

Pregnancy vaccinations

Vaccination during pregnancy helps protect you and your baby from serious infectious diseases. Some vaccines also provide protection to your baby during the first weeks and months of life, before they are old enough to receive their own vaccinations.

Who is this page for?

This page is for anyone who is pregnant and wants information about vaccinations offered during pregnancy in Northern Ireland.

Vaccines recommended during pregnancy

Your pregnancy vaccination schedule

Stage of pregnancy	Vaccination
From 16 weeks	Whooping cough (pertussis)
From 28 weeks	RSV
During flu season	Flu
If eligible under the current programme COVID-19	

COVID-19 vaccine - as advised by your healthcare professional

COVID-19 vaccination is no longer routinely recommended during pregnancy. However, some women, including those who are immunosuppressed, may still be eligible.

Find out about COVID-19 vaccination:

- [Vaccinations in pregnancy | nidirect](#)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Leaflet (Link PHA Leaflet) - not available

Flu vaccine - any stage of pregnancy

Flu can be more serious during pregnancy and may lead to complications for both mother and baby.

Recommended timing: At **any stage of pregnancy**. The vaccine should be received as soon as it becomes available during the flu season.

For more information, visit:

- [Flu vaccine | nidirect](#)
- [Flu is more serious than you think: pregnant women \(English and translations\) | HSC Public Health Agency](#)

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) - from 28 weeks of pregnancy

Helps protect your baby against serious RSV infection during their first months of life.

Recommended timing: From **28 weeks of pregnancy**. Vaccination around 28 weeks provides the best protection for your baby.

For more information, visit:

- [Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) vaccine for pregnant women | nidirect](#)
- [How to protect your baby from RSV | HSC Public Health Agency](#)

Whooping Cough (Pertussis) - from 16 weeks of pregnancy

Helps protect your baby from whooping cough during the first weeks of life, when they are most vulnerable. How the PHA supports

Recommended timing: From **16 weeks of pregnancy**, usually around the time of the mid-pregnancy scan.

For further information, visit:

- [Whooping cough vaccination for pregnant women | nidirect](#)
- [Whooping Cough \(Pertussis\) immunisation - Leaflet | HSC Public Health Agency](#)

Where to get vaccinated?

- For more information, visit [Vaccinations in pregnancy | nidirect](#).

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This flyer provides information on antenatal appointments and recommended vaccinations for pregnant women.

If you have missed a vaccination during pregnancy, speak to your midwife, GP or another healthcare professional.

How the PHA helps

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