# Pregnancy/Fertility & COVID-19 Vaccine

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Do the COVID-19 vaccines affect fertility?

**NO.** There is no evidence to date that the vaccine causes any problems with fertility or pregnancy, including the development of the placenta.

In addition, there is no evidence that fertility problems, for women or men, are a side effect of ANY vaccine, including COVID-19 vaccines. Women undergoing in vitro fertilization or other similar procedures should consult their doctor before receiving the vaccine to ensure proper timing. In fact, if you are thinking of getting pregnant soon, now is the time to get vaccinated! This will protect you and your baby from COVID-19 while pregnant and after the birth.

### Why is it important to get the COVID-19 vaccine if pregnant or trying to conceive?

#### It is safe and effective.

Pregnant women who get COVID-19 are at a higher risk of severe illness. The vaccine will help protect them and their babies.

#### Are the COVID-19 vaccines available to pregnant or nursing mothers?



**Yes.** Reports show women who gave birth after being vaccinated passed on antibodies to their newborns, thus protecting them. It may also provide some immunity for nursing babies.

## Should I get vaccinated if I plan on becoming pregnant?

**Yes.** Pregnant women who get COVID-19 have a higher risk of hospitalization, admittance to the ICU, and may require ventilation, which means you require special equipment to breathe.





