

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

RSV is a virus that spreads easily through close contact. RSV can be serious for babies and young children. It is the leading cause of hospitalization among infants in the United States.



Protecting Your Baby from RSV

Protection During Pregnancy With the Maternal RSV Vaccine

Or

Protection After Birth With the Monoclonal Antibody



One dose if you are 32 to 36 weeks pregnant from September through January.



Creates antibodies that pass to your baby during pregnancy and protect them during their first RSV season.



- Provides immediate protection for your baby after birth during their first RSV season when the risk of severe illness is highest.
- 7 in 10 babies are protected from serious RSV illness.
- About 6 in 10 babies are protected from needing a hospital stay in their first 6 months.
- Can be given at the same time as other recommended vaccines during pregnancy.
- One less shot for baby after birth.

When

How it Works

Benefits



One dose for babies born during or before their first RSV season, October through March.



Gives lab-made antibodies to babies to help them develop immunity against RSV.



- May provide longer-lasting protection than the maternal vaccine, and your baby gets antibodies directly.
- About 8 in 10 babies are less likely to visit their doctor for an RSV-related illness.
- 8 in 10 babies are less likely to need a hospital stay during RSV season.
- Protects your baby during their first RSV season when the risk of severe illness is highest.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) recommends you receive a single dose of Pfizer's maternal RSV vaccine (Abrysvo) during pregnancy.

Both the vaccine during pregnancy and the antibody shot after birth are safe, effective options for protecting your baby from severe RSV infections.

In most cases, you should choose one or the other.

The antibody shot can also be given to children as old as 19 months who are at high risk of serious RSV infection.



Talk with your ob-gyn or health care professional about RSV season where you live and the best option for you to be sure your baby gets a healthy start.

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