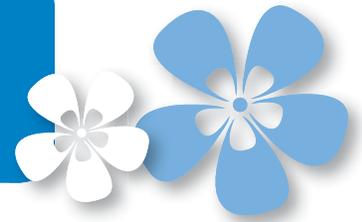


IMMUNIZATIONS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN



WHOOPING COUGH AND FLU IMMUNIZATIONS ARE CRITICAL DURING PREGNANCY

<p>Immunized mothers pass on protection to unborn infants.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babies born to immunized mothers are protected for up to six months. • The protection you get from immunization is passed on to your baby during pregnancy.
<p>Flu is a serious disease for infants and mothers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy increases a woman's risk of hospitalization and death from flu. • Pregnant women who contract the flu are at an increased risk for premature labor and delivery.
<p>Whooping cough is a serious disease.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half of all infants who contract whooping cough are hospitalized. • Infants contract whooping cough from an adult or older sibling who do not know they have the disease.
<p>Tdap and flu vaccines during pregnancy are safe and effective.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu vaccine can be given safely any time during pregnancy. • Whooping cough vaccine works best when administered between the 27th and 36th week of each pregnancy, but is safe at any time during pregnancy.
<p>Surround your baby with immunized people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babies cannot receive an immunization against flu until they are 6 months old. • Babies are not fully immunized against whooping cough until they are 12 to 18 months old. • The best way to protect babies is to immunize those around them against the flu and whooping cough, including dad, siblings, grandparents and all caregivers and health care providers.

If you are uninsured or your insurance does not cover vaccines you may qualify for low cost vaccines. Contact your local public health agency for details.



You never outgrow the need for vaccines.