



# RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) Vaccine Facts

## RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV)

- RSV is a **very contagious** respiratory virus that can cause cold-like symptoms in some, but can cause pneumonia and severe disease in others
- RSV can be more serious for **infants and older adults with other medical conditions**
- RSV season is typically Fall through Spring
- Vaccines help protect you and are safe to use.



**VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE FOR  
OLDER ADULTS, INFANTS, AND PREGNANT WOMEN  
TO HELP PREVENT SEVERE RSV DISEASE**

## INFANTS

- **Infants under 8 months of age** should receive a **single dose** of nirsevimab (Beyfortus) before or during the RSV season to protect them from severe illness
- **Infants and children 8-19 months of age** who are at high risk for severe RSV disease and entering their second RSV season should also receive one dose of nirsevimab
- Premature infants, young infants, children who have chronic lung or heart disease, and children with weakened immune systems have a [higher risk for severe illness](#) from RSV
- These products provide an **extra layer of protection** against RSV disease

*\*Recommendations from the [CDC](#) and the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#)*

## OLDER ADULTS

- Adults **60 years and older** may receive a **single dose** of RSV vaccine
  - Arexvy (GSK) and Abrysvo (Pfizer) vaccines are approved for use in adults 60 years and older
- The vaccine can be given at the same time as other vaccines
- Older adults, especially those with [certain medical conditions](#) like COPD, asthma, and congestive heart failure, are at higher risk for severe RSV disease

*\*Recommendations from the [CDC](#) and the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#)*

## PREGNANT WOMEN

- Pregnant women can receive Pfizer's RSV vaccine (Abrysvo™) to protect their newborn from severe RSV illness.
- The vaccine is **given between September and January** to pregnant persons during weeks 32 through 36 of pregnancy.

## HOW TO GET A VACCINE

Speak with your healthcare provider about getting the RSV vaccine.

For more information on RSV, visit [cdc.gov/rsv/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/index.html).

[publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/diseases/RSV.htm](https://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/diseases/RSV.htm)

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