

Vaccinations in Pregnancy

Saint Mary's Managed Clinical Service offers on-site Flu, Whooping Cough and RSV vaccinations to pregnant women.

Whooping cough is a very infectious illness that can be very serious for young babies. Getting vaccinated while you're pregnant is a safe way to protect your baby. For new-borns and young babies Whooping Cough can lead to pneumonia and brain damage, and in the worst cases, it can lead to the baby dying. Around 300 babies are admitted to hospital every year with whooping cough. If you get vaccinated while you're pregnant, your body produces antibodies which are passed through the placenta to your baby, providing some protection against whooping cough when they're born. The best time to get vaccinated is from 16 weeks of pregnancy up to 32 weeks. Being vaccinated after 32 weeks can still help, though it won't be as effective in protecting your baby.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is a common virus that can cause breathing problems in babies. Most children get RSV by the time they are two years old, but some babies can get very sick from it. RSV can cause bronchiolitis, which is when the small airways in the lungs get inflamed and blocked. The RSV vaccine passes on antibodies to the baby through the placenta, which help fight off the virus. This way, the baby is protected from RSV for the first 6 months of life, when they are most vulnerable. The vaccine is safe and effective, and it is free for all pregnant women. It does not affect your other routine vaccinations or tests during pregnancy. You only need one dose of the vaccine in each pregnancy. The best time to get vaccinated is from 28-34 weeks of pregnancy. Being vaccinated after 34 weeks can still help, though it won't be as effective in protecting your baby.

Flu in pregnancy can have serious consequences for you and your baby. Having flu while pregnant can lead to problems such as pneumonia and it can even be fatal for a small number of women. Flu in pregnancy can also lead to miscarriage or premature birth, and it has been linked to having a low-weight baby or stillbirth. This is a seasonal vaccination that can be administered at any point in your pregnancy and is available throughout the winter months. The Flu Jab is safe in pregnancy and dramatically cuts the chance you'll get Flu.

Vaccination appointments are offered as pre-book or walk-in and take place at the locations *between 08:30am-4pm*

Fairfield General	Lance Burn HC	North Manchester General	Saint Marys Hospital	Trafford General	Wythenshawe Hospital
Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Tuesday
	Friday	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Thursday
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If you have any questions about the vaccinations, please speak to your midwife or contact us via stmarys.vaccinations@mft.nhs.uk or the vaccination booking line on [0161 701 1323](tel:01617011323)