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Repeat vaccination corona autumn 2022

Dear mothers-to-be,

We urgently ask you to CAREFULLY read this information!

If you are pregnant you are eligible for the repeat vaccination against corona. This year you will receive the invitation for the vaccination from your midwife or gynaecologist.

The repeat vaccination consists of one injection that is **only** given if you have **already been vaccinated against corona**.

Attention:

If you have **not yet** already been vaccinated, then you should contact the GGD so you can make an appointment for the **basic vaccination**.

When?

Have you had the last injection or a corona infection at least 3 months ago? Are you more than 16 weeks pregnant and have you previously been vaccinated against corona?

Then you can make an appointment **from 10 October** with the GGD for a repeat vaccination.

It is your choice alone to be (re)vaccinated. You can get a personalized invitation letter from us that you will need to make an appointment with the GGD.

If you would like to receive the invitation letter for the repeat vaccination, please send an email to: lekbrugformulieren@delekbrug.nl stating your name and date of birth and indicate whether you want to receive this by post or email. The document will be sent within 5 working days. You can, of course, also ask for this at the consulting hour.

We hope that we have sufficiently informed you about this.

Kind regards,

Verloskundigen van De Lekbrug

General telephone number: 088-4300430

General e mail address: info@delekbrug.nl

Also read:

https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/coronavirus-vaccinatie?utm_campaign=coronavirus_vaccinatie&utm_source=coronavaccinatie.nl&utm_medium=redirect

<https://vragenovercorona.nl/>

Further read the **Q&A about the repeat vaccination** on the next page

Q&A repeat vaccination

What is the chance of becoming very ill from Corona during my pregnancy?

The chance of become very ill from Corona seems very small with the present Omicron variant. . A lot of people who are now pregnant have already had the corona vaccinations or have already had the corona infection and have therefore built up antibodies to protect themselves. We do not know if this coming winter whether newer variants will cause more or less illnesses.

When am I, during pregnancy, more likely to become very ill from corona?

The chance of becoming very ill during pregnancy due to corona and have to be hospitalized is greater when: • you have a chronic illness • you are older than 35 years old • you are overweight • you or your parents have not been born in the Netherlands.

How does a repeat vaccination work?

A repeat vaccination ensures that your body again makes extra antibodies and this therefore reduces the chance of becoming ill. If you have already been ill or infected by corona, the repeat vaccination ensures that you have less chance of becoming (seriously) ill.

In the Netherlands the only pregnant patients with Covid who have been admitted to the intensive care were the ones who had not been vaccinated. If you have had the repeat vaccination during the pregnancy, the chance of the baby getting serious complaints due to Covid and being admitted to hospital is reduced.

Is the repeat vaccination safe in the pregnancy?

Many pregnant women around the world have now been vaccinated against corona. After the vaccination the risk is not higher of having a miscarriage, birth defects, premature birth, low birth weight or still birth. The repeat vaccination is very similar to the basic vaccination. There are therefore no concerns about the safety of the repeat vaccination. We do not know what you can expect from the vaccination in the long term. It is possible that in the future we are going to notice things of which we did not think.

What are the possible side effects of the vaccination for me?

You can have a painful area on the place where you receive the injection. Five from the hundred pregnant women get a fever after the injection. There are also more serious side effects but they are very rare.

What does it mean for the care I receive if I have corona?

Have you corona during your pregnancy, birth or the period after the birth? Health care workers can then wear a mask, eye protection and protective clothing when they are with you.

Have you doubts about the vaccination in the pregnancy? The following questions can help you with this:

What for you are the advantages of getting vaccinated?

What for you are the disadvantages of getting the vaccinated?

What are the eventual alternatives for you?

What does it mean to you if you do not make a choice?

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