

COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy

Joint statement from the Queensland Clinical Senate and Statewide Clinical Networks

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Queensland's peak clinical bodies strongly recommend vaccination during all stages of pregnancy

This is consistent with advice and statements from the following bodies:

- Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) [COVID-19 vaccination – shared decision making guide for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or planning pregnancy](#) (Updated 2 September)
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) [COVID-19 Vaccination in Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women and those planning pregnancy](#)
- Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and RANZCOG joint statement - [Pregnant women need access to COVID-19 vaccinations](#)
- [Australian College of Midwives](#).

Key points

- **Those who are pregnant have a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and their babies may also have a higher risk of being born prematurely.**
- Real-world evidence has shown that Pfizer Comirnaty and Moderna Spikevax are safe in pregnancy and breastfeeding.
- Women trying to become pregnant do not need to delay vaccination or avoid becoming pregnant after vaccination.
- Those who are pregnant are a priority for COVID-19 vaccination and should be routinely offered Pfizer or Moderna at any stage of pregnancy.
- COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca can be considered in pregnancy, breastfeeding or planning pregnancy, if the woman is unable to access Pfizer or Moderna, and if the benefits of vaccination outweigh the risks.
- COVID-19 vaccination may provide indirect protection to babies by transferring antibodies through the placenta (during pregnancy) or through breastmilk (during breastfeeding).

Adapted from [COVID-19 vaccination – shared decision making guide for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or planning pregnancy](#).