

VACCINES IN PREGNANCY

Healthcare providers routinely offer these four vaccines in pregnancy. The vaccines are well studied and have not shown risks for the fetus.



TDAP VACCINE

WHEN: 27 - 36 weeks of every pregnancy

WHY: Pertussis (whooping cough) can be serious and even life threatening for young babies. Getting the Tdap vaccine in each pregnancy protects the baby from whooping cough after delivery.

FLU VACCINE

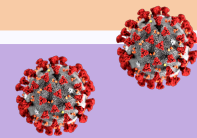
WHEN: Every year, in any trimester

WHY: Having the flu during pregnancy increases the chance of getting very sick. This can lead to pregnancy complications, hospitalization, and even death.

COVID-19 VACCINE

WHEN: Every year, in any trimester

WHY: Having a COVID-19 infection in pregnancy increases the chances of pregnancy complications like preterm birth, being hospitalized, needing to be put on a ventilator, and death.



RSV VACCINE

WHEN: 32 - 36 weeks of pregnancy, between September and January (unless you got the vaccine in a previous pregnancy)

WHY: RSV can cause severe illness in infants. Getting the RSV vaccine in pregnancy protects the baby from RSV after delivery.

DID YOU KNOW? Studies show that the antibodies you make after getting vaccinated in pregnancy pass to your baby and can protect them for months after they are born.



 **GET READY!** While you're thinking about vaccines during pregnancy, now is a great time to think about vaccines for your baby, too. 
HealthyChildren.org has helpful information about childhood vaccines.