

# 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

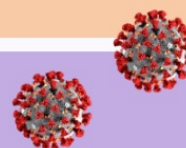
**WHEN:** Every year, in any trimester

**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.