



ESHRE COVID-19 Working Group

Established in March 2020 and continuously supporting professionals and patients worldwide

AIM #01

TO GUIDE PRACTICE IN ASSISTED REPRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES (ART)

2 April 2020

ESHRE Guidance on Fertility Services during the pandemic

23 April 2020

ESHRE Guidance document on recommencing ART

29 May 2020

Assisted reproduction and COVID-19: a joint statement from ASRM, ESHRE and IFFS

14 October 2020

Safe ART services during the third phase of the COVID-19 pandemic

12 January 2021

COVID-19 Vaccination and Assisted Reproduction

9 February 2021

Joint IFFS/ ESHRE statement on COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women and those considering pregnancy

AIM #02

TO SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS AND PATIENTS

11 May 2020

Webinar 1850 attendees

27-30 June 2020

2 Covid-19 sessions
@ESHRE Annual Meeting

9 December 2020

ESHRE session @Progress
educational trust Annual Meeting

Throughout 2020

Responding to queries from professionals and patients

AIM #03

TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE ON COVID-19



Monitor impact of COVID-19
on ART in Europe



Collection of data on COVID-19
affected ART pregnancies



Extra-ordinary Research Grant

COVID-19 and Assisted Reproduction Technologies (ART)

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, ESHRE has mobilised its experts to issue guidance and statements to assist professionals and patients in navigating these difficult times.

We have also created a dedicated webpage which gathers the latest information on the topic and the ESHRE statements: <https://www.eshre.eu/COVID19WG>

1 April 2020: ART and COVID-19
A Statement from ESHRE for Phase 1

GUIDANCE ON FERTILITY SERVICES DURING THE PANDEMIC

In absence of reassuring data on the impact of COVID-19 on reproductive cells and pregnancy, and to avoid contributing additional stress to a healthcare system that in many locations is already overloaded, ESHRE advises that assisted reproduction treatments should not be started at present. In cases of urgent fertility preservation in oncology patients, the cryopreservation of gametes, embryos or tissue should still be considered.

To read the full statement click [here](#).

23 April 2020: ART and COVID-19
A Statement from ESHRE for Phase 2

GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON RECOMMENCING ART

In this guidance, published at the end of the first COVID-19 pandemic wave, ESHRE provides guidance and tools for clinics on how to restart their activities. The key principle in the guidance is that patients, staff, and anyone attending the centre must have tested COVID-19 negative. To identify COVID-19 infected staff and patients, triage and testing strategies are provided.

To read the full statement click [here](#).

29 May 2020

ASSISTED REPRODUCTION AND COVID-19: A JOINT STATEMENT FROM ASRM, ESHRE AND IFFS

After an initial recommendation to pause ART activities, except for the most urgent cases, gradual and judicious resumption of reproductive care was sanctioned. With this statement, ESHRE reinforces together with two international societies (ASRM, IFFS), that reproductive care is essential for the well-being of society. The statement also calls upon the help of reproductive medicine professionals to promote health and wellbeing and to gather data and help to further COVID-19 research.

The statement was published in *Human Reproduction Open*, Volume 2020, Issue 3 and is available [here](#).

14 October 2020: ART and COVID-19
A Statement from ESHRE for Phase 3

SAFE ART SERVICES DURING THE THIRD PHASE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In this guidance, ESHRE provides advice and tools that should allow ART centres to perform safe ART in accordance with the local pandemic situation. The guidance suggests mitigation actions to be considered with rising incidence of SARS-COV-2 infections, which can be put in place to ensure the safety of patients visiting the centre, and of staff members.

To read the full statement click [here](#).

12 January 2021

COVID-19 VACCINATION AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTION

ESHRE provides advice on COVID-19 vaccination before attempting conception or during pregnancy. The information should support ART professionals to guide their patients in making informed decisions on COVID-19 vaccination in the absence of safety data. ESHRE recommends that men and women should have access to fertility services, and such access should not depend on the availability of the COVID-19 vaccines or on the decision of individual patients about vaccination.

To read the full statement click [here](#).

9 February 2021

JOINT IFFS/ ESHRE STATEMENT ON COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND THOSE CONSIDERING PREGNANCY

With this statement, ESHRE describes, together with the international federation of fertility societies (IFFS), the uncertainties regarding vaccination before or during pregnancy and outlines factors to be considered in decision-making.

The statement was published in *Human Reproduction Open*, Volume 2020, Issue 3 and is available [here](#).

The most recent ESHRE statements and guidance on COVID-19 and ART are available on the [dedicated webpage](#). For more information, contact info@eshre.eu

