

PREGNANCY & COVID-19 VACCINES

The COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy can protect you from severe illness and complications that can affect your pregnancy and baby.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) recommends pregnant women get the vaccine.

Data continues to show that COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy is safe and effective.

- **Your body will** build antibodies against COVID-19, which will protect you and then pass through the umbilical cord to protect your baby

Pregnant and recently pregnant people are at **greater risk of getting very sick from COVID-19**. People who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant now, or might become pregnant in the future should get the updated bivalent COVID-19 vaccine dose.



HERE'S WHAT CURRENT DATA TELLS US

- Pregnant people are more at risk of illness. COVID-19 infection during pregnancy raises the risk of severe illness, health problems and death compared to the risk among non-pregnant women.
- Many Black women suffer from pre-existing health conditions, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, or asthma. These further raise the risk of developing serious illness and needing hospitalization from COVID-19.
- Talk to your provider about the benefits of COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy!
- Pregnant people who have COVID-19 are at greater risk of preterm birth--birth before 37 weeks of pregnancy, and might be at higher risk of other adverse pregnancy outcomes.
- The mRNA COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy is not linked to a greater risk for of pregnancy complications or birth defects.
- The mRNA COVID-19 vaccine does not increase the risks of miscarriage.

THERE ARE NO KNOWN SAFETY CONCERNS!

CURRENTLY APPROVED COVID-19 VACCINES

Updated Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19

The updated bivalent Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines are being used for all age groups. **Both updated vaccines protect against the original virus and Omicron variant.**

mRNA vaccines do not interact with a person's DNA or cause genetic changes.

Sources:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/pregnancy.html>

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