

Surrogacy & Egg Donation Journeys

*in the era of COVID-
19*



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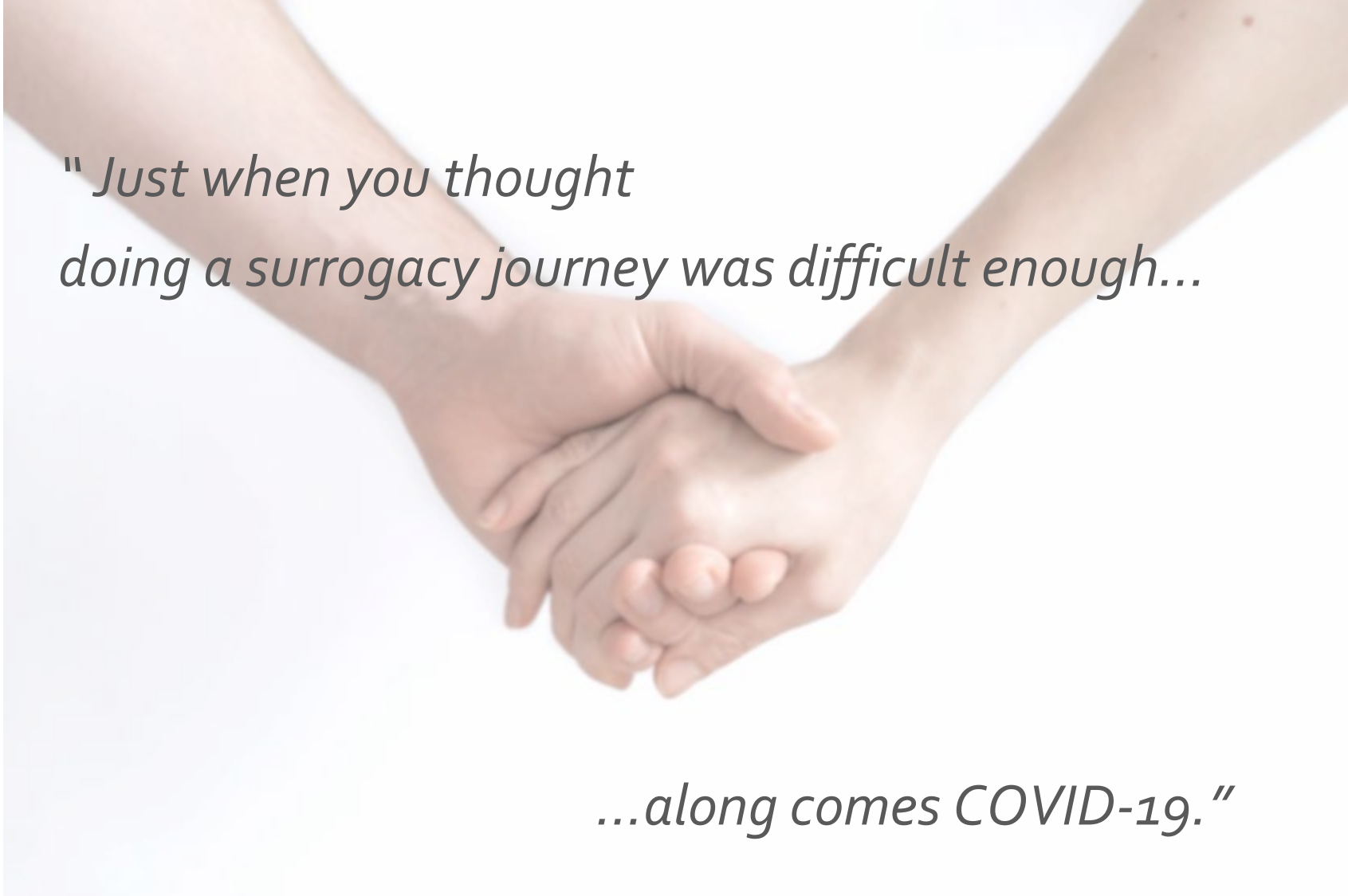
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A photograph of two hands clasped together in a supportive grip, set against a plain white background. The hands are positioned centrally, with the fingers of one hand interlaced with the fingers of the other.

*" Just when you thought
doing a surrogacy journey was difficult enough...*

...along comes COVID-19."

IS IT SAFE TO START MY JOURNEY NOW?

YES!

- Remember, there's only so much you can control.
- The ASRM (American Society of Reproductive Medicine) has been cautious in their guidelines for reopening.
- There's never a perfect time, but the right agency can help make it the right time with planning, management, and heart.

WHAT
CHANGES
CAN I
EXPECT DUE
TO COVID-
19?

1. Medical changes for screening surrogates & egg donors:
 - Local med evals
 - Local monitoring
 - One visit to your main clinic
 - Only the GS comes into the office, no other visitors or companions
2. Agency changes:
 - More done via Skype/Zoom



HAS COVID-19 AFFECTED MATCHING TIMELINES?

THINGS ARE IMPROVING

- Covid-19 shut most things down but now they are getting back up to speed.
- Match time has returned to 2-6 months for surrogates.

WHAT
ABOUT
MY PART?
WHAT IF
I CAN'T
TRAVEL TO
THE U.S.?

GOOD NEWS!!!

1. Sperm can be shipped. Most US clinics have established relationships with clinics in other countries.
2. Embryos can be shipped.
3. Growing Families has relationships with shipping companies and clinics in Australia.

CAN COVID-19 EFFECT A PREGNANCY?

- Doctors are recommending that pregnant women follow all medical and government recommendations to decrease the risk of contracting Covid-19.
- There are currently no studies showing the virus is transmissible to the fetus during pregnancy.
- Obstetricians are staggering appointments and taking temperatures to contain exposure.



WHAT CAN BE DONE TO LIMIT EXPOSURE DURING PREGNANCY?



- Washing hands, social distancing, wearing a mask, etc.
- When available, use tele-health instead of in-person appointments.
- Ongoing reminders to the surrogates and check-ins as rules change.
- Your agency and doctors should have same concerns as you! Healthy surrogate = healthy baby!!

HOW WILL COVID-19 CHANGE MY HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE?

- Hospitals can limit the number of people in the delivery room. They can also limit visiting hours and number of visitors.
- It's important to be **FLEXIBLE**. This is for your baby's safety as well as the safety of your surrogate.

TRAVELLING
HOME WITH
YOUR
NEWBORN IS A
BIT MORE
CHALLENGING.



- Get expert advice pre- and post-delivery for the best way to travel.
- Check ahead regarding your airline's policy about travelling with a newborn during the COVID-19 pandemic, refunds, or cancellation.

WHILE
LOTS HAS
CHANGED,
SOME
THINGS
HAVEN'T.

*Is the base fee for surrogates the same
across the U.S.?*

The answer is NO!

- CA, OR, & NV surrogates get approximately **\$10-\$15,000** more base fee.
- Surrogates in other states tend to have lower lost wages, live closer to family, lower child-care costs, lower insurance costs, etc.

WHAT ELSE HASN'T CHANGED?



Health insurance for your surrogate:

- It's still complicated and can be expensive.
- Important to get details from your agency and an insurance agent about all the options.
- There are **DEADLINES** if you want to get a surrogate with ACA insurance – don't miss them!

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COVID-19
KEEP YOU
FROM
YOUR DREAM

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