



Maternal Vaccination Act

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BACKGROUND

Maternal vaccinations are important for the health of both moms and babies: pregnant women who contract influenza are at greater risk of maternal morbidity and mortality, as well as fetal morbidity.²⁷ Additional maternal Tdap (pertussis) vaccination helps protect infants, who are at the greatest risk for developing pertussis and its life-threatening complications.²⁸

The bipartisan **Maternal Vaccination Act**, which passed the House of Representatives with unanimous bipartisan support in November 2021, supports evidence-based education and awareness efforts about the importance of maternal vaccinations.

BILL SUMMARY

The **Maternal Vaccination Act** will provide funding for a **national campaign to raise awareness about maternal vaccinations and increase maternal vaccination rates**, particularly for people from communities with historically low vaccination rates.

COSPONSERS AND ENDORSEMENTS

Find a list of cosponsors [here](#), and a list of organizations that have endorsed the act [here](#).

If you have any questions, or would like to cosponsor, please contact us at:

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²⁷ ACOG: [Maternal Immunization](#)

²⁸ CDC: [Why Maternal Vaccines Are Important](#)