

SURROGACY FAQ

COVID-19

Here is how we are prepared to help during COVID-19.

As one of the first egg donation and surrogacy agencies, ARR is dedicated to ensuring everyone's best interests are met - whether intended parents, egg donors or gestational surrogates - as we come together to help create families.



As we all find ourselves in the midst of a global pandemic, we can acknowledge the emotions we are each going through as we grapple with how to live and work in this unprecedented moment of our history. We truly are all in this together. But at ARR, we want you to know that one thing will never change: **You are our priority.** As always, we are here to answer all your questions, address your concerns, provide calming words when needed, and keep you optimistic.

We know you must have many questions regarding COVID-19, and how it will affect the entire process of surrogacy. First, rest assured that we are closely adhering to all recommendations provided by the CDC, WHO, and ASRM, as well as by our network of trusted medical professionals who are the unparalleled resource for all issues related to COVID-19. Even during this crisis, there are many steps we can accomplish that will safely keep the process moving forward, including getting all the preliminary work done to find your match.

While the circumstances are certainly different – to say the least, fortunately our **28 years of experience** has, among many other things, equipped us to be flexible and adaptable to virtually every challenge we've encountered. We are fully confident this is one more challenge that, working with you, we will overcome.

Q1: IS ARR STILL WORKING WITH WOMEN INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SURROGATE DURING THIS TIME?

Absolutely! In fact, **ARR has many intended parents who are ready and eager to find their match.** In our search, we work with surrogates from different states, diverse backgrounds and religious affiliations. But they all have one thing in common: A deep desire to help intended parents expand their loving family.

It is important to **discuss how surrogacy will work with you specifically.** In keeping with the required social distancing, ARR will take the time to answer all your questions via phone, email or video conferencing so that we may fully understand what you are looking for in your match and surrogacy journey. We are proud to say that we have a **98% success rate in finding the right match after the first meeting!**

Now is an excellent time to take that first step to determine if surrogacy is right for you.



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Q2: CAN I CONTACT ARR NOW, OR SHOULD I WAIT?

Let the conversation begin! **Research and preparation are vital when deciding to move forward with surrogacy, and this can all be accomplished even as we shelter-in-place.** The more time you have to plan, discuss with your support system and come to a satisfying decision – the better.

What will our initial conversation cover? Every aspect of surrogacy. And no need to leave the comfort of your home. Our discussion will be conducted from a safe social distance through phone, email and video conferencing. We're accustomed to that, as we have always worked in this manner with surrogates from all corners of the country.

So to answer to your question: Yes, give us a call. You will determine the speed at which you'd like to progress, and at every step, we'll be by your side. **Ready to match when you are.**

Start the Conversation with ARR

Q3: HOW CAN I START THE CONVERSATION?

CONTACT ARR

Phone: (773) 270-0844 ext: 101

Email: arrsurrogacyteam@arr1.com

Contact our surrogate intake coordinator Natalie Gaudio-Fricano. She herself is an experienced surrogate and can answer any initial questions with first-hand knowledge.

ARR CALLS YOU

Complete [our short online questionnaire](#) and ARR will then schedule a call at a date and time that best works for you.

Q4: WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE INITIAL CALL?

We love questions. [Ask us anything. Our experience and our resources run deep.](#) But our answers can only be as complete and helpful as your questions and responses are honest. It is of utmost importance that we have an open, straightforward conversation about surrogacy to enable you to make an informed decision.

During this initial call, we'll answer whatever questions you may have, review your specific eligibility, discuss your preferences as to what would make an ideal match, and review the touchpoints of your journey, starting from once the match is made, throughout pregnancy and following delivery.



Let us show you the
ARR Difference

Mindful Matching & Compensation



Q5: DO YOU HAVE INTENDED PARENTS LOOKING FOR A SURROGATE DURING THIS TIME?

Yes, we do. And **ARR is still able to make connections between surrogates and intended parents.**

Choosing surrogacy is a decision that does not come lightly to intended parents. They know surrogacy requires much thought, a substantial financial output and a strong support system. They have gone through hurdles in their attempts to build a family. This pandemic has added another. But once they have made the decision to take the path of surrogacy, they are excited to move forward. Currently, we have many ready to do so.

Similar to surrogates, **ARR takes the time to understand all of our intended parents' surrogacy preferences** that will enable us to find the ideal match and make their journey a positive one.

ARR is grateful for being a trusted agency by intended parents and all those with whom we work, from fertility centers, attorneys, escrow companies and experienced surrogates. We are a team, all focused on making every step as smooth as possible towards bringing that one dream to fruition: the birth of a beautiful baby!

Q6: DO SURROGATES RECEIVE FINANCIAL COMPENSATION?

Yes. **Our competitive compensation is for the time and commitment that surrogates invest in establishing and caring for a pregnancy.** The earnings help them and their families meet their own financial goals – perhaps paying off student debt, making a down payment on a house or car. But the monetary factor is not their primary motivation. Surrogates tend to be compassionate souls who understand that fertility issues affect many people – maybe even someone you know. They are grateful for being able to create their own family and have a heartfelt wish to help intended parents in the creation of that same gift.

It's important to know, though, that surrogacy is not for everyone. All candidates go through a meticulous screening and approval process so that whatever the conclusions, they will feel in their heart that their decision is the right one.

Q7: HAS COVID-19 HAD AN EFFECT ON ARR?

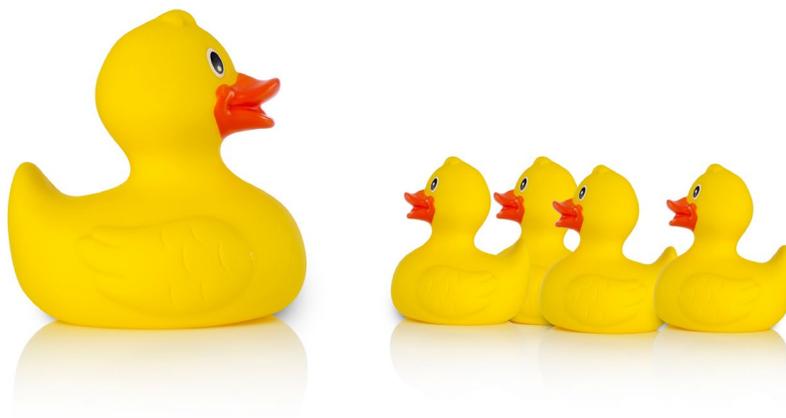
Having nearly **three decades of experience in helping intended parents build families through egg donors and surrogacy, we've met nearly every challenge imaginable, each time emerging stronger.** As unprecedented as it may be, we have every reason to believe we will conquer this challenge as well.

Despite the COVID-19 crisis, we've been able to carry out all non-medical procedures and we are grateful that we can maintain the same level of superlative quality care with all our clients – surrogates, egg donors and intended parents alike.

Q8: WILL ARR CONTINUE TO ASSIST SURROGATES AND INTENDED PARENTS WITH EXTERNAL AND MEDICAL DELAYS DUE TO COVID-19?

Thankfully, our extensive experience has enabled us to deal with these trying circumstances. We understand and are completely sympathetic to unanticipated delays. **While frustrating, it's important to maintain perspective and emphasize the positive:**

- ✓ We continue to connect people who can help each other, no matter where they are, no matter when.
- ✓ During this time, we can complete preliminary work. Research can continue to be done to obtain all of the information from surrogates and intended parents so as to present the best matches possible.
- ✓ Potential matches are still being made as well as being reviewed by fertility centers, so that they are prepared when medical facilities are open.
- ✓ Should you need to press the “pause” button, that is totally fine. We go at your pace.
- ✓ Once more, we want to stress: We are closely monitoring and following all recommendations provided to us by the CDC, WHO and ASRM, along with our network of trusted medical professionals who are the best resource for COVID-19 information.



The ARR Difference:

Throughout our 28 years of experience, we have successfully overcome countless challenges. **Living proof are the thousands of babies born into the ARR family and amazing connections we've made in the process.** Our vast experience will continue to inform us as we meet and overcome whatever challenges may be presented today.

We know you probably have more questions. We welcome you to reach out to us directly! We are here for you, at the ready to provide you with answers and put your mind at ease.

Let us show you why ARR has earned the trust of so many.



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