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What should parents know about coronavirus variants in babies and children

RISK FACTORS FOR SERIOUS COVID-19 IN CHILDREN

- Children under 5 who cannot yet be vaccinated
- Person of color and Latino children, who can be affected by health disparities, leaving them disproportionately vulnerable to severe COVID-19 complications.
- Children who were born prematurely
- Those living with obesity or chronic lung disease
- Children with Medical Conditions

Safety & Prevention tips for parents

- Infants can also become infected shortly after being born.
- According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), most newborns who test positive for the coronavirus have mild symptoms or none at all, and recover, but serious cases have occurred.
- Parents should immediately seek urgent or emergency medical care if they notice these warning signs in a child:
  - Difficulty breathing or catching his or her breath
  - Inability to keep down any liquids
  - New confusion or inability to awaken
  - Bluish lips

- Indoor activities are riskier than outdoor activities. Avoid places poorly ventilated
- Keep masking, distancing and continuously hand washing
- Remember that children infected with the coronavirus can transmit the virus to others take precautions to keep others safe
- Monitor symptoms to prevent spread to others

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