



AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE (ASRM) PATIENT MANAGEMENT  
AND CLINICAL RECOMMENDATIONS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

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We remain steadfast in our guidance that to promote safety and protect health, patients and staff should get fully vaccinated, wear masks, and be tested for COVID when necessary. Widespread vaccination will, over time, reduce the need for wearing masks and social distancing.

- COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for women who are contemplating pregnancy or who are pregnant to minimize risks to themselves and their pregnancy.
- Physicians continue to play a crucial role in encouraging vaccination among their staff and their patients.
- We support the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's \(CDC\) strong recommendation](#) that everyone present in a healthcare setting wear a mask.
- Where permissible, we support partners attending reproductive health appointments as long as they are wearing a mask and are asymptomatic. State, local, institution, and clinic rules and guidelines supersede this guidance.

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*This guidance document was developed under the direction of the COVID-19 Task Force of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. These recommendations are being provided as a service to ASRM members, other practicing clinicians, and to the patients they care for, during the coronavirus pandemic. While this document reflects the views of members of the Task Force, it is not intended to be the only approved standard of practice or to dictate an exclusive course of treatment. Clinicians should always use their best clinical judgment in determining a course of action and be guided by the needs of the individual patient, available resources, and institutional or clinical practice limitations. The Executive Committee of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine has approved this guidance document.*