

RSV in Infants and Young Children

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common virus that affects the lungs. RSV season starts in the fall and peaks in the winter in most regions of the U.S.

Protect your young child from RSV

There are two options to protect babies from severe RSV illness. Most babies do not need both.

Maternal RSV vaccine given during pregnancy:

- Protection passed to baby during pregnancy
- Given during weeks 32-36 of pregnancy
- Recommended during September-January

Infant RSV antibody given to the baby:

- Directly provides protection to baby
- Given to babies younger than 8 months
- Recommended during October-March

A dose of infant RSV antibody is also recommended for the following children between the ages of 8 and 19 months entering their second RSV season:

- Children who were born prematurely and have chronic lung disease
- Children who are severely immunocompromised
- Children with severe cystic fibrosis
- American Indian and Alaska Native children

RSV was the leading cause of infant hospitalization in the U.S. before the introduction of RSV immunizations.

Talk to your healthcare provider to determine which option is best for you and your baby.



**RSV can be
DANGEROUS
for infants
and some
young children.**



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