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If you are pregnant or have recently given birth, here is what you should know about getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

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**While you receive your COVID-19 vaccine, you can also receive your:**
- Flu vaccine
- Tdap vaccine

**I am breastfeeding. Is my baby safe if I get vaccinated?**
Reports show breastfeeding mothers who have received the vaccine have protective antibodies in their breast milk, which could offer additional protection to the baby.

**What happens if I'm diagnosed with COVID-19 while I'm pregnant?**
You might experience:
- An increased risk of medical complications
- A need for greater oxygen support
- A need for immediate ICU admission
- Patients who get infected with COVID-19 during pregnancy are more likely to have a preterm birth and their babies are likely to have poor outcomes.

**Vaccine Recommendations**
COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all people who are:
- Pregnant
- Breastfeeding
- Trying to become pregnant
- Might become pregnant

**I am planning to get pregnant. Should I get a COVID-19 vaccine?**
Yes. There is not any evidence that any vaccine, including COVID-19 vaccines, cause fertility problems.

To find a vaccine near you, visit [vaccine.ky.gov](http://vaccine.ky.gov)

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