

COVID-19 Vaccines

Should I get a COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy?

Benefits to getting vaccinated

The COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are very effective in protecting against severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.

Getting vaccinated during pregnancy may help protect



You



Your fetus



Your family



Your community

ACOG recommends that all pregnant women be vaccinated against COVID-19. If you are pregnant and want to know more about the vaccines, talk with your obstetrician–gynecologist (ob-gyn). This conversation is not required to get a vaccine, but it may be helpful.

Risks of COVID-19 infection

Pregnant women have a higher risk of more severe illness from COVID-19 than nonpregnant women. Getting vaccinated may protect you from severe illness. Vaccination also may help protect your fetus.

It's important to talk about your risk of getting COVID-19 and how the infection can affect your pregnancy. People who work in certain jobs, such as health care, may be at higher risk of getting COVID-19. Certain health conditions, such as diabetes mellitus or high blood pressure, also may increase your risk.

Pregnant women who get sick with COVID-19 are more likely than nonpregnant women to:

- need care in an intensive care unit (ICU)
- need a ventilator for breathing support
- die from the illness

You and your ob-gyn should talk about your risk of severe illness if you get sick.

**Talk with your
ob-gyn if you
have questions
about COVID-19
vaccines.**



More information: Vaccine considerations for people who are pregnant and breastfeeding
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