

Black Maternal  
Health Omnibus  
Act of 2021

S.4769/H.R.8027

# MATERNAL HEALTH PANDEMIC RESPONSE ACT OF 2020



## COVID-19

COVID is particularly dangerous for pregnant and birthing people, with pregnant people of color most at risk.



## HIGH RISK

These increased health risks, along with financial hardship and other inequities highlighted by the pandemic, require a robust response specific to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This bill addresses maternal health during the COVID-19 emergency by supporting data collection, development of COVID-19 therapeutics and workplace protections, and other activities. Specifically, HHS must issue guidance for states and local health departments on collecting data on pregnancy and postpartum status in conjunction with COVID-19 tests. In addition, the bill provides funds for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to expand particular maternal health surveillance programs. In addition, the Department of Labor must implement an emergency temporary standard to protect employees from workplace exposures to the virus that causes COVID-19 that specifically addresses pregnant and postpartum individuals.

*Note: The Maternal Health Pandemic Response Act was not introduced as a standalone bill in the 117th Congress, but is included in the Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act of 2021. The bill linked above reflects the version introduced in the 116th Congress.*

### SPONSORS:

Sen. Elizabeth Warren [D-MA] / Rep. Lauren Underwood [D-IL-14]

### STATUS:

*Section 1002 included in the Build Back Better Act / Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, House Committee on Natural Resources*

### BIPARTISAN?

SENATE: No / HOUSE: No

### RESOURCES:

[This Mother's Day, Moms Deserve Solutions to Help Them Recover During the Pandemic and Beyond](https://www.tcf.org/this-mothers-day-moms-deserve-solutions-to-help-them-recover-during-the-pandemic-and-beyond)(tcf.org)

### COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indigenous Peoples of the United States

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