

**The coronavirus vaccination:
facts about wanting children
and pregnancy**

The vaccine is effective!



The coronavirus vaccination is safe and highly effective.

It is particularly important for couples who wish to have children, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers to be well protected against the coronavirus.

Read this to get information on how to best protect yourself and your child.

All EU-approved coronavirus vaccinations

- are **safe and highly effective**,
- have been **extensively tested**, as well as on those who wish to have children.

The Austrian National Vaccination Committee (Nationales Impfgremium, NIG) recommends that all pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers and those who wish to have children get the coronavirus vaccination

- because it is a **comprehensive form of protection** for both parents and child, and also
- because you are largely protected against **severe courses of the disease, deaths and long-term effects**.

Important to know:

It is best to get vaccinated against COVID-19 before a planned pregnancy. Opportunities to get vaccinated are available to everyone, right in your neighbourhood.

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No room for fake news!

You have probably heard many rumours surrounding the coronavirus vaccination. Do not let these unsettle you. Inform yourself and educate others!

I would like to have children.

Should I get vaccinated? – **Yes!**

Scientific studies show:

- There is **no evidence of reduced fertility or impotence**. Even the desire of vaccinated persons to have children has been fulfilled.
- The coronavirus vaccination **does not damage the genetic material and does not have a negative impact on the eggs or sperm**.
- The coronavirus vaccination **does not affect the formation of the placenta**. The protein for building the placenta does not change.

Important to know:

Studies show that the coronavirus vaccination does not affect the number and quality of eggs and sperm.

The coronavirus vaccination does not affect your fertility.

Protect yourself and your child!

Your health and that of your child come first. We would like to give you the best possible support in making your decision to have the coronavirus vaccination. Here are the most important facts:

- Women are at a **higher risk of experiencing a severe course of the COVID-19 disease.**
Those with underlying medical conditions are also at a higher risk.
- Pregnant women who contract COVID-19 require **intensive medical care** more often than non-pregnant women. **There is a greater tendency for premature births.**
- Pregnant women very often become infected in their **own family** or in their **close environment.**

Important to know:

Getting the coronavirus vaccination will not have a negative impact on the unborn child. Not the vaccine itself, but the protective antibodies of the mother are passed on to the child – before birth and during breastfeeding.

Go and get vaccinated!

If you are pregnant, breastfeeding or wish to have a child, you can get vaccinated against the coronavirus without hesitation. Getting vaccinated will protect both you and your child. The Austrian National Vaccination Committee (Nationales Impfgremium, NIG) recommends that

- unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated pregnant women should ideally be vaccinated with Comirnaty by BioNTech/Pfizer during their **second or third trimester** (Spikevax by Moderna is also a possibility).
- If the **third coronavirus vaccination** is to be given during pregnancy, it should be given during the **third trimester**, and here the vaccine Comirnaty from BioNTech/Pfizer is recommended.
- Close contacts of pregnant women should also get vaccinated.

Important to know:

During pregnancy, COVID-19 increases the risk of giving birth prematurely. Vaccines protect. There is no evidence of an increased number of complications, premature births or malformations after getting the coronavirus vaccination during your pregnancy.

Get vaccinated now!

Go to your doctor or pharmacist for detailed information on getting the vaccine. Register at:

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You can find more information at
sozialministerium.at/corona-schutzimpfung



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