risk” category for COVID-19 illness. ...

Importantly, analyses so far are limited by a large amount of missing data ...”

Research

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- Allotey *et al*, for PregCOV-19 Living Systematic Review Consortium
- WHO-sponsored working group
- Includes all cohort studies of COVID-19 in pregnancy or recent pregnancy; all languages
- Plan to do continual updates up to 2 years
- **Versions:**
 - **Original publication- September 1, 2020 (77 studies)**
 - **Update 1- February 2, 2021 (192 studies)**

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192 studies: United States (n=58, 30%), China (n=31, 16%)

- Italy (n=17), Spain (n=15), Turkey (n=8), UK (n=7), India (n=7); 5 each from Brazil, France, Mexico.

64,676 pregnant or recently pregnant

- 92 studies - maternal outcomes
- 95 studies - pregnancy-related maternal outcomes

Sampling

- Universal testing (89 studies)
- Risk based guidelines (25 studies)
- Symptom based (32 studies)
- Unknown (46 studies)

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Maternal Outcomes	vs. non-pregnant with COVID-19 OR (95% CI)
Mortality	0.96 (0.79-1.18)
ICU Admission	2.13 (1.54-2.95)
Invasive ventilation	2.59 (2.28-2.94)
ECMO	2.02 (1.22-3.34)
O2 supplementation	0.21 (0.04-1.13)
ARDS	1.51 (0.03-79.93)
Major Organ Failure	1.51 (0.03-79.93)

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Perinatal Outcomes	vs. pregnant without COVID-19 OR (95% CI)
Preterm birth <37w - 17% (6% spontaneous)	1.47 (1.13-1.91)
Cesarean delivery	1.12 (0.91-1.38)
Stillbirth	2.84 (1.25-6.45)
Neonatal death	2.77 (0.92-8.37)
NICU admission	4.89 (1.87-12.81)
Low 5m APGAR	1.38 (0.71-2.70)
Fetal distress	2.37 (0.77-7.31)

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Risk Factors for Severe Outcomes	OR (95% CI)			
	Severe Disease	ICU Admission	Invasive Ventilation	Maternal Death
Age ≥ 35y	1.8 (1.3-2.6)	2.1 (1.7-2.6)	1.7 (0.6-5.0)	0.9 (0.2-3.7)
BMI ≥ 30	2.4 (1.8-3.1)	2.7 (1.1-6.6)	6.6 (2.0-22.0)	2.3 (1.2-4.3)
Non-white ethnicity	0.9 (0.6-1.6)	1.7 (1.2-2.3)	2.2 (1.3-4.0)	1.6 (1.05-2.5)
Any Comorbidity	1.8 (1.5-2.2)	1.7 (1.3-2.2)	5.3 (1.8-15.7)	2.5 (0.8-8.2)
Chronic hypertension	2.0 (1.1-3.5)	4.7 (2.4-9.4)	63.8 (9.7-420.5)	4.3 (1.8-10.0)
Asthma	1.4 (0.9-2.4)	2.9 (0.5-16.7)	-	1.7 (0.7-4.2)
Pregestational diabetes	2.1 (1.6-2.8)	4.7 (1.9-11.2)	18.6 (0.3-1324)	14.9 (4.2-52.8)
Gestational diabetes	1.2 (0.7-2.1)	3.3 (1.6-6.9)	-	-
Preeclampsia	4.2 (1.3-14.0)	179.4 (7.7-4168)	-	-

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Strengths

- Rigorous meta-analysis of all available international studies
- Will continue to update

Limitations

- Heterogeneity of studies and data
- Outcomes are primarily from hospital-based diagnosis
- Awaiting data on first trimester infections
- Need more studies with contemporaneous pregnant comparison groups

The **PRIORITY** Study: COVID-19 Outcomes During Pregnancy and in the Mother-Infant Dyad

PRIORITY: Pregnancy Coronavirus Outcomes Registry

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Pregnant with known or
suspected Coronavirus
(COVID-19)?



PRIORITY: Four Outcome Cores

Inclusion:

- Age ≥ 13 yrs
- Pregnant now or ≤ 6 weeks
- Under investigation *or* confirmed diagnosis (RT-PCR) of COVID-19 since January 2020
- Speaks any language
- Any site across the country (private practice, academic hospitals, midwives)
- If medically unable to self-consent (ventilated), family member can provide proxy consent

Maternal Outcomes

- COVID-19 disease course
- Pregnancy outcomes: miscarriage, abortion, live birth, fetal death
- Obstetric outcomes: antenatal complications, delivery outcomes and complications
- Maternal health: to 1 year postpartum

Infant Outcomes

- Newborn Outcomes: transmission, early infection, complications
- Birth defects
- Breast feeding
- Health and Development up to 1 year of life

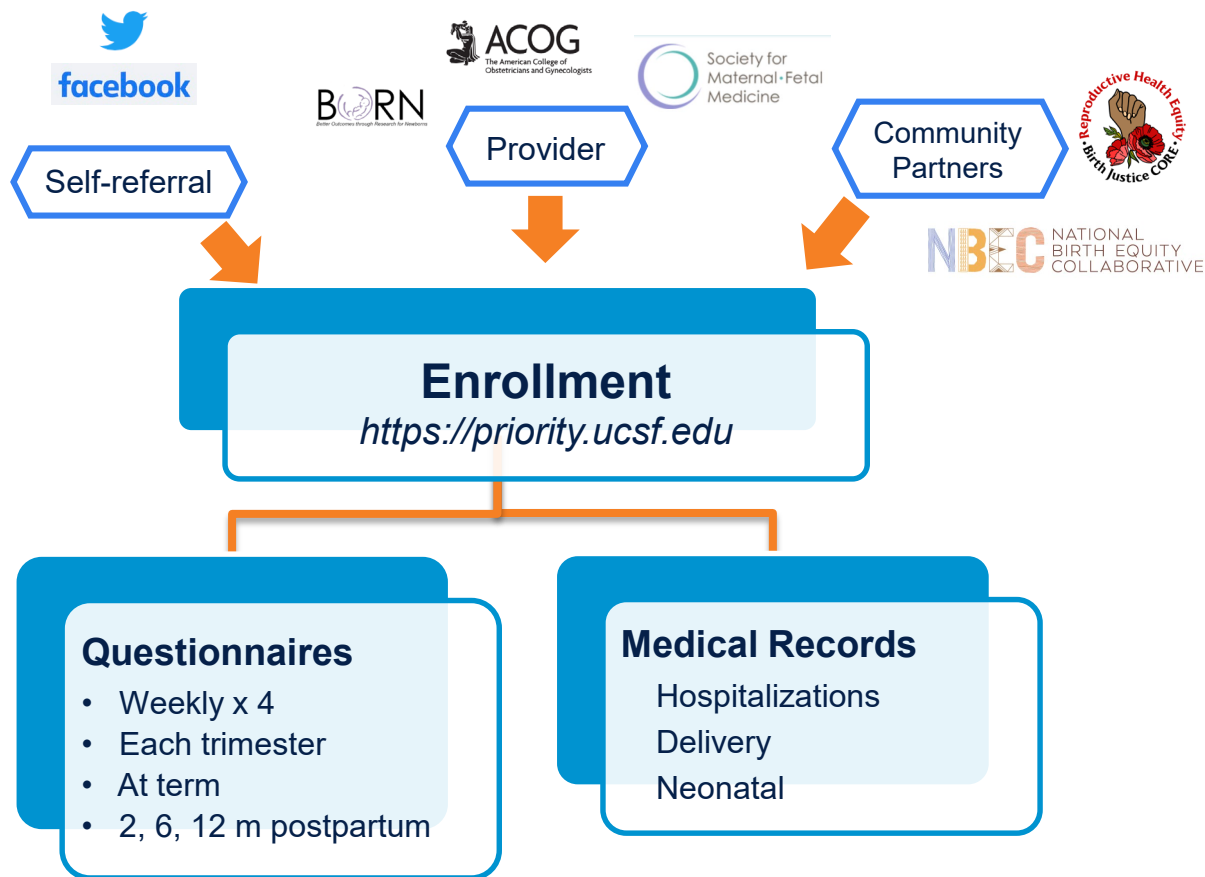
Reproductive Health Equity and Birth Justice

- Impact of racism, poverty, care experiences in outcomes among BIPOC communities
- Identify research questions important to BIPOC communities

Biospecimens Core

- Transmission of virus during pregnancy/birth
- Transmission in breast milk
- Impact on placental function
- Immune responses and correlations with disease severity

PRIORITY Study Design



PRIORITY-B

Blood (maternal, cord, infant)
Placenta
Breastmilk
Stool, meconium

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Mother/Baby dyad is followed through 12 months of age.

Community Engagement- Addressing Disparities



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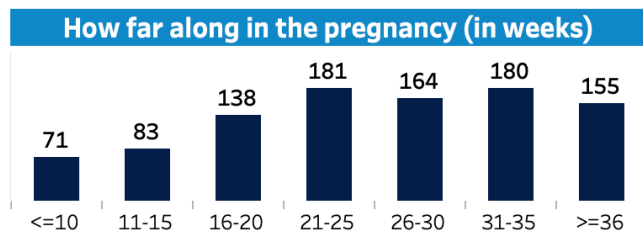
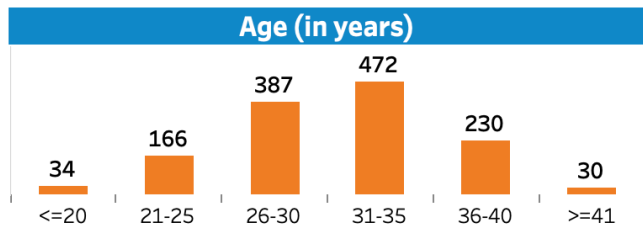
RHE&BJ Core developed → platform within PRIORITY study for authentic and transparent community engagement throughout and specifically w BIPOC communities.

RHE&BJ core works to ensure that Reproductive Health Equity and Birth Justice are deeply rooted in the PRIORITY study.

- Support enrollment of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) participants
- Targeted survey instruments
- National Community Advisory Council
- Research Priorities of Affected Communities (RPAC)

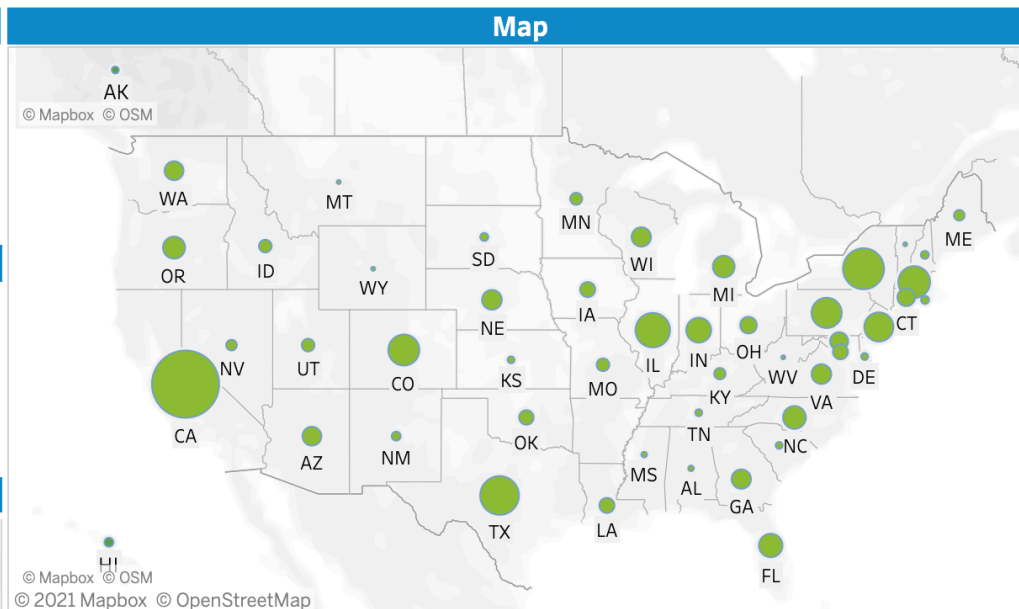
PRIORITY Study Participant Characteristics

Enrolled	COVID Status			Current Pregnancy Status	
1,333	853 COVID+	239 COVID-	241 Other	185 Pregnant	1,148 Recently Pregnant



Race/Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaska Native: 1.1%
Asian: 5.9%
Black or African American: 10.0%
Hispanic or Latina: 36.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 1.2%
Unknown: 4.1%
White: 48.9%



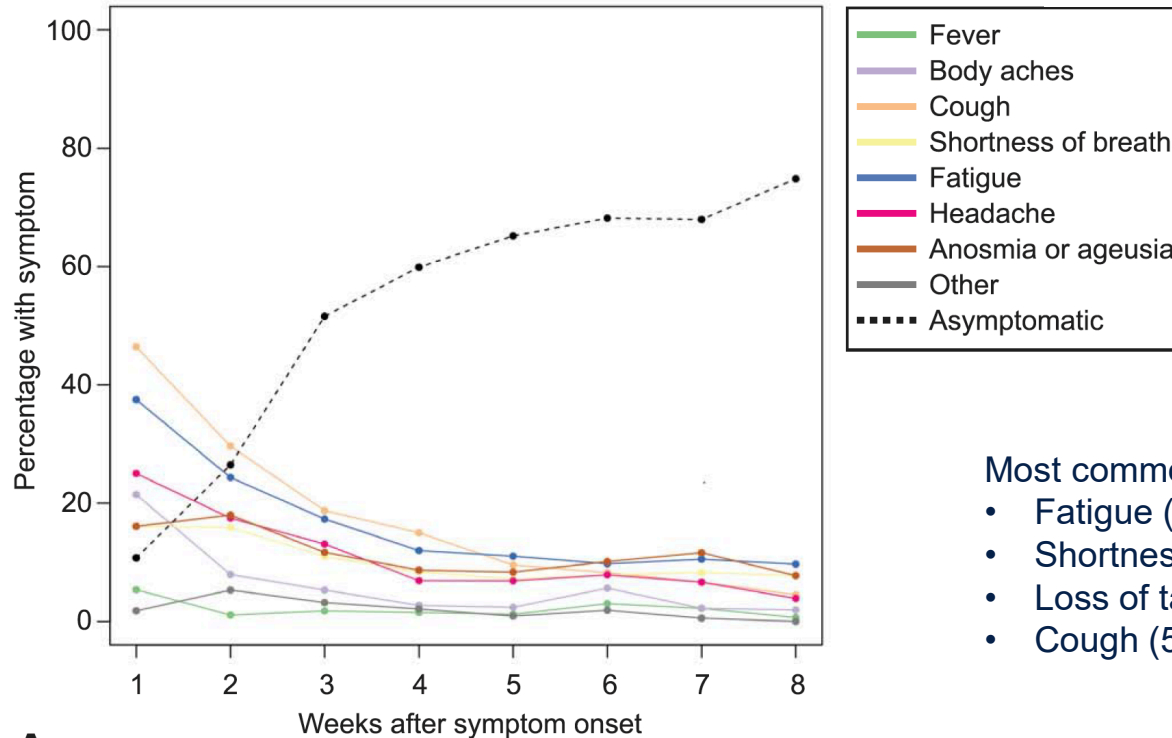
On May 4, 2020, we launched a Reproductive Health Equity and Birth Justice Core aimed at increasing community partnerships and recruitment efforts among Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. We strive to ensure that PRIORITY participants appropriately represent racial and ethnic groups that have experienced the highest number of COVID-19 cases and deaths.

<https://priority.ucsf.edu/dashboard>

COVID-19 has prolonged course of symptoms in 25% of pregnant patients

Clinical Presentation of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Pregnant and Recently Pregnant People

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95% are not hospitalized

Most common after 8w:

- Fatigue (10%)
- Shortness of Breath (8%)
- Loss of taste/smell (8%)
- Cough (5%)

Infant Outcomes Following Maternal Infection With Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2): First Report From the Pregnancy Coronavirus Outcomes Registry (PRIORITY) Study

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First 263 births (179 COVID+), through 8 weeks of age

- Most babies born to COVID+ mothers were healthy
 - No difference in ICU admission or respiratory problems
- No babies had respiratory infections, pneumonia, or a need to be hospitalized in the first 6 weeks after birth.
- Births ≤ 14 d of COVID-19 diagnosis had a higher chance of NICU admission than if >14 d from diagnosis (26% vs 12%, $p=0.03$)
- 2 (1%) infants tested positive at 24 h

Forthcoming data

Maternal outcomes

- **Pregnancy and delivery outcomes**
- Maternal mental health – depression and anxiety
- Impact of social determinants of health
- Modes of transmission

Neonatal outcomes

- **958 have delivered, 917 live births.**
- **Neurodevelopment sequelae** are currently being explored
Ages and Stages Questionnaire, 3rd edition.
Survey at 6mo and 12mo follow-up.

PRIORITY-VOICE Study (Dr. Brittany Chambers)

- Interview 40 birthing people
- Explore the perceptions and experiences of engaging in maternity care;
- Identify barriers to engaging in maternity care and possible solutions on how to improve prenatal and birthing care experiences

PRIORITY-B Biospecimen Analysis

- > 300 participants enrolled, > 200 dyad samples collected
- Immune response and impact on disease severity, perinatal outcomes



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