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COVID vaccines safe during pregnancy.

A large-scale retrospective [study released by the CDC](#) today shows that receiving a COVID vaccination did not result in more preterm or small-for-gestational-age births.

The project, which included more than 46,000 expectant women, included both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. The results show that the vaccines are not associated with preterm or small-for-gestational-age births. The study looked at the number of doses received during the pregnancy as well as in what trimester the vaccine was received and comorbidities of the mother.

The CDC continues to recommend vaccination for women who are pregnant or might become pregnant to reduce the risk of severe illness.

Changes for Pfizer vaccine

Both the [FDA](#) and [CDC](#) have changed two recommendations for the Pfizer vaccine. For those over 12 years old, the recommendation for receiving a Pfizer booster has been shortened from six months to five. In addition, a third dose is now also recommended for immunocompromised children 5-11 years old.

Earlier this week, the FDA also authorized booster doses for all 12–15-year-olds. This is expected to be discussed at the ACIP meeting tomorrow prior to the CDC taking action on the FDA recommendation.

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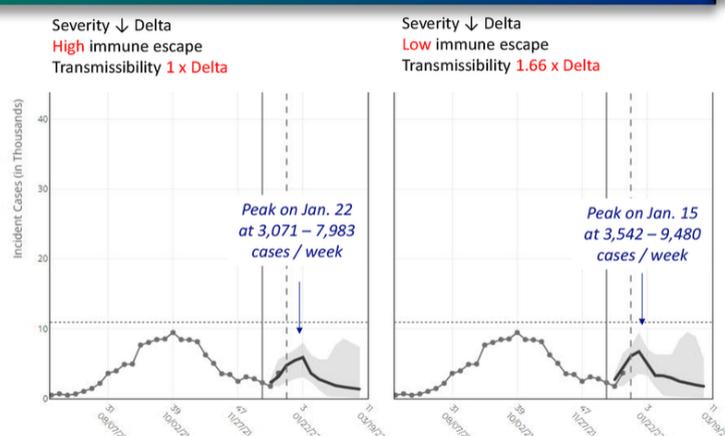
Projections for Omicron wave

Today, IDHW shared projections of how they anticipate the Omicron wave will impact Idaho in terms of the number getting ill as well as those getting hospitalized.

The peak for positive cases is expected between January 15-22 with hospitalizations cresting about a week later. Hospital admissions per week are expected to average between 193 and 238, with a peak high of up to 693.

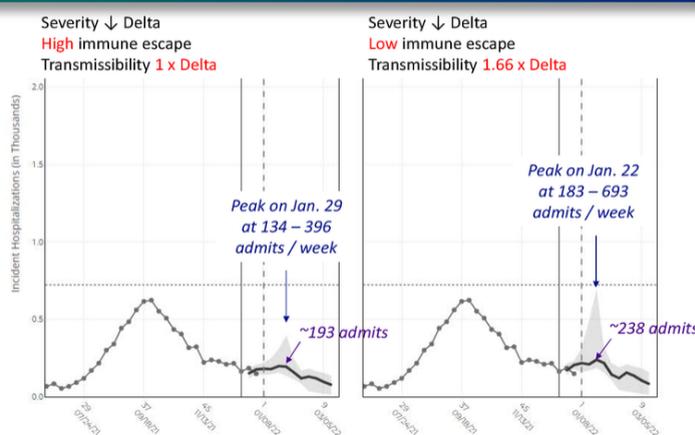
Projection: disease incidence 50% uncertainty

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Projection: incident hospitalizations 50% uncertainty

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