

## Key Messages for Pregnant Women

1. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective for pregnant women and their unborn babies.
2. COVID-19 vaccination prevents severe COVID-19 disease, hospitalisation and death.
3. There is evidence that unborn babies of infected pregnant women can die before birth or born prematurely.

*Protect yourself  
Protect your family  
Get Vaccinated Now*



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## Introduction

The Ministry of Health, on the 19th January, 2022 announced a new policy on COVID-19 vaccination.

The policy encourages vaccination of pregnant women, persons aged 15 years and above and booster doses for all who have completed their primary vaccination series (i.e., two doses of all vaccines; one dose for Johnson & Johnson).



## Pregnant Women

### Why do pregnant women need COVID-19 vaccines?

- COVID-19 disease can be more severe in pregnant women and can harm their unborn babies.
- Pregnant women are more likely to be hospitalized if they get infected.

- Unborn babies of infected pregnant women are more likely to die before birth or may be born prematurely.
- COVID-19 vaccines can help protect pregnant women and their unborn babies from severe COVID-19 disease, hospitalisation and death.
- COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for women who are pregnant and those trying to get pregnant now or in the future.

### Which vaccines are recommended for pregnant women in Ghana, and when is vaccination due?

Either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines are recommended for pregnant women in Ghana. A pregnant woman can safely take the COVID-19 vaccine at any stage in their pregnancy.



## Mixing COVID-19 Vaccines

### Can Moderna and Pfizer vaccine be “mixed and matched” to complete the primary series of COVID-19 vaccination?

Yes, if a pregnant woman received Moderna or Pfizer vaccine for the first dose, experts have indicated that any of those two vaccines can be given for a second dose at a recommended minimum interval of 28 days (4 weeks).

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