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Hot Topic 1: [Getting a vaccine while pregnant is increasingly urgent as ICU beds fill up](#)

What are we hearing?

- July 2021 [real world data](#) show that pregnant people who got the vaccine were not at increased risk for miscarage. The CDC is recommending that pregnant people get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.
- Until now, people were concerned about the lack of clinical trial data on how pregnant people respond to COVID-19 vaccines. However, based on the real world data, we know the vaccines can protect pregnant people against severe disease and hospitalization for COVID-19.

What should you know?

- Pregnant people are at higher risk of getting very sick with COVID-19 than people who are not pregnant, yet only 23% of pregnant people are vaccinated, which is very low. ([CDC](#))
- Researchers have looked at the data and have not found a link between getting a COVID-19 vaccine and having a miscarriage. ([AP](#))
- Pregnant people are 3 times more likely than non-pregnant people to be admitted to the ICU because of COVID-19. ([KHN](#))

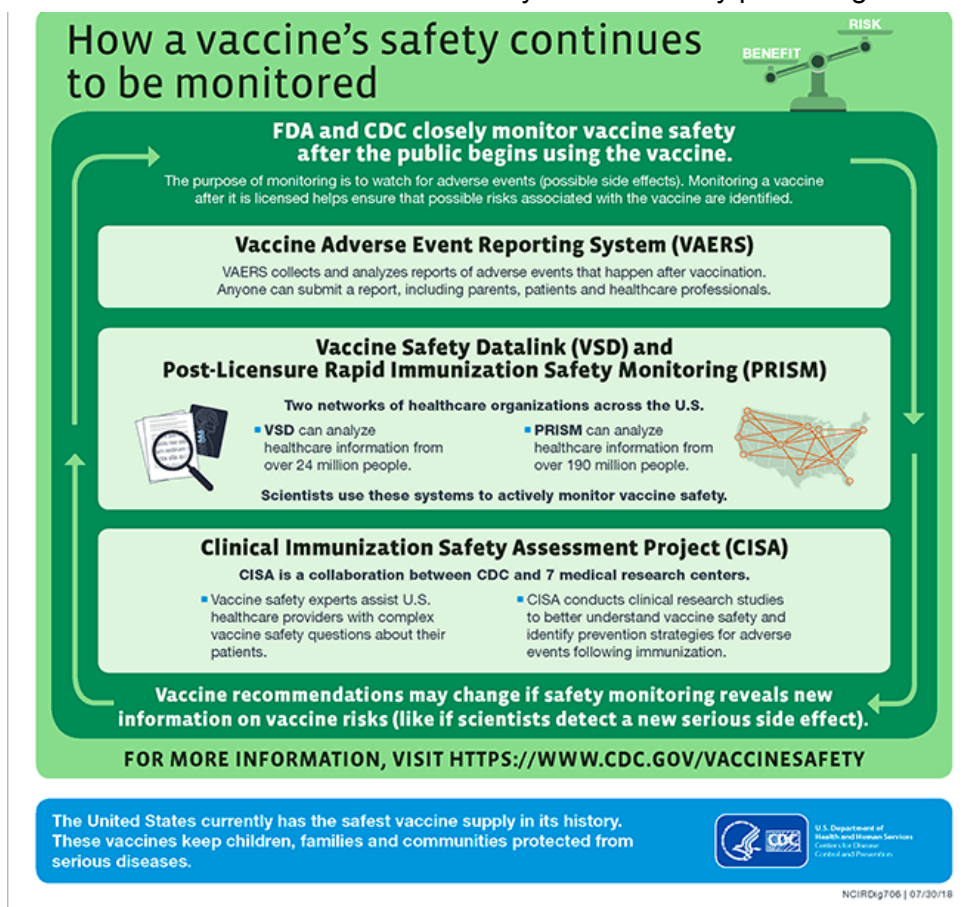
What can I do?

Learn more:

- [COVID-19 Vaccines While Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#) (CDC)
- [Getting a Covid Vaccine During Pregnancy Even More Urgent as ICU Beds Fill Up](#) (KHN)
- [Studies detail COVID childbirth, breastmilk vaccine antibodies](#) (CIDRAP)
- [CDC recommends pregnant women get COVID-19 vaccine](#) (Reuters)
- [News Release ACOG and SMFM Recommend COVID-19 Vaccination for Pregnant Individuals](#)
- [W Explainer on COVID19 vaccine and fertility.docx](#)

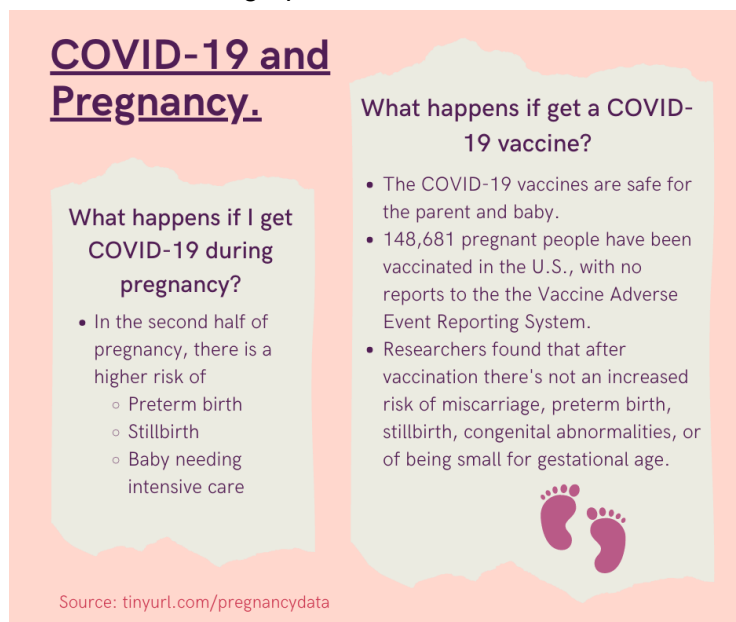
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- **Pregnant people should get a COVID-19 vaccine.** The COVID-19 vaccines are safe for pregnant people and do not increase the risk for miscarriage. ([KHN](#))
- **Pregnant people are far more likely to get very sick from COVID-19.** Pregnant people are 3 times more likely to end up in the ICU from COVID-19 than those who are not pregnant ([KHN](#)). Vaccines are the best way to prevent severe illness and hospitalization.
- The FDA continues to monitor the vaccine after the FDA approves a vaccine. They continue to ensure that manufacturers are safely and effectively producing the vaccines.



- Over 147,000 pregnant people have already been vaccinated in the U.S., with no reported life threatening consequences in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System. Researchers have not found a link between vaccination and miscarriage, preterm birth, stillbirth, small for gestational age (SGA), or congenital abnormalities. ([CDC](#))
- Video: [Ask a Doctor: How do we know vaccines are safe during pregnancy?](#)
 - [Ask a Doctor: How do we know vaccines are safe for pregnant women?](#)
- Graphic: [Pregnant or just had a baby? Take these steps to protect yourself from COVID-19](#)
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COVID-19 and Pregnancy.

What happens if I get COVID-19 during pregnancy?

- In the second half of pregnancy, there is a higher risk of
 - Preterm birth
 - Stillbirth
 - Baby needing intensive care

What happens if get a COVID-19 vaccine?

- The COVID-19 vaccines are safe for the parent and baby.
- 148,681 pregnant people have been vaccinated in the U.S., with no reports to the the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System.
- Researchers found that after vaccination there's not an increased risk of miscarriage, preterm birth, stillbirth, congenital abnormalities, or of being small for gestational age.

Source: tinyurl.com/pregnancydata

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Hold a vaccine event at your organization, or share ongoing clinics in your area with your networks.

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