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## CDC encourages all pregnant people to get vaccinated

CDC released [a new analysis](#) of 2,500 pregnant women who received an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine before 20 weeks of pregnancy and found no increased risk of miscarriage. Combined with [previous studies](#), these data demonstrate that the benefits of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine for pregnant people outweigh any known or potential risks. CDC currently recommends COVID-19 vaccination for all people 12 years and older, including people who are pregnant.

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## Parents' intention to vaccinate their children is tied to their own vaccination status

The last KFF report shows that 41% of parents of children ages 12-17 say their child has already been vaccinated against COVID-19, or they will get the vaccine right away (6%). Six in ten parents who have received the vaccine themselves say their teen is vaccinated, compared to just 4% of unvaccinated parents. Among parents who have not been vaccinated themselves, half say they will "definitely not" vaccinate their child.

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## ACIP reaffirms that the benefits of all authorized COVID-19 vaccines outweigh the risks

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recently reviewed updated benefit-risk analyses after COVID-19 vaccination. The estimated benefits (prevention of COVID-19 disease and associated hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and deaths) outweighed the risks (expected cases of Guillain Barre syndrome, thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome, and myocarditis after vaccination) in all persons aged  $\geq 18$  years. Vaccination with any of the available COVID-19 vaccines licensed under the FDA EUAs continues to be recommended for all persons over the age of 18.

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## CDC recommends third dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine for some immunocompromised individuals

CDC recommends people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised to receive an additional dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna). The additional dose should be of the same mRNA vaccine as received in the initial series, and it should be administered more than 28 days after completing the initial 2-dose vaccine series. The CDC does not currently recommend an additional dose for moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals who have taken the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

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## All U.S. states and some territories are at heightened levels of COVID-19 transmission

According to the CDC Data Tracker, there are no longer any states with moderate or low levels of COVID-19 community transmission. As of August 15, all states report a "substantial" (orange) or "high" (red) level of community transmission with nearly 84% of individual U.S. counties showing a high level of transmission. Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam are also experiencing a "high" level of community transmission.

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