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## **Public Health Alert:**

### **COVID-19 Vaccines and Pregnancy**

**Based on New evidence about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccines, CDC is strengthening its recommendation for COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy. COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all people 12 years and older, including people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant now, or might become pregnant in the future.**

- Pregnant and recently pregnant people are more likely to get severely ill with COVID-19 compared with non-pregnant people. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy can protect you from severe illness from COVID-19.
- In a new analysis of the current data from the V-Safe pregnancy registry, scientists did not find an increased risk for miscarriage among people who received an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine before 20 weeks of pregnancy.
- Additionally, previous findings from three safety monitoring systems did not find any safety concerns for pregnant people who were vaccinated late in pregnancy or for their babies.
- Growing evidence about the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy demonstrates that the benefits of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine outweigh any known or potential risks.
- There is accumulating data demonstrating that antibodies are passed to the fetus when a pregnant person is vaccinated.
- There is currently no evidence that any vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines, cause fertility problems in women or men.
- A conversation with your healthcare provider might help you make an informed decision, but it is not necessary before receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. For any questions, Dr. Renteria will be available at [Adalberto.Renteria@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov](mailto:Adalberto.Renteria@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov).
- The increased circulation of the highly contagious Delta variant, the low vaccine uptake among pregnant people, and the increased risk of severe illness and pregnancy complications related to COVID-19 infection among pregnant people make vaccination for this population more urgent than ever.

*CDC recommendations align with those from professional medical organizations serving people who are pregnant, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine.*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/pregnancy.html>

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