

**COVID-19  
HEALTH CARE PROVIDER UPDATE:  
COVID-19 AND VACCINATION DURING PREGNANCY  
NEW YORK CITY COVID-19 UPDATES**

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*Our understanding of COVID-19 is evolving rapidly.  
This presentation is based on our knowledge as of October 10, 2021, 5 PM.*

# OUTLINE



GENERAL UPDATES



VACCINE UPDATES



COVID-19 AND VACCINATION DURING PREGNANCY



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

# GENERAL UPDATES

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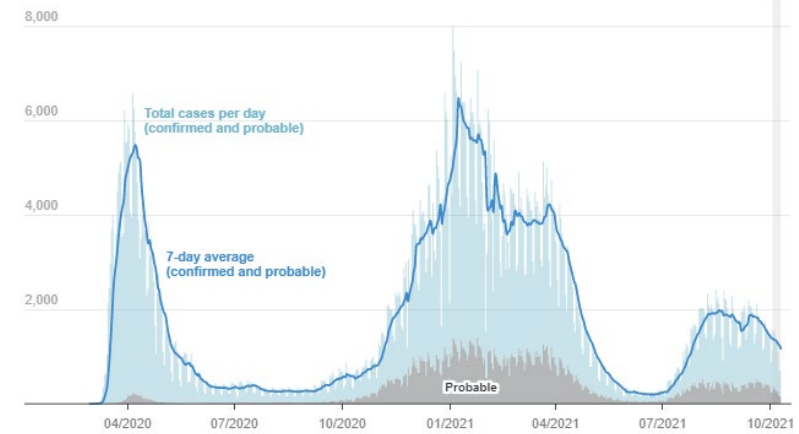
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# COVID-19, NYC, 3/1/2020-10/14/2021

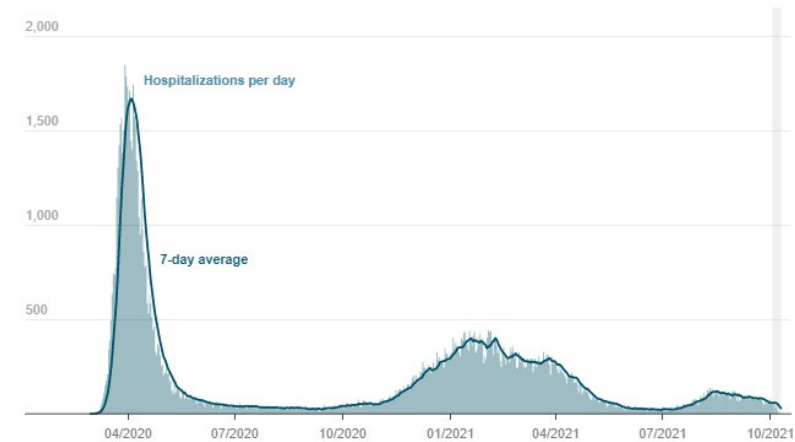
Figures:  
Daily COVID-19 cases,  
hospitalizations, and deaths

NYC Health Department, COVID-19 data  
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-totals.page>

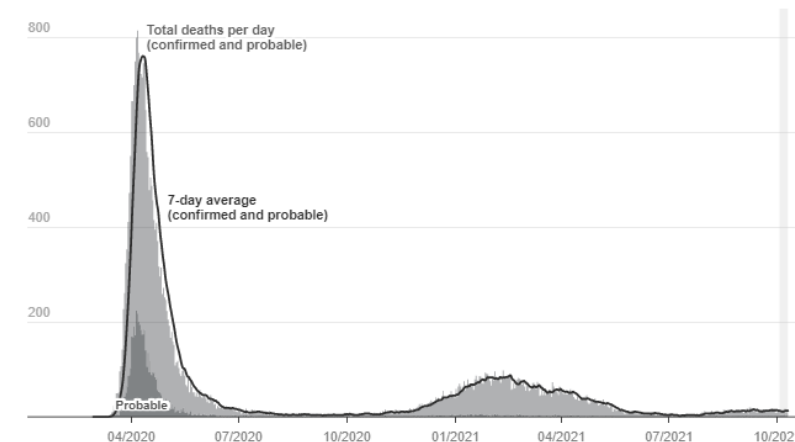
## CASES



## HOSPITALIZATIONS

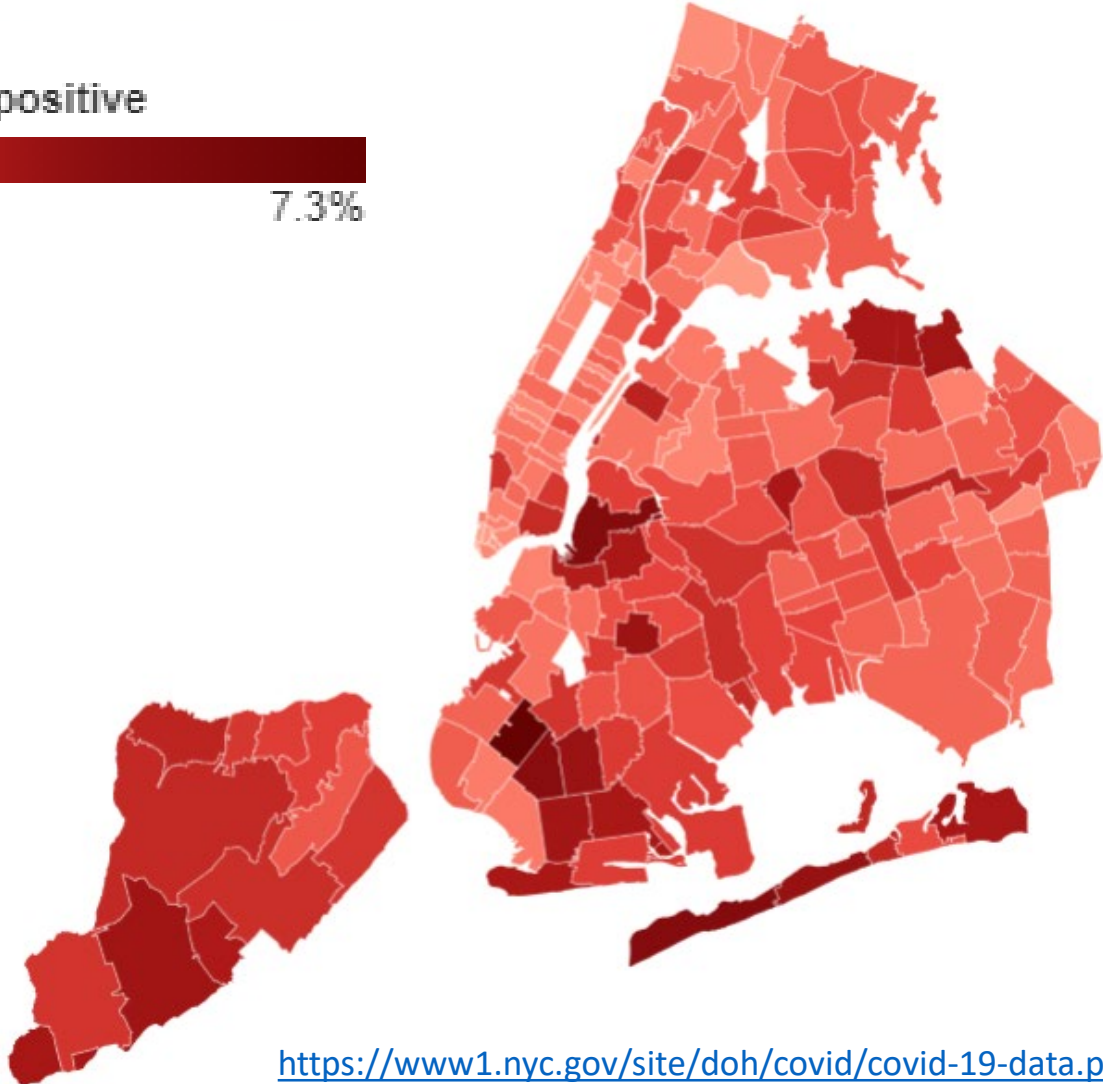


## DEATHS



# Recent Average Daily COVID-19 Percent Positive by NYC Zip Code

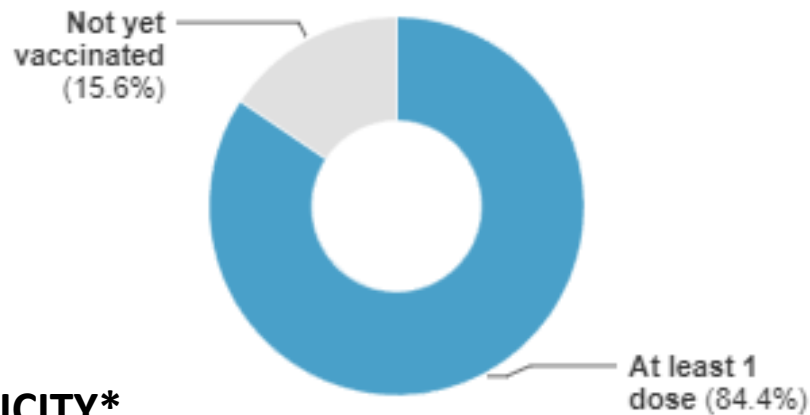
7-day percent positive



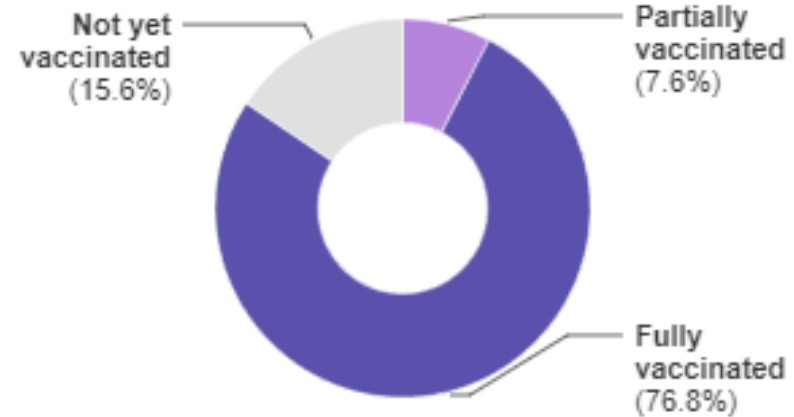
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# Percent of New Yorkers Vaccinated by Race/Ethnicity

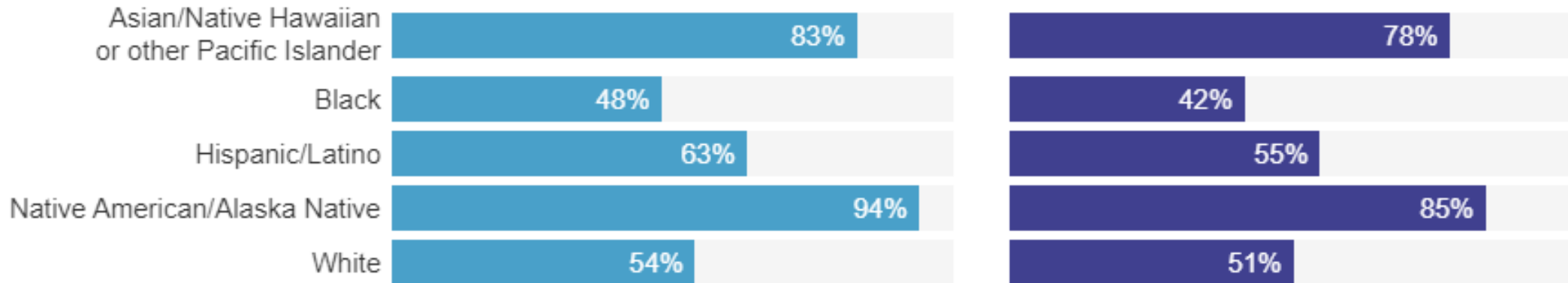
ADULTS WITH AT LEAST 1 DOSE



ADULTS FULLY VACCINATED



**RACE/ ETHNICITY\***



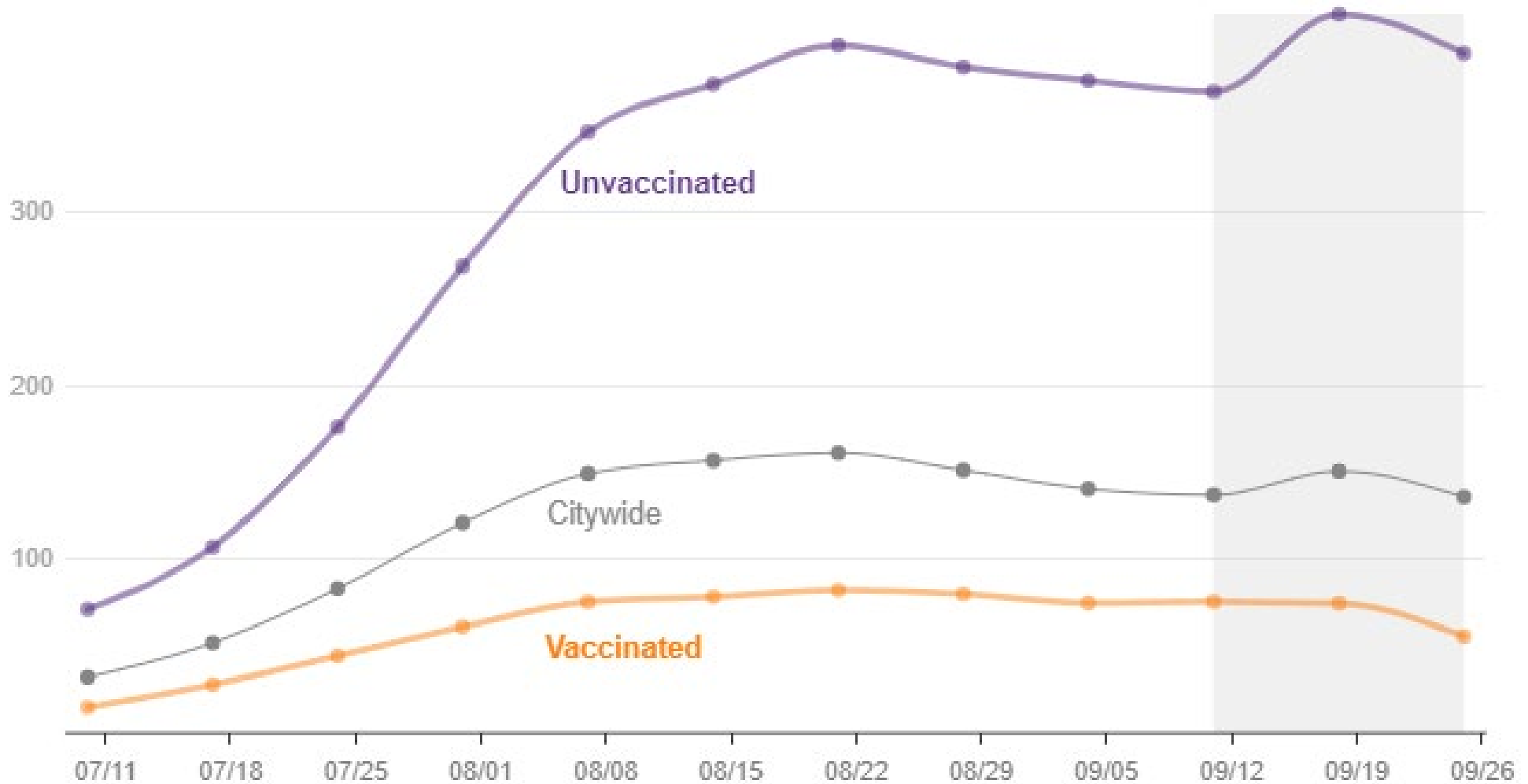
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-vaccines.page>; updated 10/14/2021

\* Race/ethnicity data includes all eligible New Yorkers

# Weekly Case Rates by Vaccination Status, NYC

Cases per 100,000 people (for week ending on listed date)

Recent data may be incomplete.



# Pfizer Booster Dose For Some Adults

- CDC recommends\* a single Pfizer booster dose  $\geq$  6 months after completion of the primary Pfizer vaccine series for certain populations
- **Should** receive a booster:
  - People ages  $\geq$  65 years
  - Residents ages  $\geq$  18 years in long-term care facilities
  - People ages 50 - 64 years who have a medical condition that increases their risk for severe COVID-19 illness
- **May** receive a booster, based on individual benefits and risks:
  - People ages 18 - 49 years who have a medical condition that increases their risk for severe COVID-19 illness
  - People ages 18 - 64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting

\*September 24, 2021: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0924-booster-recommendations-.html>



# Benefits of Vaccination For People With History of COVID-19

- Among people with a history of COVID-19, vaccination:
  - Is associated with a decreased risk of reinfection
    - Observational study of people with prior SARS-CoV-2 infection found that unvaccinated people were more than twice as likely as fully vaccinated people to get reinfected<sup>1</sup>
  - Can boost immune response for potentially more durable, longer-lasting protection
  - May offer better protection against COVID-19 variants
- People who have recovered from COVID-19 may be vaccinated as soon as they meet criteria to discontinue isolation

1. Cavanaugh AM, et al. Reduced Risk of Reinfection with SARS-CoV-2 After COVID-19 Vaccination — Kentucky, May–June 2021. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2021;70:1081-1083. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7032e1>

# Serologic Testing is Not Recommended For Vaccination Decisions

Serologic testing should **not** be used to determine if a person should receive COVID-19 vaccination

- Available antibody tests vary widely in performance, and none are approved to assess whether a person is protected against COVID-19
- Antibody levels may not correlate with immunity or clinical protection
- Neutralization tests used as surrogates of protection in scientific studies are not available for commercial use
- If someone misinterprets a positive antibody test, they may take fewer precautions, increasing their risk of being infected with and transmitting COVID-19

# Anticipated Developments in COVID-19 Vaccines

- FDA Vaccine Advisory group
  - Yesterday (October 14), recommended giving booster doses of Moderna's vaccine to same groups as for the Pfizer booster
    - The Moderna booster is 50- $\mu$ g (half the dose used for the primary vaccine series)
  - Today will discuss and vote on whether to recommend giving booster doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine, and will discuss mix-and-matching of different vaccines
  - ACIP scheduled to meet October 21, 2021
- Pfizer submitted data to support vaccination in 5 to 11-year-olds
  - FDA Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for October 26, 2021
  - ACIP scheduled to meet November 2-3, 2021
- Moderna has applied for full FDA approval for persons  $\geq$  18 years
  - Approval may occur by the end of 2021

# New Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Resources

## PROVIDERS

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-providers.page>

**NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY**  
**Department of Health**  
 KATHY HOCHUL, Governor | HOWARD A. ZUCKER, M.D., J.D., Commissioner | KRISTIN M. PROUD, Acting Executive Deputy Commissioner

**DATE:** September 23, 2021  
**TO:** Health Care Providers and Health Care Facilities  
**FROM:** New York State Department of Health

**Guidance on How to Request a Supply of COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody (mAb) Therapeutics**

**Summary:**

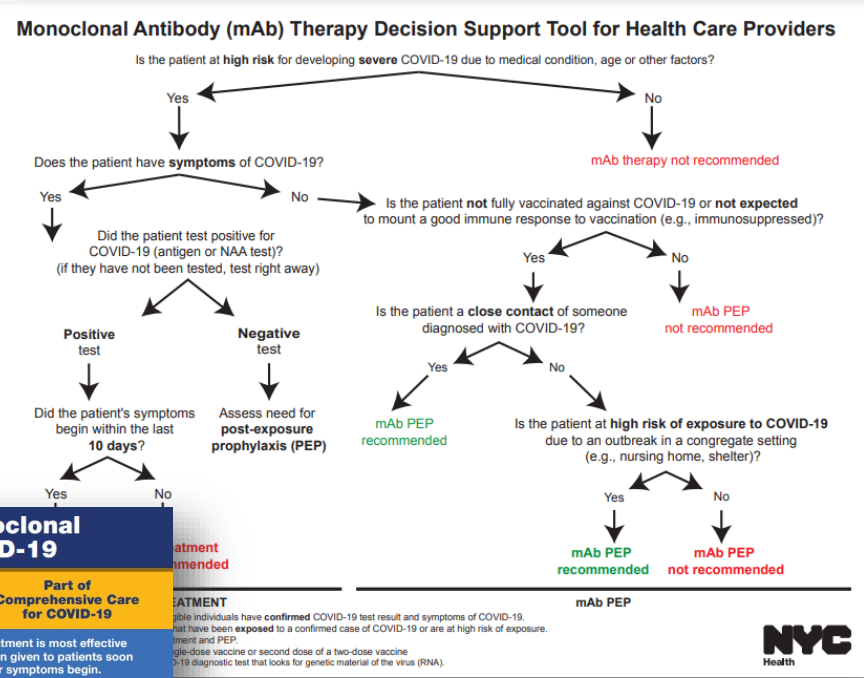
- This document supersedes the September 18, 2021 "Guidance to Providers on How to Request COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody (mAb) Therapeutics."
- Requests to the NYS Department of Health for a supply of monoclonal antibody (mAb) therapeutics for COVID-19 will need to be submitted through the Health Commerce System.
- Providers who have an active account from AmersourceBergen can submit a request.
- The Department is working to put in place a process to enroll additional qualified providers. More information will be forthcoming in a separate announcement.

This announcement provides updated details on how New York State (NYS) providers can submit requests for a supply of monoclonal antibody (mAb) therapeutics. **At this time, only providers who have an active account from AmersourceBergen can submit a request.**

On Monday, September 13, 2021, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) changed the distribution system for mAb therapeutics. HHS transitioned from a direct requesting process whereby providers requested directly from the distributor, AmersourceBergen, to a state/territory-coordinated distribution system. Each state/territorial Health Department will now determine where mAb product goes within their jurisdiction. The states and territories will be assigned a weekly allotment of mAb product by HHS. The amount will be based on COVID-19 case burden and mAb therapeutic utilization. The mAbs therapeutics affected are:

- Bamlanivimab/etesevimab (Lilly)
- Etesevimab (Lilly – to pair with bamlanivimab already on hand)
- Casirivimab/imdevimab (Eli Lilly)

The NYS Department of Health will determine how much mAb product to request should be for providers may not determine how much from HHS.



### Refer Your Patients for Monoclonal Antibody Therapy for COVID-19

Highly Effective for Patients With COVID-19 or Exposed to Someone With COVID-19	Recommended for Patients Age 12 and Older Who Are at High Risk	Part of Comprehensive Care for COVID-19
<p><b>Monoclonal antibody therapy can:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce the risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19 by 70% to 85%</li> <li>Prevent symptomatic illness up to 80% after exposure to someone with COVID-19 when used as post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recommend monoclonal antibody therapy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For patients with COVID-19 experiencing symptoms and at high risk* of progression to severe illness</li> <li>As PEP for patients at high risk who are not fully vaccinated or not expected to mount an adequate immune response to the vaccine</li> </ul> <p><small>*People age 65 and older; those with certain health conditions or a weakened immune system; and those who may be at high risk because of social factors (such as race or ethnicity)</small></p>	<p>Treatment is most effective when given to patients soon after symptoms begin.</p> <p>Tell your patients at high risk to get tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible if symptoms develop and to call right away if exposed to someone with COVID-19.</p>
<p>To find a site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call NYC Health + Hospitals at 212-COVID19 (212-268-4319).</li> <li>Visit <a href="https://hitesite.org/monoclonalantibody">hitesite.org/monoclonalantibody</a>.</li> </ul>		

**Resources:**  
 1. Fast Sheet for Health Care Providers Emergency Use Authorization REGEN-COV: <https://www.fda.gov/media/156113/download>  
 2. Fast Sheet for Health Care Providers Emergency Use Authorization Bamlanivimab and Etesevimab: <https://www.fda.gov/media/156023/download>  
 3. NYC Health Department COVID-19 Providers Page: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-providers.page>

## PUBLIC

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-symptoms-chronic-health-risks.page>

### Exposed to or Positive for COVID-19?

#### Ask Your Health Care Provider About Monoclonal Antibody Treatment


Monoclonal antibody treatment is for people who have COVID-19 or were recently exposed to someone who has COVID-19. Treatment:

- Can reduce your risk of becoming sick from COVID-19 and help you avoid hospitalization
- Is recommended for anyone age 12 and older who is at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness, such as older adults; people with certain health conditions such as diabetes, obesity, or chronic kidney or lung disease; or people with a weakened immune system

Early action is key. Treatment works best when you get it soon after COVID-19 symptoms begin, so it is important to get tested right away and ask your health care provider about treatment, including any possible side effects or treatment costs.

To find a site offering treatment, visit [hitesite.org/monoclonalantibody](https://hitesite.org/monoclonalantibody) or call NYC Health + Hospitals at 212-COVID19 (212-268-4319) to talk to a provider or schedule a treatment.

This treatment is not a substitute for vaccination. To find a vaccination site, visit [nyc.gov/vaccinefinder](https://nyc.gov/vaccinefinder) or call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692).



Scan the QR code for more information.

**NYC Health**

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# Update on COVID-19 infection, the vaccines, and pregnancy

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October 15, 2021

# Disclosures

- Writer for Up to Date
- Writer for Turner Publishing(You and Your Baby: pregnancy)
- Editorial board: New England Journal of Medicine and Contemporary Ob/gyn
- Medical Advisory Board: MAVEN, Parents Magazine

(CDC workgroup on COVID vaccines and VAsT, ACOG Immunization Task Force and writer of ACOG practice advisory on COVID)

# ACOG/SMFM/CDC recommendations:

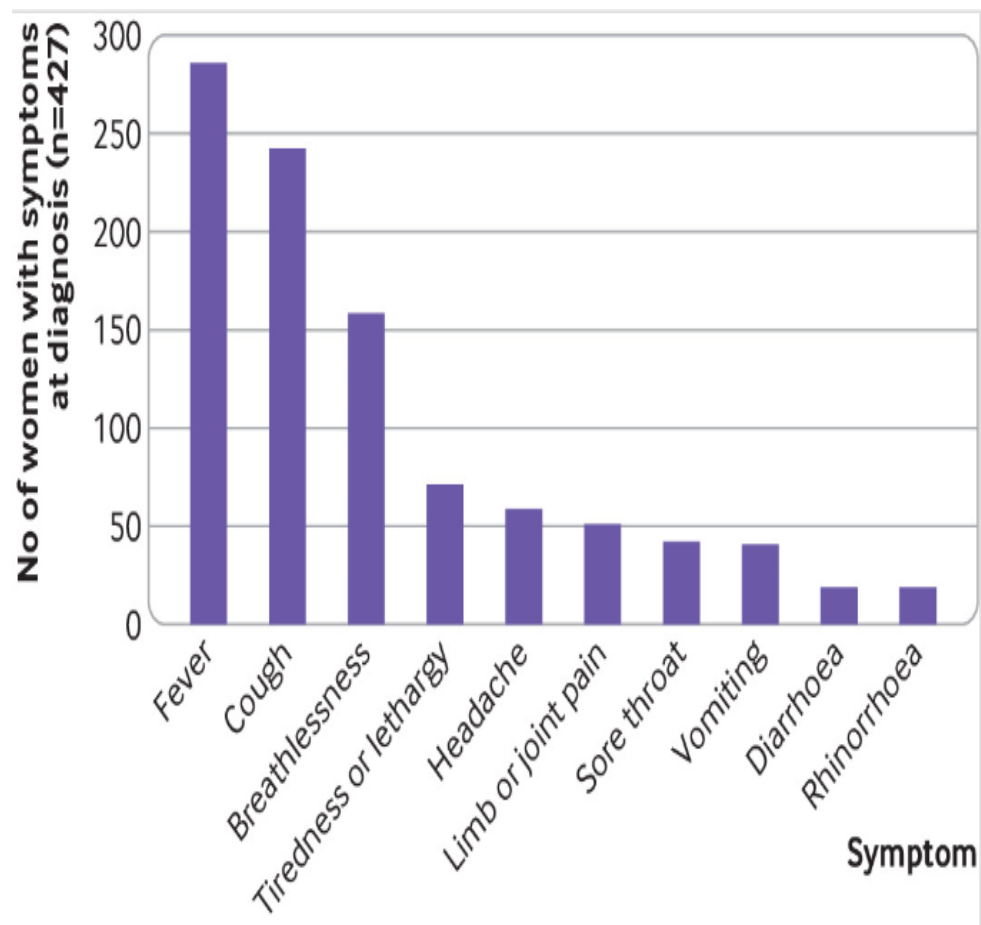
- ACOG recommends that all eligible persons greater than age 12 years, **including pregnant and lactating individuals**, receive a COVID-19 vaccine or vaccine series.
- Document discussion of the vaccine. During subsequent office visits, address ongoing questions and concerns and offer vaccination again.
- Women's health care practitioners should lead by example by being vaccinated and encouraging eligible patients to be vaccinated as well.
- COVID-19 vaccines may be administered simultaneously with other vaccines such as influenza and Tdap.

# ACOG/SMFM Recommendations:

- Moderately to severely immunocompromised people should receive a third dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna mRNA COVID-19 vaccines at least 28 days after the completion of the initial mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series.
- Individuals aged 18 through 64 years at high risk of severe COVID-19 are eligible for a COVID booster. Therefore, ACOG recommends that pregnant people, including pregnant health care workers, receive a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months following the completion of their initial Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine series.
- People aged 18–64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting may receive a booster including HCW.



# Characteristics of pregnant women admitted to hospital with confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection in UK : (n=427 women)



**Table 2** Estimated incidence of admission with SARS-CoV-2 infection in pregnancy among different population subgroups

Characteristic	Estimated No of maternities	No of pregnant women admitted with SARS-CoV-2	Incidence per 1000 maternities	Rate ratio (95% CI)
Age*, years:				
<20	2532	4	1.6	0.4 (0.1 to 1.1)
20-34	63 768	248	3.9	1 (reference)
≥35	19 992	175	8.8	2.3 (1.8 to 2.7)
Body mass index†‡:				
Normal (<25)	36 377	126	3.5	1 (reference)
Overweight (25 to <30)	20 836	141	6.8	2.0 (1.5 to 2.5)
Obese (≥30)	16 154	140	8.7	2.5 (2.0 to 3.2)
Ethnic group (England only)‡:				
White	49 282	173	3.5	1 (reference)
Asian	7400	103	13.9	4.0 (3.1 to 5.1)
Black	3135	89	28.4	8.1 (6.2 to 10.5)
Chinese/other	2960	28	9.5	2.7 (1.7 to 4.0)
Mixed	1304	9	6.9	2.0 (0.9 to 3.8)

# Rates of Maternal and Perinatal Mortality and Vertical Transmission in Pregnancies complicated by SARS-CoV-2 Infection: a systematic review

- 13/99 articles includes 538 pregnancies w/confirmed SARS-CoV-2
- 435 (80.9 %) delivered
- Maternal ICU admission: 8/263 (3%)
- Maternal critical disease: 3/209 (1.4%)
- No maternal deaths
- C/S rate: 332/392 (84.7%)
- Preterm birth rate: 57/284 (20%)
- Vertical transmission: 0/310 (0%)

# Characteristics of women of reproductive age with SARS CoV-2 (US Jan 22-Jul 7)

- 300,000+ SARS-CoV-2-positive reproductive age women
- 8,207 pregnant (9.0%)
- CVD, DM & chronic lung disease: more frequent among pregnant women
  
- Increased risk of hospitalization: aRR 5.4 (5.1-5.6)
- Increased risk of ICU admission: aRR 1.5 (1.2-1.8)
- Increased risk of mechanical ventilation: aRR 1.7 (1.2-2.4)
- No differences in death: aRR 0.9 (0.5-1.5)

# Additional observations:

- Khoury et al: 5 NYC hospitals, 241 COVID+ pregnant women
  - 102 (42.3%) asymptomatic
  - 64 (26.5%) mild, 63 (26.1%) severe, 12 (5.0%) critical
  - COVID severity associated with higher BMI and increased CD rates
- Emeruwa et al: COVID transmission associated with neighborhood markers of household crowding and low SES
- Goldfarb et al: 65 Hispanic and 127 non-Hispanic women with sx of COVID 19 (71% tested) 72% Hispanic women vs 27% non-Hispanic women were positive  $p<.001$ .

# Clinical manifestations, risk factors & maternal and perinatal outcomes: living systematic review and meta-analysis (Dec 2019-June 2020)

- 77 Studies including 13,118 pregnant women and 83,486 nonpregnant women
- Risk factors for COVID: advanced maternal age, higher BMI, chronic hypertension, preexisting diabetes
- Maternal co-morbidities: risk factors for ICU admission and invasive ventilation
- Maternal outcomes: all cause mortality (.006), ICU admission(.03), Invasive ventilation (.01)
- Fetal/neonatal outcomes: preterm birth, stillbirth, cesarean delivery, NICU admission

# Additional pregnancy observations

In an adjusted analysis of 1,219 pregnant women:

- Severe-critical COVID-19 vs mild disease
- Cesarean delivery: 59.6% vs 34%, aRR 1.57 (1.30-1.90)
- Hypertensive disorders: 40.4% vs 18.9%, aRR 1.61 (1.18-2.20)

## Birth and Infant Outcomes after COVID Infection in pregnancy

- Among 3912 infants with known gestational age born to women with documented SARS-CoV-2 infection
- 12.9% were preterm (<37 weeks)
- Among 610 (21.3%) infants with test results: 2.6% had positive SARS-CoV-2

# Data on COVID-19 during Pregnancy: Birth and Infant Outcomes

Data Reported to CDC as of September 3, 2021

Pregnant Women

Data by Month

Birth Outcomes

Live Births

29,025

Women with COVID-19 who Completed Pregnancy

View by Selected Category

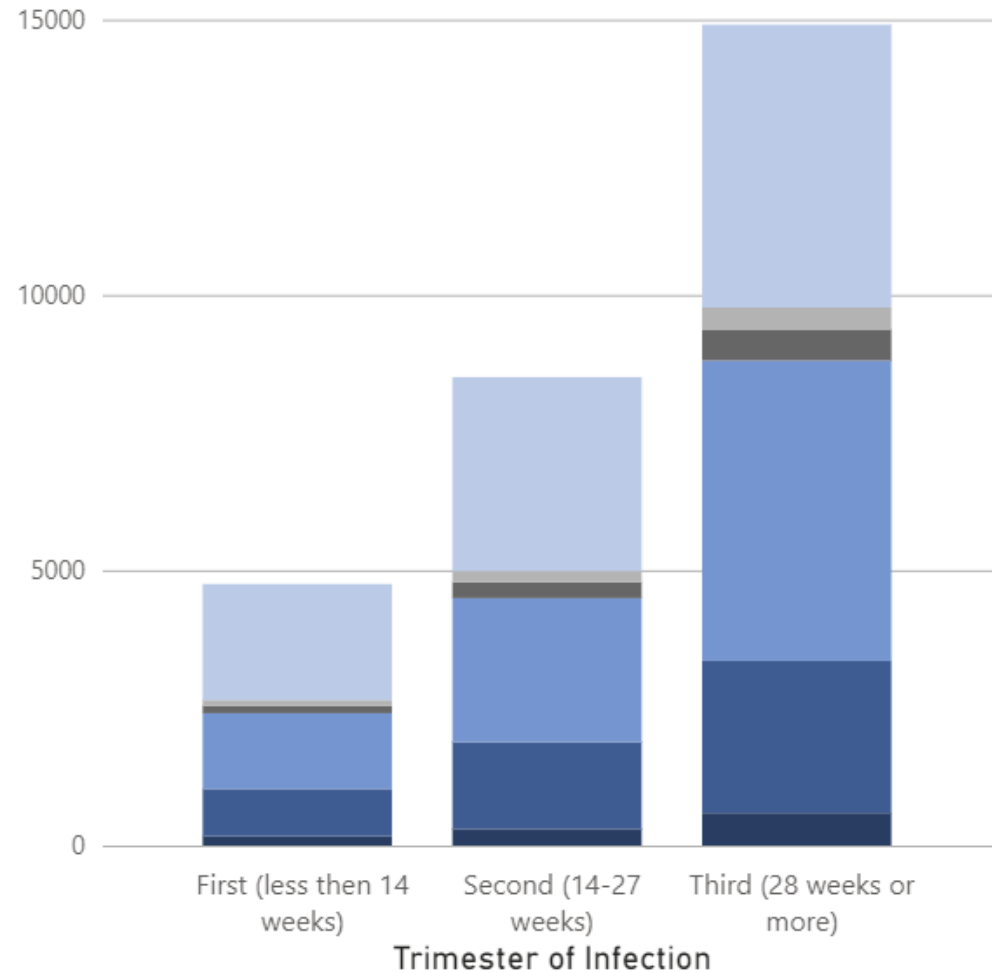
- Race/Ethnicity
- Maternal Age

### Category

- Asian, NH
- Black, NH
- Hispanic or Latino
- Multiple/Other Race, NH
- Unknown Race/Eth.
- White, NH

## Number of Pregnant Women with COVID-19 by Trimester of Infection

Information on timing of infection was available for 28,165 (97.0%) women.



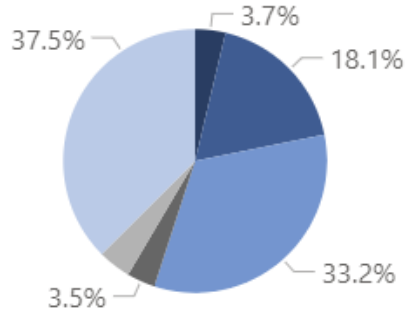
Trimester of Infection	Number of Women
First (less than 14 weeks)	4750
Second (14-27 weeks)	8507
Third (28 weeks or more)	14908
<b>Total</b>	<b>28165</b>

Race/Ethnicity	Number of Women
Asian, NH	1068
Black, NH	5194
Hispanic or Latino	9445
Multiple/Other Race, NH	987
Unknown Race/Eth.	709
White, NH	10762
<b>Total</b>	<b>28165</b>

NH = Non-Hispanic

Maternal Age in Years	Number of Women
<20	1442
20-29	14003
30-39	11604
40-55	910
Unknown Age	206
<b>Total</b>	<b>28165</b>

### Total Women with Known Timing of Infection





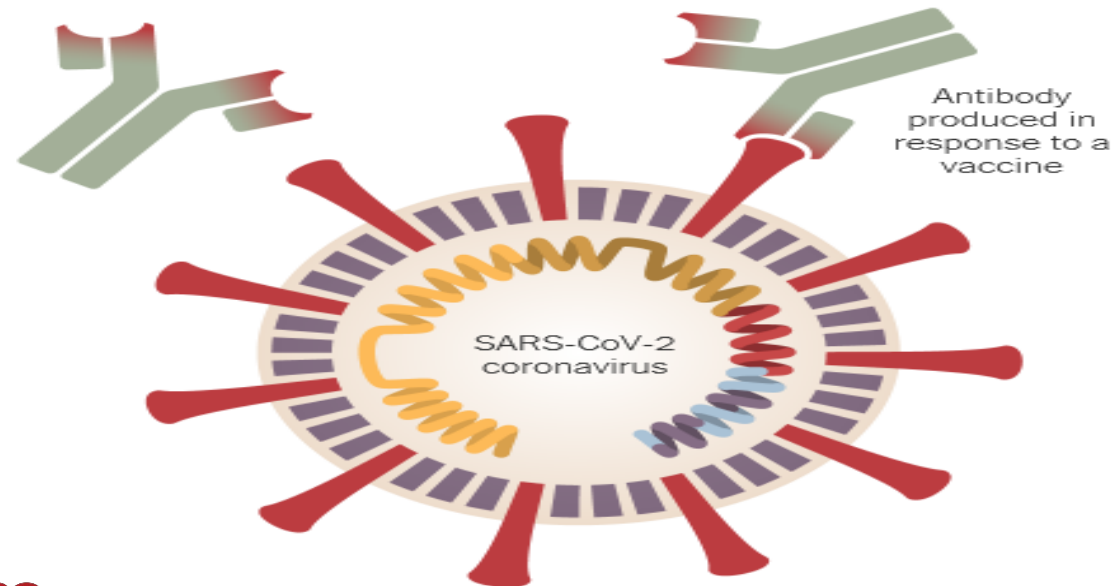
# Coronavirus Vaccine Tracker

By Jonathan Corum, Denise Grady, Sui-Lee Wee and Carl Zimmer Updated July 11, 2020

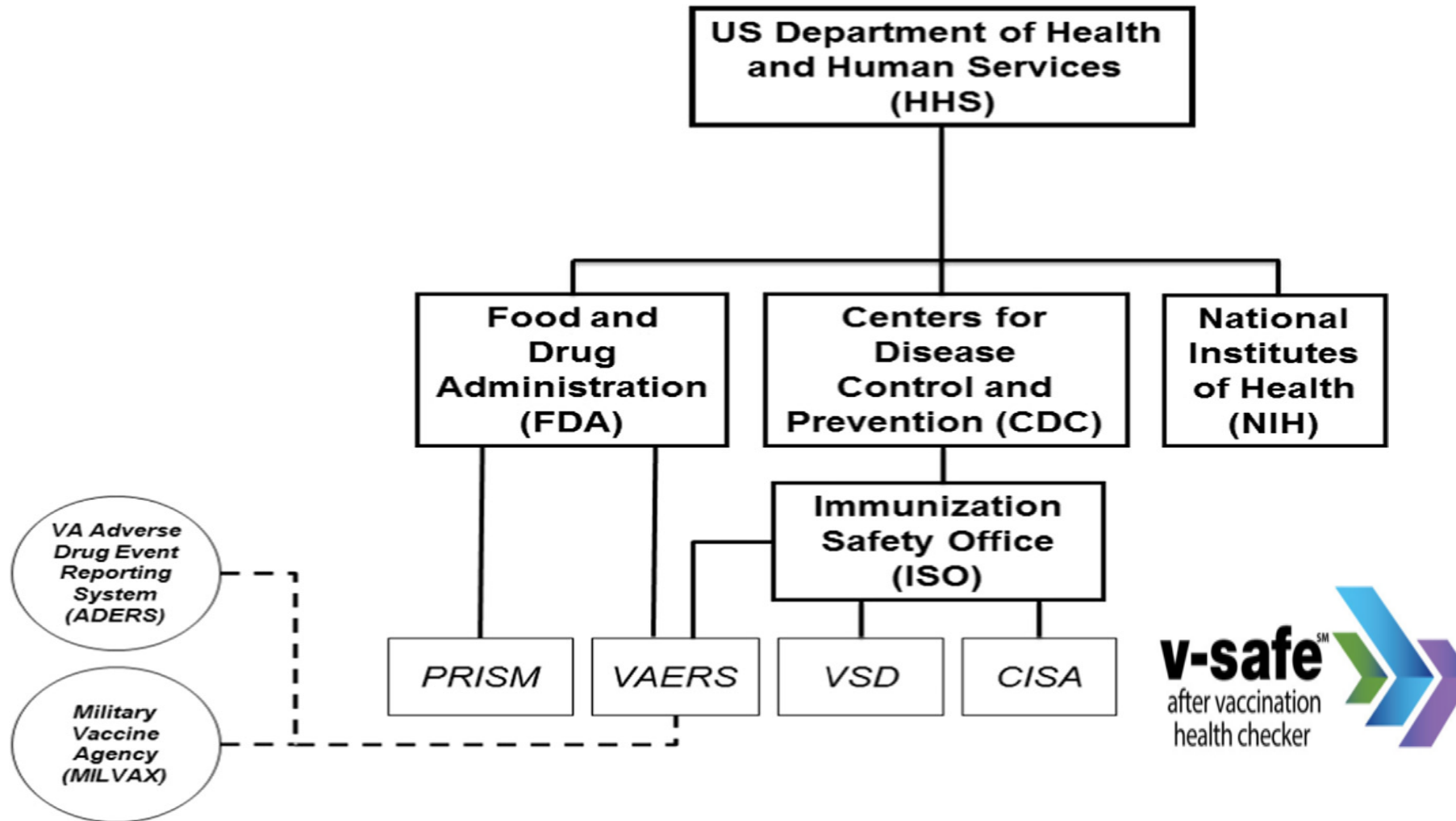
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Researchers around the world are developing [more than 155 vaccines](#) against the coronavirus, and **22 vaccines** are in human trials. Vaccines typically require years of research and testing before reaching the clinic, but scientists are racing to produce a [safe and effective vaccine](#) by next year.



# Vaccine Monitoring System

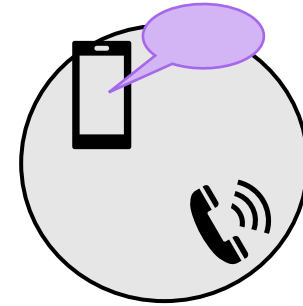


**v-safe**<sup>SM</sup>  
after vaccination  
health checker



## Active safety monitoring for COVID-19 vaccines

- **V-safe** is a new CDC smart-phone based monitoring program for COVID-19 vaccine safety
  - uses text messaging and web surveys to check-in with vaccine recipients after vaccination
  - participants can report side effects and health impact events after COVID-19 vaccination
  - includes active telephone follow-up by CDC for reports of significant health impact
  - captures information on pregnancy status and enables follow-up on pregnant women



**v-safe**<sup>SM</sup>  
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## V-safe and Registry Monitoring People Who Report Pregnancy

v-safe After Vaccination Health Checker  
Pregnant people reported, United States,  
as of October 4, 2021

163,777

v-safe COVID-19 Vaccine Pregnancy Registry  
Pregnant people enrolled, United States,  
as of October 4, 2021

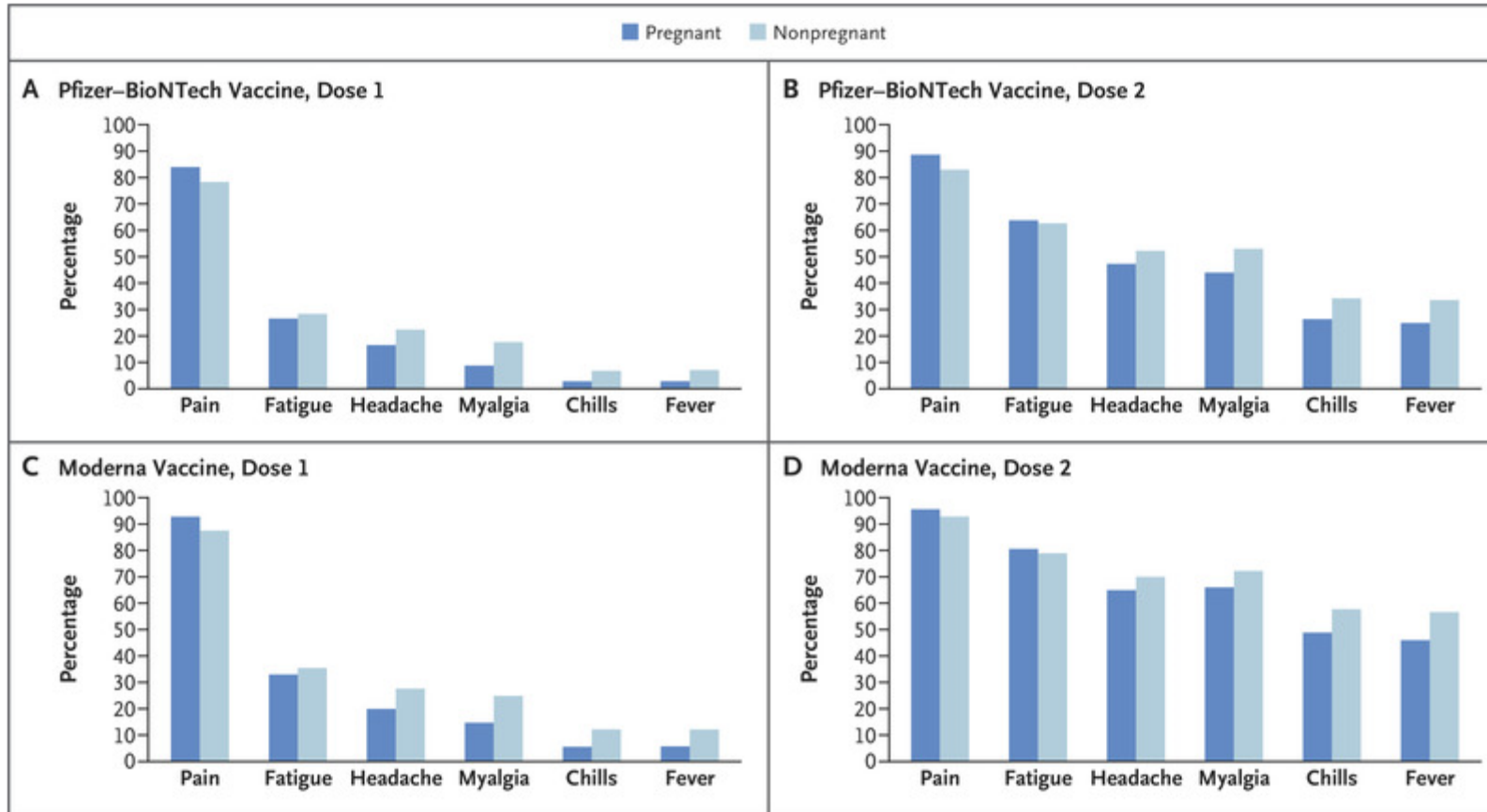
5,104

*As of October 4, 2021, more than 163 thousand **v-safe** participants have indicated they were pregnant at the time they received COVID-19 vaccination. CDC is currently enrolling eligible participants and analyzing data to better understand how COVID-19 vaccination affects pregnant people. As CDC learns more about the effects of vaccination during pregnancy, data will be presented at the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meetings, which are open to the public, and in published reports.*



# Preliminary findings of mRNA COVID vaccine safety

**Figure 1.** Most Frequent Local and Systemic Reactions Reported in the V-safe Surveillance System on the Day after mRNA Covid-19 Vaccination.



# Preliminary findings of mRNA COVID vaccine safety

Neonatal outcome among live-born infants		
Preterm birth: <37 wk <sup>21,22</sup>	8–15	60/636 (9.4) ¶
Small size for gestational age <sup>23,24</sup>	3.5	23/724 (3.2)
Congenital anomalies <sup>25**</sup>	3	16/724 (2.2)
Neonatal death <sup>26††</sup>	<1	0/724

\* The populations from which these rates are derived are not matched to the current study population for age, race and ethnic group, or other demographic and clinical factors.

† Data on pregnancy loss are based on 827 participants in the v-safe pregnancy registry who received an mRNA Covid-19 vaccine (BNT162b2 [Pfizer–BioNTech] or mRNA-1273 [Moderna]) from December 14, 2020, to February 28, 2021, and who reported a completed pregnancy. A total of 700 participants (84.6%) received their first eligible dose in the third trimester. Data on neonatal outcomes are based on 724 live-born infants, including 12 sets of multiples.

‡ A total of 96 of 104 spontaneous abortions (92.3%) occurred before 13 weeks of gestation. No denominator was available to calculate a risk estimate for spontaneous abortions, because at the time of this report, follow-up through 20 weeks was not yet available for 905 of the 1224 participants vaccinated within 30 days before the first day of the last menstrual period or in the first trimester. Furthermore, any risk estimate would need to account for gestational week–specific risk of spontaneous abortion.

§ The denominator includes live-born infants and stillbirths.

¶ The denominator includes only participants vaccinated before 37 weeks of gestation.

|| Small size for gestational age indicates a birthweight below the 10th percentile for gestational age and infant sex according to INTERGROWTH-21<sup>st</sup> growth standards (<http://intergrowth21.ndog.ox.ac.uk>). These standards draw from an international sample including both low-income and high-income countries but exclude children with coexisting conditions and malnutrition. They can be used as a standard for healthy children growing under optimal conditions.

\*\* Values include only major congenital anomalies in accordance with the Metropolitan Atlanta Congenital Defects Program 6-Digit Code Defect List ([www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/birthdefects/macdp.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/birthdefects/macdp.html)); all pregnancies with major congenital anomalies were exposed to Covid-19 vaccines only in the third trimester of pregnancy (i.e., well after the period of organogenesis).

†† Neonatal death indicates death within the first 28 days after delivery.



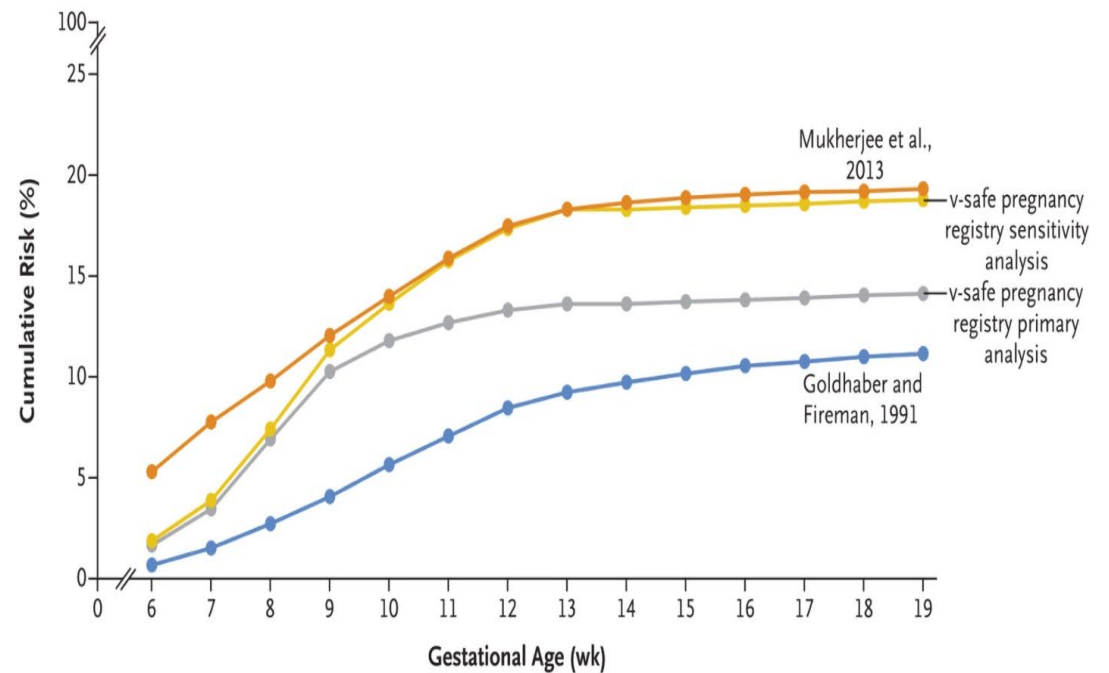
# mRNA vaccines not associated with SAb

## Research letter based on VSD

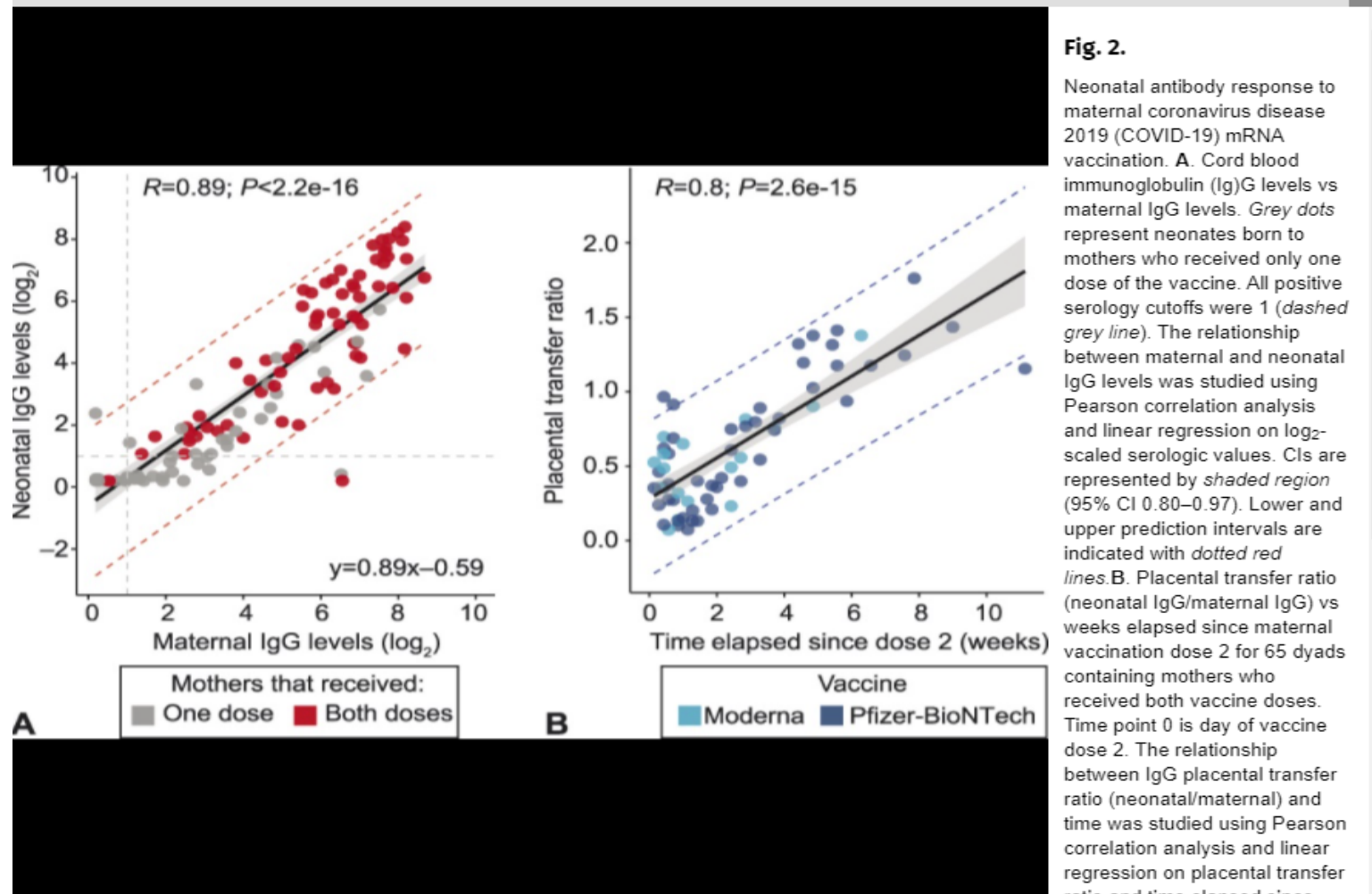
Table 2. Adjusted Odds Ratios for Receipt of COVID-19 Vaccine Within 28 Days Prior to a Spontaneous Abortion, December 15, 2020, Through June 28, 2021, Across 8 Vaccine Safety Datalink Sites and Among 264 104 Pregnancy-Periods<sup>a</sup>

	Adjusted odds ratio (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>
Full population	1.02 (0.96-1.08)
By gestational age, wk	
6-8	0.94 (0.86-1.03)
9-13	1.07 (0.99-1.17)
14-19	1.08 (0.89-1.29)
By vaccine type <sup>c</sup>	
mRNA-1273 (Moderna)	1.03 (0.94-1.11)
BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech)	1.03 (0.95-1.11)

## Research letter based on V-safe



# Maternal COVID vaccine antibodies and neonatal cord blood





# Pregnancy enhanced surveillance

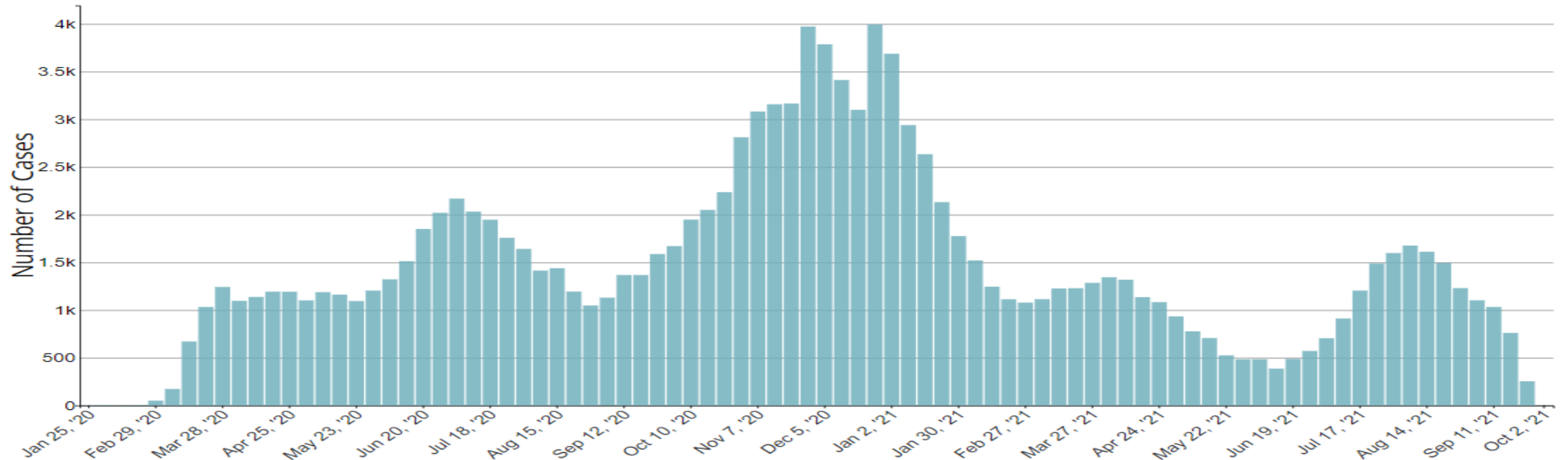
Pregnant women<sup>1</sup> with COVID-19, United States, January 22, 2020 - October 4, 2021

TOTAL CASES<sup>1</sup>  
127,193

TOTAL DEATHS  
171

## Cases of COVID-19 among Pregnant Women by Week of Diagnosis\*

Data were collected from 127,193 women and date of diagnosis\*\* was available for 127,193 (100%) women.

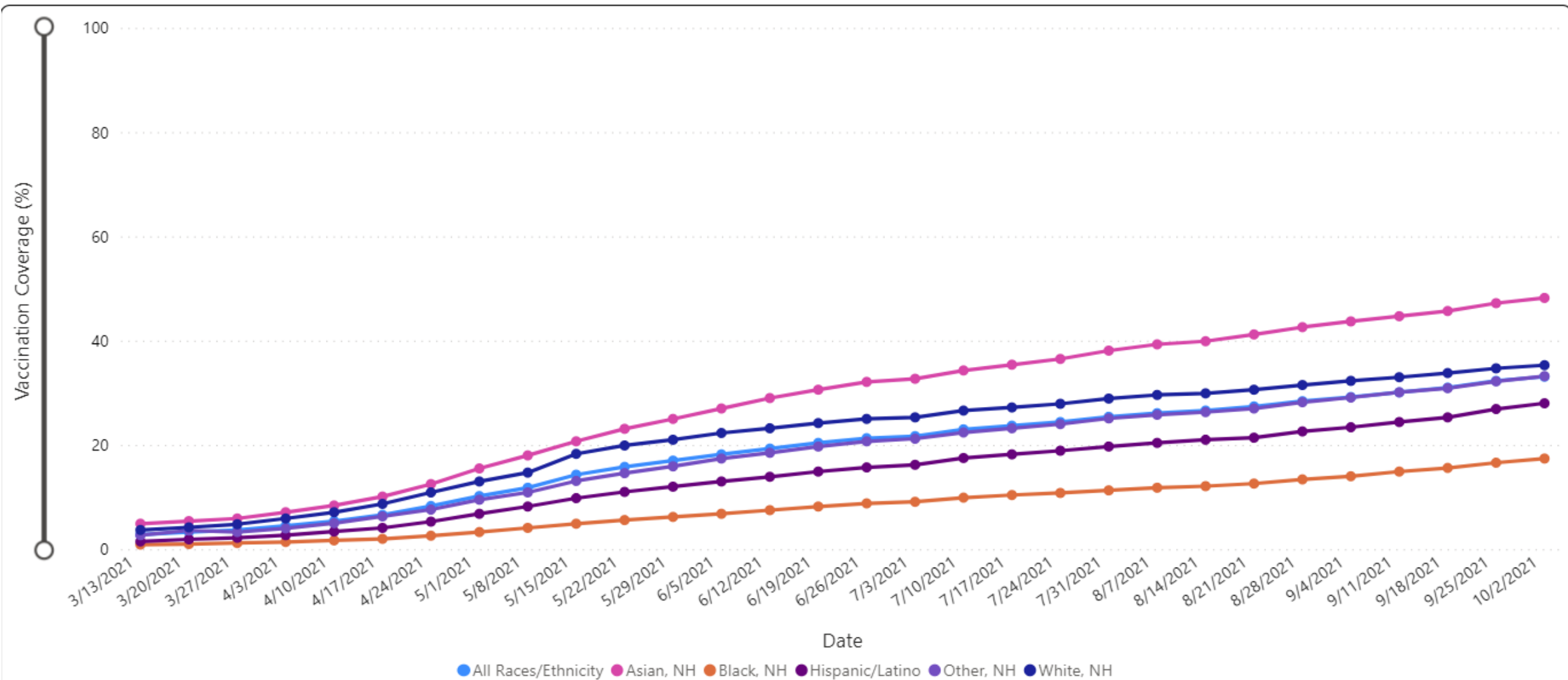


**Figure 2: Percent of Pregnant People Aged 18–49 Years Fully Vaccinated with COVID-19 Vaccine Prior to or during Pregnancy Overall, by Race/Ethnicity, and Date Reported to CDC – Vaccine Safety Datalink\*, United States  
December 14, 2020 – October 2, 2021**

Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 3



NH = Non-Hispanic; "Other, NH" race includes American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, and Multiple or Other races; "vaccination coverage" represents the total number of pregnant people (denominator as of October 2, 2021 = 195,089) who were fully vaccinated, including both doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines or a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

# COVID Vaccines and Infertility

Does mRNA SARS-CoV-2 vaccine influence patients' performance during IVF-ET cycle?

36 couples resumed IVF 7-85d post vaccine

No in between cycle differences in ovarian stimulation and embryological variables before & after vaccine

mRNA vaccine did not affect pts' performance or ovarian reserve in subsequent IVF cycle

*Orvieto et al. Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology (2021)*

SARS-CoV-2 spike protein seropositivity from vaccination or infection does not cause sterility

- 171 frozen embryo transfers performed and compared between SARS-CoV-2 vaccine positive, infection positive and seronegative women
- No difference in serum hCG documented implantation rates or sustained implantation rates between 3 groups

*Morris, Randy, Fertil Steril Rep (2021)*

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# Summary

- COVID infection in pregnancy is associated with severe morbidity and mortality.
- COVID cases in pregnancy occur even in “healthy” people.
- Current data show that most hospitalized pregnant people are unvaccinated and only about 30% of pregnant women are vaccinated.
- COVID vaccines are safe during all trimesters of pregnancy including preconception.
- COVID vaccines are not associated with infertility.
- Studies of covid vaccines and menstrual irregularities are underway but preliminary observations suggest that the changes are transient.

# Additional COVID-19 Resources

## COVID-19 Vaccines

- NYC Health Department - COVID-19 Vaccine:
  - Providers:
    - Vaccine information: [nyc.gov/health/covidvaccineprovider](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/providers/covidvaccineprovider)
    - Provider hotline to schedule vaccine appointments: **877-VAX-4NYC (877-8229-4692)**; press 2 at second prompt
  - Public: [nyc.gov/covidvaccine](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/providers/covidvaccine)
- Citywide Immunization Registry Reporting Assistance
  - <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/providers/reporting-and-services/cir-how-to-report.page#electronic>
- Vaccine Provider Assistance: [nycimmunize@health.nyc.gov](mailto:nycimmunize@health.nyc.gov)

## General COVID-19 Resources

- Provider page: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-providers.page>
- Data page: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page>
- Dear Colleague COVID-19 newsletters (sign up for *City Health Information* subscription at: [nyc.gov/health/register](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/providers/resources/health-alert-network.page))
- NYC Health Alert Network (sign up at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/providers/resources/health-alert-network.page>)
- Provider Access Line: **866-692-3641**

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