

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs: Pregnancy



1. What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a contagious illness caused by a virus called SARS-CoV-2. COVID-19 was first identified in 2019.

2. Can COVID-19 make me very sick during pregnancy?

Yes. Pregnant patients with COVID-19 are at increased risk of more severe illness compared with nonpregnant patients.

3. How can I help protect myself from COVID-19?

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to help protect yourself. Other ways to help protect yourself include:

- Washing your hands often
- Staying away from sick people
- Wearing a mask in crowded areas

4. Should pregnant patients get a COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes. COVID-19 vaccination is recommended during pregnancy. Talk with your doctor if you have questions.

5. Do COVID-19 vaccines work?

Yes. COVID-19 vaccines help protect people from getting very sick from COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines can also help:

- Lower the chance of going to the hospital
- Make illness less severe if you do get sick
- Reduce the chance of needing urgent or emergency care

6. Does the COVID-19 vaccine have side effects?

Some people may feel tired after getting the vaccine. Others may have:

- Headache
- Muscle aches
- A sore arm
- Fever
- Swollen glands under the arm

These side effects are normal and usually go away in a few days.



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7. If I already had COVID-19 this year, should I still get the vaccine?

Yes. Getting vaccinated after having COVID-19 can help your body stay protected longer. It can also lower your chance of getting very sick if you get COVID-19 again. Talk with your doctor about the best time to get vaccinated after having a COVID-19 infection.

8. Can I get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines at the same time?

Yes. Most vaccines can be given at the same visit. Talk with your doctor to see what is right for you.

9. Is there treatment available if I get COVID-19?

Yes. Talk with your doctor as soon as possible if you think you have COVID-19. Treatment works best when started soon after symptoms begin.



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