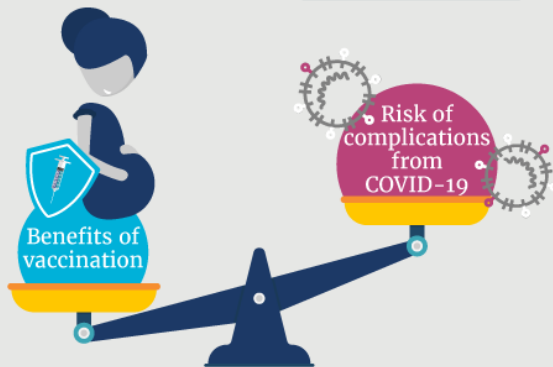


COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy

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COVID-19 vaccination is recommended in pregnancy. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your unborn baby from the known risks of COVID-19 during pregnancy.



Risks of COVID-19 during pregnancy for you & baby



Pregnant COVID-19 patients are more likely to get very unwell and need intensive care in hospital.

- > Preterm birth and stillbirth are more common if you develop COVID-19 while pregnant.
- > Risk of COVID-19 complications increases in second half of pregnancy.



COVID-19 vaccines are effective in pregnancy



Very good at protecting against moderate and severe COVID-19 disease.

- > Vaccination during pregnancy may give your baby protection against COVID-19 once they are born.



COVID-19 vaccines are safe in pregnancy



COVID-19 vaccines do not contain ingredients that are known to be harmful to pregnant people or to a developing baby. Ingredients do not cross the placenta or reach the baby.

- > COVID-19 vaccines **cannot** give you or your baby COVID-19 disease.
- > Vaccination in pregnancy is associated with **NO increased risk** of:
 - x Miscarriage
 - x Preterm birth
 - x Stillbirth
 - x Complications at birth
 - x Congenital abnormalities
 - x Baby being born smaller than expected

Evidence from **14 studies**, in **5 countries**, including **135,103 people** vaccinated in pregnancy

You don't have to wait for a particular time in your pregnancy to get the COVID-19 vaccine. You can get vaccinated as soon as possible when it's convenient for you.

All references can be found in this detailed explainer by Dr Viki Male: tinyurl.com/pregnancydata



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