Anticipated delivery of woman with suspected or confirmed COVID-19

Activate Neonatal Team* (NNT) for Impending delivery
NNT* dons contact precautions outside the Birthing (Case) Room (Rm/OR)

Birthing Rm staff sets up basic resus equipment, advises NNT* of maternal COVID-19 status outside Rm/OR;
Unless high likelihood of resuscitation or ‘nursery’ (NICU) admission, NNT* to stand by outside Rm. If delivery is in OR (OR staff only), one NNT* member enters to set up equipment, receive and assess newborn.

If required for vaginal delivery or cesarean section under regional anesthesia, NNT* dons additional droplet precautions (procedural mask and plastic visor or eye protection) and enters Rm/OR
If required for cesarean section under general anesthesia, NNT* dons additional airborne precautions (N95 mask and plastic visor or eye protection) and enters OR

Baby delivered
Routine cord management

Newborn resuscitation performed in location of delivery (if required)
Crash cart remains outside Rm/OR unless need is confirmed

Maternal & newborn assessment in location of delivery

Baby and mother well

Mother washes hands and dons procedural mask to provide skin-to-skin care
Neonatal Team doffs personal protective equipment in Rm/OR** and departs

Baby well, mother unable to provide care, but alternate care provider available

Baby remains with alternate care provider
Neonatal Team doffs personal protective equipment in Rm/OR** and departs***

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If possible, baby moved to clean incubator just outside Rm/OR**

Baby unwell or mother unable to provide care and no alternate care provider

Neonatal Team transfers baby to alternate care provider before departing

Postpartum care for dyad in Birthing Room (if possible) OR
Dyad transferred to private room on droplet/contact precautions. For ongoing care refer to asymptomatic newborn pathway

Baby admitted to ‘nursery’ (NICU) on droplet/contact precautions

If previously well baby later (i.e. ≥ 2 hours of age) becomes unwell, manage baby as suspected COVID-19 with droplet/contact precautions and as per symptomatic neonatal pathway

* Composition of ‘Neonatal Team’ is unique to each unit and assumes at least one member is external to the birthing room
** N95 mask (if required) must be doffed outside the OR
*** If baby born by cesarean section under general anesthesia and is well, move to clean incubator just outside OR as soon as possible. NNT* transfers baby to alternate care provider before departing

Unfortunately, women with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not permitted to visit the ‘nursery’ (NICU)
Breastfeeding and/or provision of expressed breast milk is supported in discussion with family

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