

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) immunisation for children

Have you had the conversation with your doctor or nurse about protecting your child against RSV?

What is RSV?

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is a common respiratory virus. It can infect the lungs. It usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms but can cause serious illness. Most children will have been infected by RSV by the time they are 2 years old.

What are the symptoms of RSV?

- Runny nose
- Coughing
- Wheezing
- Fever
- Sneezing
- Decreased appetite

How serious is RSV for children?

RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis and pneumonia. Severe infection can occur. It is more common in very young infants or those with underlying medical conditions.

What is the best way to prevent the RSV?

The best way to prevent RSV is to get your infant immunised this RSV season – April to September. The immunisation will give your child immunity for up to 5 months.

The RSV Immunisation is FREE for children most at risk, including:

- **Young infants entering their first RSV season** - All children born between 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025 will be able to receive a single dose of Beyfortus.
- **Children born during RSV season** - Beyfortus will be offered to all babies born in WA between 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025 through birthing hospitals whose mothers did not receive Abrysvo (maternal RSV vaccine) during pregnancy.
- **High risk children entering their second RSV season** - Children born after 1 October 2022 who have a medical condition placing them at-risk for severe RSV disease will be eligible to receive Beyfortus.

Your child's doctor will let you know if your one-year-old child would benefit from receiving Beyfortus because of a medical condition.



Where can my children receive the free RSV immunisation?

Via their general practitioner (GP), WA Country Health Services (WACHS), metropolitan Child and Adolescent Community Health (CACH) clinics, or Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS).

Alternatively walk into or book an appointment at the PCH Stan Perron Immunisation Centre, Level 1, Clinic D, from 8.30am to 4.00pm. This program will not be available at pharmacies.



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