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Hello everyone. We know that some folks may soon provide some face to face services. Today, the national HRSA released a statement of importance regarding the risks to pregnant women from COVID-19. Please see a special CDC document at this link (copy and paste) : https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/pregnancy-breastfeeding.html

This statement is from the HRSA memo:

" In a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) published last week, the CDC indicated that pregnant women may be at increased risk for severe COVID-19 illness. More specifically, the MMWR study determined that pregnant women with COVID-19 were more likely than non-pregnant women to be hospitalized and at increased risk for intensive care unit (ICU) admission and the receipt of mechanical ventilation. In its public-facing guidance, CDC notes that among pregnant people with COVID-19 "there may be an increased risk of adverse pregnant outcomes, such as preterm birth."

So, in addition to everyone else we know is at risk, please pass along these considerations for pregnant women.

Thank you!

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