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FACT SHEET

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BY THE NUMBERS

Immunizing Expecting Women

- Between 2011 to 2016 - 14% of Portage County women had been pregnant, 81% received prenatal care within the first 3 months.

Source: [Portage County Community Health Assessment](#)

Protecting Mother and Children

Influenza (Flu) and whooping cough can be deadly, especially in a baby's first few months of life. Vaccinating women against these diseases during each pregnancy helps protect both them and their babies. Studies show influenza and whooping cough vaccines are very safe for the expecting women and developing babies. Pregnant women pass antibodies to their unborn babies.

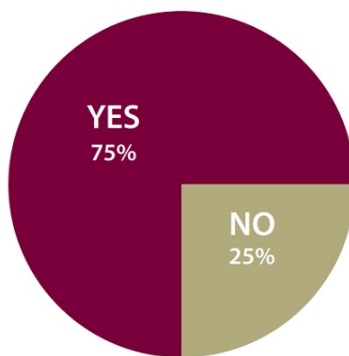
Want to learn more? Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/>



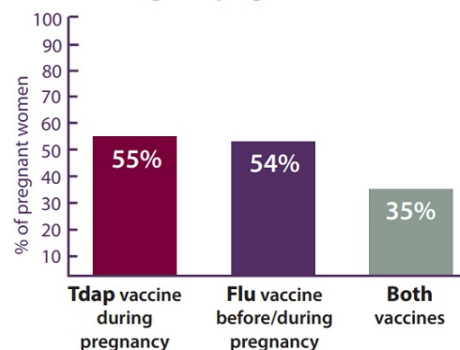
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

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| <p>2X</p> <p>Women with influenza are more than twice as likely to be hospitalized when expecting a child.</p> | <p>69%</p> <p>Sixty-nine percent of reported whooping cough deaths occur in babies before 2 months old.</p> | <p>1 in 3</p> <p>Only 1 in 3 U.S. pregnant women will receive both Flu and Tdap</p> |
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Women who report provider offer or referral for flu and Tdap vaccine



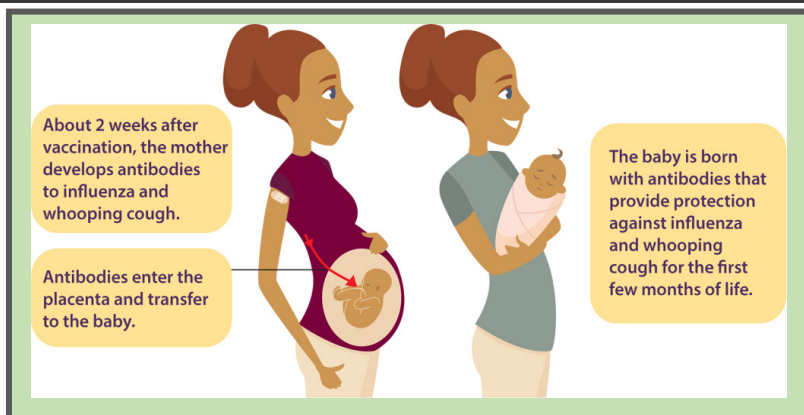
Flu and Tdap vaccination coverage for pregnant women



PROBLEM

Babies not receiving early protection:

- Not enough women are receiving the Flu and Tdap vaccines during the third trimester for each pregnancy.
- Pregnant women aren't always aware of the need for these recommended vaccines.
- Babies under 6 months old are at the highest risk for being hospitalized with influenza.



WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Everyone Can:

- Pregnant women can get the recommended Influenza and Tdap vaccines and talk to their healthcare providers if they have any questions, to learn more: www.cdc.gov/pregnancyvaccines
- All others can get a Flu shot every year and be up to date on vaccines, learn more: www.cdc.gov/vaccinesFAQs

