Pregnancy / Fertility & COVID-19 Vaccines

Pregnant women who get sick with COVID-19 are more likely than nonpregnant women to:

Need care in an intensive care unit (ICU)

Need a ventilator for breathing support

Die from the illness

Can the COVID-19 vaccine cause infertility?

There is no evidence to date that the vaccine causes any problems with fertility or pregnancy, including the development of the placenta. Vaccination is recommended for individuals who are actively trying to become pregnant or are contemplating pregnancy.

How was the COVID-19 vaccine developed so quickly?

Scientists began work on the COVID-19 vaccine in January 2020. Dedicated vaccine funding helped move vaccine candidates through the assessments and trials quickly and thoughtfully. **This advantage helped researchers advance into large group clinical trials in six months** instead of the typical two years.

What effects could the COVID-19 vaccine have on my baby?

There are **no safety concerns for babies born to people who were vaccinated against COVID-19** during pregnancy. Based on how these vaccines work in the body, experts believe they are unlikely to pose a risk for long-term health effects. COVID-19 vaccination in people who are pregnant or breastfeeding builds antibodies that might protect their baby.

healthy.arkansas.gov

Pregnancy / Fertility & COVID-19 Vaccines

Should I get the vaccine if I'm pregnant or want to have a baby?

Yes. People who get sick with COVID-19 may experience more complications than those without COVID-19 during pregnancy. **The COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, and trying to get pregnant.**

It is safe & effective.

What are the short-term & long-term side effects of the vaccine?

After a COVID-19 vaccine, you may have some **common short-term side effects**:

On the arm where you got the shot:	Throughout the rest of your body:
Pain - Redness - Swelling	Tiredness - Headache - Muscle pain Chills - Fever - Nausea

Long-term **side effects are extremely rare following any vaccination**, including the COVID-19 vaccination.

For more information, scan the QR code or visit our website for a full list of frequently asked questions.