



SPN Position Statement

IMPORTANCE OF IMMUNIZATION AGAINST COVID-19

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SPN commends your dedication in caring for infants, children and families throughout this COVID-19 pandemic. SPN urges all members to rely on data and experts in the field who have determined through rigorous scientific and regulatory processes that the COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective. The promise of a vaccine for the United States population has been a goal since the pandemic began and its availability is a major step to containing this virus. With nurses being the most trusted profession, we have the opportunity to advocate for the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine and influence our communities by educating our patients, families, neighbors and friends of the importance of vaccination. The COVID-19 vaccine is our best hope for ending this pandemic.

Here are key resources that provide accurate information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Vaccine FAQs](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Vaccine Facts](#)
- [Joint Statement from American Hospital Association, American Medical Association and American Nurses Association](#)
- [CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports](#)

FDA Fact Sheets

- [Pfizer Vaccine](#)
- [Moderna Vaccine](#)
- [Johnson & Johnson Vaccine](#)

We have heard that there have been many questions about the vaccine from members who are pregnant or breastfeeding. These trusted organizations provide vaccine recommendations for people who are pregnant or breastfeeding.

- [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine](#)
- [Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine](#)

We urge you to discuss any concerns you may have about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine with your healthcare provider. This statement will be updated as new data about the vaccine becomes available.

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