

# Childhood Vaccines

## Caregiver Information

At Eisner Health, your baby's health is our top priority.



### What is the **RSV** vaccine and who needs it?

The RSV vaccine protects against the Respiratory Syncytial Virus, a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious. Infants and older adults are more likely to develop severe RSV and need hospitalization.

It is recommended that pregnant mothers receive the RSV vaccine to protect their babies after they're born. RSV vaccine is for babies whose mothers did not receive the RSV vaccine, are younger than 8 months, and are entering their first RSV season. In rare cases, a health care provider may determine RSV immunization is needed for an infant even though the mother received the RSV vaccine while pregnant.



### How does RSV spread?

RSV can spread when:

- An infected person coughs or sneezes.
- You get virus droplets from a cough or sneeze in your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- You have direct contact with the virus, like kissing the face of a child with RSV.
- You touch a surface that has the virus on it, like a doorknob, and then touch your face before washing your hands.

People are typically infected with RSV for the first time as an infant or toddler and nearly all children are infected before their second birthday. However, repeat infections may occur throughout life, and people of any age can be infected.



Guard grandma and grandpa with care – the **new RSV vaccine for adults 60+** is now available!

**I've never even heard of RSV. Does my baby need this vaccine?**

**YES**

- While the infection wasn't common when you were a child, RSV is now the leading respiratory cause of hospitalization for infants and children in the United States and throughout the world.
- Most hospitalizations occur in previously healthy infants.
- RSV causes over 2 million outpatient visits every year in the U.S. and between 58,000 and 80,000 hospitalizations.
- In the U.S., RSV causes 100–300 deaths each year in children younger than 5 years old.

The vaccines against RSV were specifically developed to attack this growing threat.

## **Receiving vaccines is an important part of a child's health.**

Vaccines give your child the antibodies they need to fight off serious diseases. As a parent or caregiver, we want you to feel confident about making the choice to protect your child.

**Please talk with your provider if you have any questions about vaccinations.**



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