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**Are you pregnant or have recently given birth?**

Here is what you should know about getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

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**What happens if I’m diagnosed with COVID-19 while I’m pregnant?**

You might experience:

- An increased risk of medical complications.
- A need for greater oxygen support.
- A need for immediate ICU admission.
- Patients who get infected with COVID-19 during pregnancy are more likely to have a preterm birth and their babies are likely to have poor outcomes.

**While you receive your COVID-19 vaccine, you can also receive your:**

- Flu vaccine
- Tdap vaccine

**I am breastfeeding. Is my baby safe if I get vaccinated?**

Reports show breastfeeding mothers who have received the vaccine have protective antibodies in their breast milk, which could offer additional protection to the baby.

**I am planning to get pregnant. Should I get a COVID-19 vaccine?**

Yes. There is not any evidence that any vaccine, including COVID-19 vaccines, cause fertility problems.

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine.

To find a vaccine near you, visit vaccine.ky.gov

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