I am pregnant, WWW WWW vaccine

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I am breastfeeding, can I be vaccinated?

Yes, you can have the vaccine whilst breastfeeding.

I am allergic to cats, peanuts, penicillin, nuts or pollen and therefore I can't have the vaccine.

You can. Everyone apart from those people who have had a serious allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) to two or more classes of drugs, an unexplained serious allergic reaction to an unknown substance, or those who are known to have had an anaphylactic reaction to either a component of the vaccine or to a previous Covid-19 vaccination can have the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine.

The vaccine might give me Covid.

This cannot happen. There is no virus in the vaccine.

I am vegan and I have heard that the vaccine is manufactured from animal products.

The Pfizer BioNTech vaccine does not contain any animal products or egg.

I tested positive for the virus that causes Covid-19 21 days ago so I cannot be vaccinated.

Correct. You should wait 28 days after a positive Covid-19 test before being vaccinated. This is purely to prevent any confusion between Covid-19 symptoms and and side-effects from the vaccine.

I would like my children vaccinated.

Other than in exceptional clinical circumstances the vaccine is not currently being given to children under 16 years of age as clinical trials in this age group have not yet concluded. There is no evidence that the vaccine is unsafe for children but we do need to await the trial data before considering vaccinating children.

Should I be vaccinated?

My advice is that everyone over 16, other than those for who vaccination is clinically contra-indicated, should receive the vaccine. The more people who are vaccinated, the safer for everyone. The vaccine will help protect you, your family and friends, the people you work with, and the wider population.