

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.¹ For instance, mothers who receive the influenza vaccine during pregnancy are 40% less likely to be hospitalized with influenza.² Additional maternal Tdap (pertussis) vaccination helps protect infants, who are at the greatest risk for developing pertussis and its life-threatening complications.³

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.

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