

Table 1. Pregnancy Categories and Examples

	Code	Description	Examples ¹	Specifications
1	Recommended for some or all	<p>Explicit recommendation that <i>some or all</i> pregnant people SHOULD RECEIVE vaccination /be vaccinated</p> <p>[if language uses “should be offered” – must assess context and should be reviewed by PIs]</p>	<p>Israel (01/19/21): “The committee also recommends that pregnant women who are highly exposed to the public or who have background illnesses - be vaccinated during pregnancy to prevent morbidity with a higher likelihood of corona complications....Pregnant women who are highly exposed to the public or have background diseases - it is recommended that you be vaccinated during pregnancy to prevent morbidity with a higher probability of coronary complications. Women who are not at high risk will consider their decision according to the publications of the Ministry of Health.”</p> <p>Hungary (03/26/21): If there is a high risk of infection because e.g. “If a healthcare worker is pregnant or has a high risk of developing a serious illness due to a viral infection, vaccination is recommended.”</p> <p>Brazil (03/15/21): “1. it is recommended to vaccinate pregnant women who have some pre-existing comorbidity, described in the National Plan for Operationalization of Vaccination against covid-19: people with diabetes, chronic arterial hypertension, obesity (BMI> 30), cardiovascular disease, bronchial asthma</p> <p>2. The vaccine can be offered to pregnant women without comorbidities after assessing the risks and benefits, especially in relation to the activities developed by the woman”</p>	<p>Specifications indicate groups explicitly recommended for vaccination access/offering:</p> <p>Can be: Elevated exposure Elevated risk of severe disease Trimester specific</p>
2	Permitted	<p>All pregnant people CAN receive, MAY receive, or CAN CHOOSE. Also may say “pregnant people can be offered vaccine”</p> <p>There may be a general statement about risks and benefits, including a note</p>	<p>United States (03/05/21): “Pregnant people may choose to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. A conversation between the patient and their clinical team may assist with decisions about the use of a COVID-19 vaccine, though a conversation with a healthcare provider is not required before vaccination.”</p> <p>Iceland (04/15/21): “Pregnant women can be vaccinated if they wish. They belong to the group to which they belong before pregnancy, for example healthcare</p>	<p>Specifications indicate groups emphasized for vaccination. All are permitted to receive vaccine, but specifications correspond to groups where the benefit-risk ratio may more strongly favor vaccination (or strong suggestion that certain groups be offered vaccination)</p>

		<p>to discuss risks and benefits or a general note about offering vaccine whenever benefits outweigh risks.</p> <p>Some in this category may also offer examples of specific groups where/when the benefit is likely to be great than risk, without limiting the offer of vaccine to those groups. So if says “if /when benefit outweighs risk e.g. in X, Y categories” or “such as in X, Y categories” that would be a 2 – if there is an “only if” it becomes a 3.</p>	<p>professionals or with underlying risk factors such as hypertension, but are not considered a special risk.”</p> <p>France (03/02/21): “For pregnant women, the HAS recalls that the administration of vaccines against Covid-19 to pregnant women is not contraindicated; it should be considered if the potential benefits outweigh the risks to the mother and fetus. In particular, pregnant women over 35 or those with other comorbidities such as obesity, diabetes or cardiovascular diseases, or pregnant women likely to be in contact with infected people due to their professional activity may be offered vaccination.”</p>	<p>Can be: Elevated exposure Elevated risk of severe disease Trimester specific</p>
3	Permitted with qualifications	<p>Certain groups of pregnant people, e.g., pregnant health workers, pregnant people with underlying conditions, CAN, MAY, CAN CHOOSE to receive, or SHOULD BE OFFERED.</p> <p>OR Vaccination of these groups SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.</p> <p>OR Vaccination of pregnant people is permitted IF there is an extra process involved as a gatekeeper step, such as having a prescription,</p>	<p>Argentina (05/21/21): “pregnant women, breastfeeding women, can be vaccinated if they also: - Present a high risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 infection that it cannot be avoided: health personnel, strategic personnel, teaching and non-teaching staff (initial, primary and secondary level). - Present underlying diseases that include them within the “high risk groups for serious complications and / or death from COVID-19”: diabetes, obesity grade 2 or greater (BMI greater than or equal to 35 kg / m2), and / or diseases chronic kidney, respiratory or heart disease.”</p> <p>Turkey (no date): “Pregnant women at high risk of having COVID-19 can be vaccinated upon their request. It is preferred that the vaccine is not administered in the first trimester of pregnancy.”</p> <p>Croatia (no date): “Due to limited and insufficient knowledge of the effects of the vaccine on pregnant women, the use of the vaccine during pregnancy should only</p>	<p>Qualifications indicate the groups for whom the vaccine is permitted: Elevated exposure Elevated risk of severe disease Trimester specific</p> <p>OR other qualifiers on access Prescription required Provider consultation required [special consent]</p>

		<p>provider consultation, or special consent procedure.</p> <p>OR Vaccination should be offered after 1st trimester or only in 2nd & 3rd trimester.</p> <p>OR includes “only if” or “only when”.</p>	<p>be considered when the potential benefits outweigh any potential risks to the mother and fetus.”</p>	
4	Not recommended but with exceptions	<p>Must contain sentence or clause stating generally not recommended, systematic vaccination in pregnancy/lactation not recommended, then provide exceptions.</p> <p>In some cases, the framing or placement may imply that vaccination is not recommended, such as including text in the “contraindications” section. When pregnant people are listed under contraindications with language that allows exceptions based on risk/benefit assessment, it is a 4.</p>	<p>Uruguay (02/22/21): “As a precaution, it is currently recommended not to vaccinate pregnant women, unless there is a very high risk of exposure to the virus and / or of complications of the disease (for example, health workers, obesity, diabetes pre-existing, etc). “</p> <p>Denmark (04/20/21): “We do not offer vaccination to children under 16 years of age or pregnant or breastfeeding women because the vaccines have not been tested on those groups. However, in exceptional cases, for example in the event of severe illness, a child or pregnant woman may be offered vaccination based on an individual, medical assessment.”</p>	<p>Qualifications indicate the groups for whom the vaccine is permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elevated exposure Elevated risk of severe disease Trimester specific <p>OR other qualifiers on access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescription required Provider consultation required/special consent
5	Not recommended	<p>Vaccination of pregnant women is not allowed, not possible, contraindicated, prohibited.</p>	<p>Iraq (no date): “What are the groups that are not included in receiving the Covid-19 vaccine?...Pregnant women and nursing mothers and women who are planning to become pregnant during the next three month”</p> <p>Greenland (06/03/21):</p>	<p>No qualifiers should apply to this category</p>

			“The vaccine is not offered to children, pregnant women and nursing mothers. This is because the vaccines have not yet been adequately tested on these populations.”	
6	No position found	Either pregnancy not mentioned at all, or pregnancy-related text does not include a position – these are “punts”. E.g., “Please consult your doctor” does not indicate whether vaccination in pregnancy is permitted or prohibited by this policy.	Peru (04/13/21): “If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, consult your doctor about the risk-benefit of getting vaccinated.”	No qualifiers should apply to this category

¹These examples do not necessarily represent the country’s current position.