

RSV Vaccine During Pregnancy

What is RSV?

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common respiratory illness that causes cold-like symptoms. Symptoms are mild for most people who get RSV, but it can lead to severe illness in babies and older adults. Every year, around 58,000-80,000 children (mostly babies under 6 months old) are hospitalized in the U.S. because of severe complications from RSV.

Should I receive the RSV vaccine while pregnant?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) recommend that pregnant people get the RSV vaccine to protect their babies from severe RSV disease.

When during my pregnancy should I receive the RSV vaccine?

The CDC and ACOG recommend that pregnant people get 1 dose of Pfizer's RSV vaccine (Abrysvo™) between 32 and 36 weeks of pregnancy, during RSV season (September to January in most of the U.S.). You can safely get the RSV vaccine at the same time as other vaccines.

Are there any versions of the RSV vaccine that I should not receive?

GSK's RSV vaccine (Arexvy) is **not approved** for pregnant people.

What are the side effects from the RSV vaccine?



Common side effects from the vaccine include pain at the injection site, headache, muscle pain, and nausea.

Are there any risks to getting the RSV vaccine while pregnant?

During clinical trials, a slightly higher number of preterm births occurred among those who received the vaccine compared to those who did not. Currently, there is not enough information to determine the exact relationship between preterm birth and the RSV vaccine. To reduce the risk of preterm birth or any other potential harm, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the vaccine for pregnant people between 32 and 36 weeks of pregnancy.

Where can I find additional information on the RSV vaccine?

If you have additional questions, please feel free to ask your health care provider. You can also review the materials listed below for more information.

Resource Information	QR Code
<p data-bbox="203 997 906 1031">ACOG Maternal Respiratory Syncytial Virus</p> <p data-bbox="203 1052 602 1085">Vaccination Information:</p> <p data-bbox="203 1106 1068 1255">https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/practice-advisory/articles/2023/09/maternal-respiratory-syncytial-virus-vaccination</p>	
<p data-bbox="203 1327 959 1413">CDC Healthcare Providers: RSV Vaccination for Pregnant People:</p> <p data-bbox="203 1434 1081 1640">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/rsv/hcp/pregnant-people.html#:~:text=CDC%20recommends%20a%20respiratory%20syncytial,pregnancy%20during%20September%20through%20January.</p>	

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