

Free RSV Immunization Product Available Through VFC Enrollment

Nirsevimab (Beyfortus) is an immunization product that can prevent severe RSV disease in infants and children. The optimal timing for nirsevimab administration is within a baby's first week of life for babies born during RSV season (ideally during the birth hospitalization). ¹



Births

- In 2023, nearly **98,000** infants were born in LA County
 - **56%** of infants were eligible for VFC ²
- In the 2023-2024 season, only **9%** of infants born received a Nirsevimab dose within 7 days of birth



Cases

- **RSV cases are on the rise for the 2024-2025 season**
- In the 2023-2024 season, there were more than 1,000 infants who were diagnosed with RSV in LA County ³



Hospitalizations

- RSV is the **leading** cause of infant hospitalization in the U.S ⁴
- Severe disease most commonly occurs in very young infants, including healthy babies without underlying conditions ⁴



Disparities

- **Uninsured babies** and those covered under Medicaid have a **higher** rate of RSV hospitalization compared to babies with commercial insurance ⁵
- Babies covered under Medicaid are **91% more likely** than commercially insured babies to have an RSV hospitalization in the first year of life ⁵



How birthing hospitals can make an impact in preventing RSV

- Immunize all eligible babies at birth to protect them against RSV **before** they leave the hospital
- Reduce number of cases, decrease hospitalizations, and protect babies.
- Reduce disparities for uninsured or Medi-Cal eligible babies by enrolling in the Vaccine for Children (VFC) program to receive **free nirsevimab**

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/hcp/vaccine-clinical-guidance/infants-young-children.html>

2. <https://data.chhs.ca.gov/dataset/eligible-individuals-under-age-21-enrolled-in-medi-cal-by-county>

3. Positive RSV cases reported to LA County Department of Public Health

4. <https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/infants-young-children>

5. <https://doi.org/10.1093/infdis/jiac172>



HOW TO ENROLL IN VFC

Hospital Enrollment Checklist:

What you need for your application

- Review [2025 VFC Program Requirements](#)
- Complete [EZIZ Training](#)
- Set-up [Storage & Handling](#)
 - Refrigerators
 - Digital Data Loggers
- [Enroll in CAIR](#)

Specialized support for enrolling in VFC

 - Email: vfcenrollment@cdph.ca.gov lacipinfo@ph.lacounty.gov with questions
- Submit VFC enrollment application via myCAvax**
 - [Active or previous myCAvax Account](#)
 - [Need to enroll in myCAvax](#)
 - *Prioritized enrollment for hospitals*
- Visit [Birthing Hospital Webpage](#) for more details

