

Older Adults Are at High Risk for Severe RSV Illness

Respiratory Syncytial Virus, or **RSV**, is a common virus that affects the lungs and breathing passages

- ✓ RSV vaccine is available to adults 60 and over
- ✓ It can **PROTECT** against severe illness
- ✓ The best time to get vaccinated is in late summer and early fall.
- ✓ Talk to your doctor to see if vaccination is right for you

RSV can be dangerous for older adults

Adults who are 60 years or older are at highest risk, especially those:

- With chronic health conditions
- Who are elderly or frail
- Who live in nursing homes

RSV can lead to serious conditions

- Pneumonia (infection of the lungs)
- Hospitalization
- More severe symptoms for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- More severe symptoms for people with congestive heart failure

It is always important to practice good hygiene and stay away from others when sick to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, like RSV.



**EACH
YEAR
RSV**

**causes
serious illness
in older adults**

**60,000–160,000
hospitalizations**

**6,000–10,000
deaths**



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