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Here’s how you can protect your baby:

- Keep your baby home.
- Wash your hands often, especially before touching your baby.
- Avoid people who are coughing and sneezing.
- Clean surfaces well and often.
- Wash clothing and toys.
- Keep yourself healthy – eat well, exercise and get plenty of sleep.
- Call your doctor if you think your baby is sick.

If you must take your baby out:

- Don’t put a mask on your baby.
- Do put a mask on yourself and kids over 2 years old.
- Make your trip as short as possible.
- Stay 6 feet away from other people.
- Carry hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, and use it often.

If you have COVID-19 or symptoms, try to prevent spreading germs to your baby:

- Wash your hands before touching your baby.
- Wear a mask when you feed your baby.
- Wash your hands before touching the breast pump or bottle parts.
- Wash the pump, bottles, nipples and all bottle parts with antibacterial soap after each use. Use a disinfectant wipe to clean parts that are not washable.

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