

The BORN Brief

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WHO SUBMIT BORN DATA

Celebrating 10 Years of the BORN Information System!

In 2022, BORN celebrates the 10-year anniversary of the BORN Information System (BIS). [Take a look at some highlights of BORN data use in the past decade!](#)

 **The BORN Information System:**
10 Years and 1.3 Million Babies Later...

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Clinical Reports Spotlight: Vaginal Birth After Caesarean Quality Standard and Robson - Caesarean Birth Monitoring

In 2021, BORN added two reports to its collection of data tools available for healthcare providers to monitor and improve care around birth. You can access both of the reports below by logging in to the BORN Information System, and clicking on "Reports" --> "Clinical Reports".

VBAC Quality Standard Report

- The [Vaginal Birth after Caesarean \(VBAC\) Quality Standard](#) was developed by the Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health (PCMCH) and Health Quality Ontario (HQO).
- The VBAC Quality Standard report in the BIS includes frequencies and percentages for all BORN-specific indicators that are referenced in the VBAC Quality Standard. This allows for **convenient analysis** of an organization's application of the VBAC Quality Standard, using BORN data.

Robson - Cesarean Birth Monitoring

- The Robson report identifies the most important contributors for cesarean rates for your hospital.
- It allows you to **monitor cesarean rates** and evaluate the **impact of changes** in management that may alter these rates.



Questions about viewing or interpreting these reports?
[Contact your BORN Regional Coordinator!](#)

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COVID-19 Case Report Forms

For those who report COVID-19 data to BORN, we've shortened the **Case Report Form (CRF)** to reflect the changing pandemic priorities, from 25 pages to 9 pages (not all fields are applicable to everyone) and removed any duplicate fields we receive from other sources.

- Enter the data into the online [Fillable PDF Case Report Form](#) and submit to BORN by BIS messaging to User: ****BORNOntario,COVID19**

Do not send by regular email!

The shortened CRF includes **core dataset variables** required for record linkage to the BIS and COVID-19 data.

Vaccine fields are not included in the CRFs since BORN receives this information from the Ministry of Health vaccine database on a monthly basis and links to records in the BIS.

Who should COVID-19 data be collected for?

- Any pregnant individual with a **CURRENT COVID-19 INFECTION (confirmed, suspected or probable)** at the time of hospital birth or out-of-hospital birth.
- Any pregnant individuals at the time of hospital birth or out-of-hospital birth with a **PAST HISTORY of COVID-19 during this pregnancy (confirmed, suspected or probable)** from which they have recovered.

How should "suspected/probable COVID-19" cases be reported (e.g. detection by rapid antigen tests)?

- In the absence of PCR testing, please use your best clinical judgement to decide whether to include suspected or probable cases.
- BORN suggests **reporting probable/suspected cases** (even if no PCR test was completed) when there are:
 - Highly suspicious clinical signs/symptoms and the individual has been in close contact with an infected person or,
 - The individual tested positive on a rapid antigen test (RAT).
- Note that **the date of COVID-19 infection (positive RAT or onset of symptoms) is essential for analysis**, especially for cases that are not ascertained through PCR testing. Without the date of COVID-19 infection, the data cannot be used for research.



If you haven't engaged with BORN to send us COVID-19 Case Report Forms, email covid@bornontario.ca to sign up.

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BORN Information System Upgrade - May 9, 2022

As of May 9, 2022, you **cannot use Microsoft Internet Explorer version 11 (IE11), or any older version, to access the BORN information System (BIS)**. If you currently use IE11 to access the BIS, you need to switch to a different browser (Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Firefox).

Why did this Happen?

BORN has updated web page controls in the BIS as part of ongoing improvements. Because IE11 doesn't receive regular upgrades from Microsoft and because it is difficult to maintain BIS features using IE11, this browser no longer meets our needs.

Which Browsers are Recommended?



GOOGLE CHROME



MOZILLA FIREFOX



MICROSOFT EDGE

Use one of these recommended browsers to access the BIS on all the computers you use (i.e. personal and organizational).

Added bonus: The BIS will load faster when you use one of these browsers!

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Midwifery Updates: AOM #MidwiferyDataMatters Campaign - Resources

The AOM developed the following resources in collaboration with the **BORN Midwifery Advisory Committee (MAC)** and the **AOM-BORN Knowledge Translation Task Force**:

 [Labour & Birth BORN Data Template](#) - Midwives can use this tracking document to capture important clinical information during labour and birth (e.g. **information captured in the BIS, but not in existing client records**) to facilitate data entry at time of client discharge from midwifery care.

 [BORN FAQ Webpage](#) - Use the search bar to quickly find the answer you are looking for. The AOM will update this Frequently Asked Questions page as changes are made to the BIS.

