The vaccine provides protection.

It is particularly important for couples wishing to have children, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccination of parents also protects children from infection.

All EU-approved COVID-19 vaccines

• are safe and effective.
• have been extensively tested, also 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.
• because it protects against severe courses of the disease, deaths and long-term effects.

Important to know

Pregnancy itself is a risk factor for a severe course of COVID 19. It is best to get vaccinated before you plan to become pregnant.

Get vaccinated now!

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for detailed information on getting the vaccine.
Register at: impfen.qv.at

More information

(also multilingual) is available on our website:
sozialministerium.at/corona-schutzimpfung

COVID-19 vaccine
Facts about wishing to have children & pregnancy
The vaccine is effective!
Let’s talk about it!

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

I would like to have children. Should I get vaccinated? – Yes!

Scientific studies show:

- The vaccination does not reduce fertility in men and women. It does not make men impotent either.
- The coronavirus vaccination does not damage the genome, egg cells or sperm.
- The coronavirus vaccination has no effect on the formation of the placenta.

Protect yourself and your child!

The Omicron variant is more contagious than previous variants. Your health and that of your child come first. Vaccination protects you and your child.

- Pregnant women are at a higher risk of experiencing a severe course of the COVID-19 disease.
- Pregnant women who contract COVID-19 require intensive medical care more often than non-pregnant women.
- Premature births are more frequent in pregnant women with COVID-19.

Go and get vaccinated!

The vaccination recommendations for the 3rd vaccination also apply if you are pregnant, breastfeeding or wish to have a child.

The Austrian National Vaccination Committee recommends:

- Pregnant women should preferably be vaccinated with Comirnaty from BioNTech/Pfizer in the 2nd or 3rd trimester of pregnancy, depending on their vaccination status (Spikevax from Moderna is also possible from the age of 30).
- In particular, the pregnant women’s own families and close environment should get vaccinated.
- After the vaccination you should rest for three days and refrain from doing sports for a week.

Important to know

Data show that pregnant women who have contracted COVID-19 often have more severe complications than vaccinated women.

Important to know

The vaccination has no negative effects on the unborn child. Not the vaccine, but the protective antibodies of the mother are passed on to the child – before birth and during breastfeeding.

Important to know

There is no evidence of more frequent complications, premature births or malformations after vaccination during pregnancy. You are, however, exposed to these risks with a COVID-19 infection.