

Supplementary Table 2. Alignment of national COVID-19 guidance on breastfeeding and newborn care with WHO recommendations: our data

Countries	COVID-19	S2S	EIBF	RI	BF	EBM	DHM	WN	BMS	PS-M	PS-I
Australia ¹	Suspected	v	0	v	v	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	v	0	v	v	v	0	0	0	v	0
Bangladesh ²	Suspected	v	v	v	v	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	v	v	v	v	v	0	0	0	v	v
Brazil ³	Suspected	0	0	0	v	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	0	0	0	v	v	0	0	0	0	0
Burkina Faso ⁴	Suspected	x	0	v	v	v	0	0	v	-	-
	Confirmed	x	0	v	v	v	0	0	v	0	0
Canada ⁵	Suspected	v	v	v	v	v	v	x	v	-	-
	Confirmed	v	v	v	v	v	v	x	v	v	v
China ⁶	Suspected	x	x	x, t	x	x	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	0	0
Côte d'Ivoire ⁷	Suspected	x	x, f	0	v	v	0	0	v	-	-
	Confirmed	x	x, f	0	v	v	0	0	v	0	0

Ethiopia ⁸	Suspected	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	0	0	0
France ⁹	Suspected	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	0	0	x, 2	v	0	0	0	0	0	0
Germany ¹⁰	Suspected	v	v	v	v	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	v	v	v	v	v	0	0	0	0	0
India ¹¹	Suspected	0	0	x, 2, f	x, f	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	0	0	x, 2, f	x, f	v	0	0	0	0	0
Indonesia ¹²	Suspected	x	x	x	v	0	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	x	x	x	v	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ireland ¹³	Suspected	x	x	x, f	x, f	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	x	x	x, f	x, f	v	0	0	0	0	0
Italy ¹⁴	Suspected	0	0	x, 2, f, t	x, t	v	0	0	v	-	-
	Confirmed	0	0	x, 2, f	x	v	0	0	v	0	0
Jamaica ¹⁵	Suspected	0	0	v	x, f	v	0	0	v	-	-
	Confirmed	0	0	v	x, f	v	0	0	v	0	0
Japan ¹⁶	Suspected	x	x	x, f	x	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	x	x	x, f	x	v	0	0	0	0	0

Kenya ¹⁷	Suspected	v	0	v	v	v	0	0	v	-	-
	Confirmed	v	0	v	v	v	0	0	v	v	0
Malaysia ¹⁸	Suspected	x	x	x, t	x, t	x, t	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	0	0
Malawi ¹⁹	Suspected	v	v	v	v	v	0	0	v	-	-
	Confirmed	v	v	v	v	v	0	0	v	v	0
Mexico ²⁰	Suspected	x	x	x, 2	v	v	v	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	x	x	x, 2	v	v	v	0	0	0	0
Myanmar ²¹	Suspected	0	0	v	x, f	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	0	0	v	x, f	v	0	0	0	0	0
Nepal ²²	Suspected	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	v	v	v	v	v	0	0	0	0	0
Nigeria ²³	Suspected	v	v	0	v	0	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	v	v	0	v	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norway ²⁴	Suspected	v	v	v	v	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	v	v	v	v	v	0	0	0	v	0
Philippines ²⁵	Suspected	x	x	x, t	x, f	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	x	x	x	x, f	v	0	0	0	0	0

Portugal ²⁶	Suspected	x	0	x, f	0	x, t	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	x	0	x, f	0	x	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia ²⁷	Suspected	x	x	x	x	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	x	x	x	x	v	0	0	0	0	0
Singapore ²⁸	Suspected	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	0	0
Spain ²⁹	Suspected	x	x	x, t	x, f, t	v	v	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	x	x	x	x, f	v	v	0	0	0	0
Thailand ³⁰	Suspected	x	x	x, 2, f, t	x	0	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	x	x	x, 2, f	x	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Kingdom ³¹	Suspected	0	0	v	v	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	0	0	v	v	v	0	0	0	0	0
United States ³²	Suspected	0	0	x, 2, f	x, f	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	0	0	x, 2, f	x, f	v	0	0	0	0	0
Vietnam ³³	Suspected	0	0	x, 2	x, f	v	0	0	0	-	-
	Confirmed	0	0	x	x	v	v	0	v	0	0

Note. Variables: S2S=Skin-to-skin contact; EIBF=Early Initiation of Breastfeeding; RI=Rooming-in; BF=Direct breastfeeding with infection protection and control measures; EBM=Expressed milk recommended if direct breastfeeding not available; DHM=Donor Human Milk recommended if maternal milk not available; WN=Wet nursing

recommended if maternal milk not available; BMS=Breastmilk substitutes recommended if breastmilk not available; PS-M= psychological support for mothers where separated ; PS-I= psychological support for infants where separated. Coding: v=Recommended; x= Not Recommended; x, t= Allowed if swab test results of mother are negative; x, f= Allowed based on family preference; x, f, t= Allowed if swab test results of mother are negative and based on family preference; x, 2=Room sharing allowed with two meters distance; x, 2, f=Room sharing allowed with two meters distance upon family request/preference; x, 2, f, t= Room sharing allowed with two meters distance, family preference, and negative swab test.

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