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COVID-19 vaccination

A guide for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding

Please read this before your vaccination

Find out more at www.nidirect.gov.uk/covid-vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccines available in the UK have been shown to be effective and to have a good safety profile. The current COVID-19 vaccines do not contain live coronavirus and cannot infect a pregnant woman or her unborn baby in the womb.

COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy

Although clinical trials on the use of COVID-19 vaccines during pregnancy are not advanced, the available data do not indicate any harm to pregnancy.

In addition to any pre-existing risk factors a pregnant woman may have, in the later stages of pregnancy women are at increased risk of becoming seriously unwell with COVID-19. If this happens, your baby is two to three times more likely to be born prematurely, which can affect their long-term health.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has therefore advised that pregnant women should be offered vaccination at the same time as the rest of the population, based on their age and clinical risk group.

There is now extensive experience of the use of the Pfizer BioNTech and Moderna vaccines during pregnancy in the USA with no safety concerns. These vaccines are therefore the preferred vaccines to offer to pregnant women of any age.

Pregnant women who commenced vaccination with AstraZeneca, however, are advised to complete the course with the same vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccine

This flyer contains the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccine for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding. Please read this before your vaccination.

A large print accessible version is available below as a Word document. Please note that the translations are based on a previous version of this leaflet and will be updated as soon as possible.

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pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers

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