

# RSV in Infants and Young Children

Respiratory syncytial virus, or 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. Most babies only need one, not both.**

**RSV vaccine** given during pregnancy:

- Protection passed to baby during pregnancy
- Recommended when 32-36 weeks pregnant
- Usually given during September-January

**RSV antibody** given to the baby:

- Directly provides protection to baby
- Recommended for babies younger than 8 months
- Usually given during October-March

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

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

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



**RSV is the  
LEADING CAUSE  
of infant  
hospitalization  
in the U.S.**



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