

Lucy Chappel video transcript

There is no evidence that the COVID-19 vaccine impacts on fertility.

[Text: The COVID-19 Vaccine, Fertility with Professor Lucy Chappel]

I'm Professor Lucy Chappel a consultant obstetrician and a spokesperson for the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

When you get the vaccine you develop immunity by producing an antibody to spike protein. That's similar to what happens if you get Covid-19 infection.

But those antibodies don't affect your fertility.

There have been some myths that the proteins are similar but lots of proteins are similar and it doesn't mean that the vaccine can impact your fertility.

We use similar vaccines such as the flu vaccine or the whooping cough vaccine already in pregnancy and in women who are considering getting pregnant and we know that they're safe.

The Covid-19 vaccine is a similar sort of vaccine called a non-live vaccine.

We would encourage all women, when they are called for a vaccine to go ahead and get vaccinated to protect yourself against COVID-19.

On the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists website we have developed comprehensive information including questions and answers and including a lot of information about fertility. So we would encourage women to go to that site, to have a look for themselves.

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