



Information on the COVID-19 vaccine and pregnancy

Planning

Does the vaccine stop me having a baby?

No.

The vaccine won't stop you from getting pregnant.

When should I get the vaccine?

Get it now.

You can get it before you're pregnant, or if you are already pregnant or if you are breastfeeding. The sooner the better for you and baby.



Pregnancy

Why should I get the vaccine?

Pregnant women who get COVID-19 can get very sick.

The vaccine protects you from getting very sick from COVID-19.

This is very important in the last three months, so get vaccinated early.

Pregnant women with COVID-19 can have a still birth, or the baby might come too early, so get vaccinated now.

Which vaccine will I get?

You will get the Pfizer or the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, which are both safe.



Will the vaccine hurt my baby?

No.

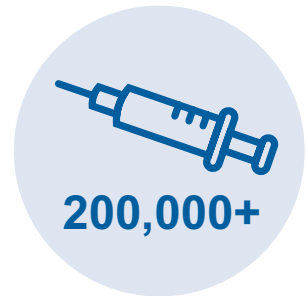
The vaccine will help protect you and your baby from getting very sick from COVID-19.



Have pregnant women had the COVID-19 vaccination before?

Yes.

Over 200,000 women across the world have now been vaccinated. Mothers and babies are safe and well, vaccination helped them from getting very sick from COVID.



Can I wait until after the baby's born?

Yes, it is your choice, but it is better to have the vaccine as soon as you can, so you are safe at the end of your pregnancy and when the baby is born.

Breastfeeding

Can I breastfeed after getting the vaccine?

Yes.

Getting the vaccine will help keep you and you baby from getting very sick from COVID. Breast milk is the best for your baby.



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