

COVID Vaccination in Pregnancy

In Alberta, pregnant women are eligible to receive the vaccine in phase 2B.

Vaccination appointments are being offered to phase 2B individuals based on year of birth.

Anyone receiving the vaccine in phase 2 will be getting Pfizer or Moderna.

Support people cannot receive the vaccine at this time unless they qualify under the criteria for the current phases being vaccinated.

You will not have to show proof of being pregnant to receive the vaccine.

We encourage all our patients to get vaccinated.

It is safe in pregnancy. The same way that pregnant women have been receiving flu and Pertussis vaccines for years, the COVID vaccine can be safely given in pregnancy.

It is effective. Studies are showing a similar immune response rate to the vaccine in pregnant and non-pregnant people.

It is recommended to protect you. Pregnant women who get COVID are at higher risk of serious disease, and in turn, pregnancy complications such as preterm birth and stillbirth.

It may help to protect your baby. COVID antibodies have been found in cord blood and breastmilk, meaning that you pass them along to your baby once you have been vaccinated.

Options for where to receive the vaccine:

Once it is announced that you qualify for vaccination based on your year of birth your options for booking an appointment will be found on ahs.ca/covid (click on *Vaccine/Immunization*).

1. You will find the list of pharmacies offering the vaccine and be able to book an appointment online.
2. You will be able to use the online booking tool to book an appointment at an AHS vaccination clinic.
3. You will be able to call 811 to book an appointment at an AHS vaccination clinic.

You can also check our website (cfpcn.ca - *Visit our Maternity Clinic*) to find out if our clinic has been selected to offer the vaccine.

Please note that your **Pertussis booster** can be given at least 28 days after or 14 days before a dose of the COVID vaccine.

Resources

ahs.ca/covid sogc.org