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## Health Protection



**A guide on COVID-19 vaccine for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding**

COVID-19 vaccine is strongly recommended for pregnant and breastfeeding women by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Royal College of Midwives. The coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines available in the UK are the safest and most effective way to protect you and your baby.

**COVID-19 vaccine in pregnancy advice**

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advice is that pregnant women are more at risk of severe COVID-19 disease. The autumn booster is being offered to those at high risk of the complications from COVID-19 infection, who may not have been boosted for a few months. This includes pregnant women. As the number of COVID-19 infections increases over the winter, this booster should help to reduce your risk of being admitted to hospital with COVID-19. The booster may also provide some protection against mild Omicron infection but such protection does not last for long.

You are being offered the vaccine to protect you and your baby. In the UK, over 250,000 women have been vaccinated before giving birth, mainly with Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

These vaccines have a good safety profile in pregnant women and their babies. COVID-19 vaccines do not contain live coronavirus and cannot infect a pregnant woman or her unborn baby in the womb.

Evidence on COVID-19 vaccines is being continuously reviewed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the regulatory bodies in the UK, US, Canada and Europe.

COVID-19 vaccine is the safest and most effective way for women to protect themselves and their babies against severe COVID-19 disease. Unvaccinated women who become pregnant are strongly encouraged to come forward for their vaccine.

Women who are pregnant and have previously been vaccinated should have a booster dose this autumn.

Further information can be found in [Pregnancy, breastfeeding and COVID-19 vaccination](#)

This factsheet contains the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccine for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding. Please read this before your vaccination. This factsheet was updated in November 2022.

A large print accessible version is available below as a Word document and there are 17 translations available to download below.

This leaflet is available in BSL and ISL videos below.

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