



COVID-19 VACCINES & PREGNANT AND LACTATING WOMEN

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Johnson & Johnson

moderna

Pfizer



AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will be offered to pregnant and lactating women.

Evidence suggests that pregnant women with COVID-19 are at higher risk of developing severe disease compared to non-pregnant women of reproductive age.


COVID-19 in pregnancy has also been associated with an increased risk of preterm birth and of neonates requiring neonatal intensive care. Pregnant women who are older (age 35 years and above), or have high body mass index, or have an existing comorbidity such as diabetes or hypertension are at particular risk of serious outcomes from COVID-19.

Post-introduction vaccine data thus far has not identified any acute safety problems and adverse events profile similar to that reported in the absence of pregnancy. Based on previous experience with other vaccines used during pregnancy, the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines in pregnant women is expected to be comparable to that observed for non-pregnant women in similar age groups.




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WHO recommends the use of the following vaccines in pregnant women only if the benefits of vaccination to the pregnant woman outweigh the potential risks:

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To help pregnant women determine if they should or should not be vaccinated, they will be provided with information about the risks of COVID-19 in pregnancy, the likely benefits of vaccination and the current limitations of safety data.

If they agree, then they are inoculated.

WHO also recommends the use of COVID-19 vaccines in breastfeeding women as in other adults.

CONCLUSION:

- AstraZeneca, Johnson and Johnson, Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will be offered to pregnant and lactating women.

WHO does not recommend pregnancy testing prior to vaccination, delaying pregnancy or terminating pregnancy because of vaccination.

Benefits of COVID-19 vaccines for pregnant women:

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.
 - COVID-19 vaccines have been used under the most intensive safety monitoring in the world
 - COVID-19 vaccines do not cause infection, including in pregnant people or their babies
 - Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy reduces the risk for infection
 - Vaccination of pregnant people builds antibodies that might protect their baby.



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