

# Pregnant women urged to get a COVID-19 vaccine, as well as booster shots

COVID-19 infection in pregnancy carries much higher risk than having the vaccine or booster shots.



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- EBCOG represents all Obstetricians/Gynaecologists in Europe and urges pregnant women to get a COVID-19 vaccine, as well as booster shots when indicated.
- There is now a large evidence of the safety of the vaccine during pregnancy
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European medical experts are urging pregnant women to get their COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. There is now large scientific evidence that EMA-approved vaccines are safe for this group, at all stages of pregnancy. With hundreds of thousands of pregnant women worldwide having been vaccinated, there is no difference between vaccinated and unvaccinated pregnant women in the incidence of pregnancy complications such as stillbirth, low baby birthweight or premature births.

On the other hand, pregnant women who catch COVID-19 are more likely than non-pregnant women of the same age to become very sick – some

European countries report that one in 5 of critically ill patients are unvaccinated pregnant women. Many European countries report that all pregnant women who have been admitted to intensive care units or have died because of COVID-19 are unvaccinated. Severe COVID-19 infection in pregnancy also carries a large risk of stillbirth and premature birth.