

MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Health Department Administrators
Vaccine Providers, Medical Directors and Vaccine Coordinators

FROM: IDPH Immunization Section

DATE: November 22, 2023

RE: **RSV Vaccine Available through 317 Adult Vaccine Program**

This notification is for providers in Illinois **outside** of the City of Chicago. Provider offices within the City of Chicago should refer to guidance from the Chicago Department of Public Health.

BACKGROUND and AVAILABILITY

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a highly contagious virus that, while mild for most people, can be severe for infants and young children and older adults or adults with chronic medical conditions. This year, for the first time, there are two vaccines available for adults. Abrysvo and Arexvy are both licensed and recommended for people 60 years and older. Abrysvo is also licensed and recommended for individuals who are pregnant. Please note, Arexvy is NOT approved for use in pregnant persons. **These products are now available to order through the 317 Adult Vaccine program.**

This year, FDA approved its first vaccines to prevent RSV in infants ([Abrysvo](#) given to pregnant persons between 32-36 weeks gestation) and in adults 60 years and older ([Arexvy](#)). Additionally, FDA approved [Beyfortus](#), an [injectable monoclonal antibody](#) to prevent RSV in neonates younger than eight months or some older babies with underlying health conditions. On August 3, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to [recommend the preventative antibody](#) Beyfortus for children up to 19 months old.

We expect that Abrysvo will be available for pediatric individuals under the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) in the future. We will let you know when this change occurs. ***As a reminder, RSV vaccines (Arexvy or Abrysvo) are not approved or recommended for use in infants and young children.***

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

Adult RSV vaccines will now be ordered through the **Adult/317 Limited Qty** order intent.

From the VFC tab in I-CARE, click on Vaccine Requests, click on the Add Order button, and then scroll down to the “Order Intent” field. Change the order intent to Adult/317 Limited Qty. Search for the vaccine in the Add Vaccine field to add the RSV vaccine and complete your order as usual.

Order Intent: ☐ Pediatric/VFC ☐ Adult/317 ☐ Pediatric/VFC Limited Qty ☒ Adult/317 Limited Qty

Order Priority:

Order Summary: Empty order

Add Vaccine: All Vaccines ▾

Enter search for vaccine by group, brand name, manufacturer, or NDC. Or select from All Vaccines.

RESOURCES

- [Characteristics and Outcomes Among Adults Aged ≥60 Years Hospitalized with Laboratory-Confirmed Respiratory Syncytial Virus — RSV-NET, 12 States, July 2022–June 2023 | MMWR October 6, 2023.](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About RSVpreF \(Abrysvo\) vaccine for Pregnant People](#)
- [RSV in Infants and Young Children](#)
- [RSV in Older Adults and Adults with Chronic Medical Conditions](#)

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