

# 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 recommended for:**
  - Everyone 75 and older
  - People 60-74 who are at increased risk of severe RSV
- ✓ **It can PROTECT against severe illness**
- ✓ **The best time to get vaccinated is in late summer and early fall**

## RSV can be dangerous for adults aged 60 or older

### Older adults are at risk if they:

- Are ages 75 and older
- Have chronic health conditions
- Have a weakened immune system
- Live in a nursing home

## 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**

**100,000–160,000  
hospitalizations**



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