



WNY COVID Working Group

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Vaccines and Pregnancy

FERTILITY

- There is no evidence the COVID-19 vaccines affect fertility. There are no scientifically credible concerns.
- The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists (ACOG) recommends vaccination for all eligible people who may consider future pregnancy.

PREGNANCY

- ACOG states that vaccines should not be withheld for pregnant persons. Current data show no increased risk from the vaccines.
- Pregnant individuals are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 infection, including risk of ICU admission and death.
- There were no safety concerns found in studies in animals receiving the Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, or Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine before or during pregnancy.
- Ongoing monitoring of pregnant persons has shown no increased risk from the vaccines.
- When a pregnant person gets a vaccine, it may provide protection to the baby.
- If you are pregnant and have received a COVID-19 vaccine, please consider enrolling in V-safe's pregnancy registry. V-safe is CDC's smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to monitor for side effects after vaccination:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>

LACTATION

- ACOG recommends the vaccine be offered to lactating patients similar to non-lactating patients.

References

<https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/practice-advisory/articles/2020/12/vaccinating-pregnant-and-lactating-patients-against-covid-19>

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