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Researcher Wants to Study Yours.**

She's examining whether the antibodies lingering in human milk can protect babies – and perhaps even adults one day – from coronavirus.

By Emma Ockerman

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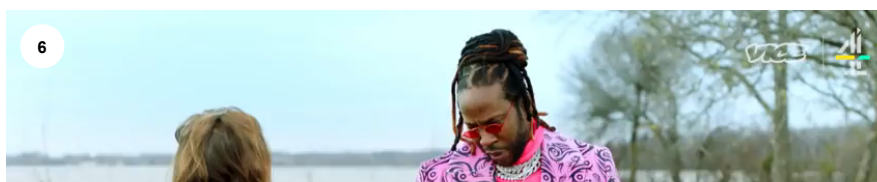
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If you happen to have any breast milk to spare in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, there's a researcher at New York City's Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai who's urgently seeking it.

Rebecca Powell, a human milk immunologist, put out the call on social media a few days ago for breast milk. She wants hundreds of samples — particularly from people living in New York City, the epicenter of the U.S. outbreak — to examine whether the antibodies lingering in human milk can protect babies from coronavirus and perhaps even adults, much further down the line.

“There's a lot of lactating people out there that are getting infected and would be ready and willing to donate milk — I can tell you because I have hundreds of emails of people who want to participate, and many of them have said they had highly suspected infection or a positive test,” Powell told VICE News.

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