



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**

2024 RSV Infant Immunisation Program

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Program eligibility and provider groups

Program	Cohorts	Provider group	Start and end date of program
Catch-up program	Children born between <u>1 October 2023 to 30 April 2024</u>	GPs, WACHS, CAHS, AMS	early April – 30 September 2024
Newborn program	Babies born in WA between <u>1 May to 30 September, 2024</u>	Antenatal hospitals	1 May – 30 September 2024
High risk children entering their second RSV season	Children (aged 8 -19 months) entering their second RSV season who have a medical condition placing them at-risk for severe RSV disease	GPs, WACHS, CAHS, AMS	early April – 30 September 2024

Authority to immunise

- Structured Administration Supply Arrangement (**SASA**)
- **AIR** reporting mandatory under the SASA
- **Immunisation Schedule** will be updated to include nirsevimab before 1 April

Education requirements to administer RSV

Immunisation Provider group	Education Requirements
Registered and Enrolled Nurses	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AHPRA2. SA Health Immunisation Learning Courses or a HESA equivalent3. Online WA Health RSV module (coming soon)
Registered Midwives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AHPRA.2. SA Health Immunisation course for Midwives or a HESA equivalent3. Online WA Health RSV module (coming soon)
Aboriginal Health Workers and Practitioners	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AHPRA.2. WA Health/AHCWA Immunisation course3. Complete the online WA Health RSV module (coming soon)

Consent process

- Consent form available
- “What parents need to know” fact sheet to support consenting process
- Stickers that can be added into the National Woman Held Pregnancy Record (NWHPR) as a prompt to discuss Program with women at antenatal visit

Reporting requirements

1. Immunisation administration:

- AIR will accept nirsevimab reporting

2. Adverse event reporting

- Report all adverse events to the WA Vaccine Safety Surveillance System
- [About Western Australia - SAFEVAC Reporting](#)

Subscribe to Vaccine Updates

- You can find more information at [Immunisation provider information and resources \(health.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/immunisation-provider-information-and-resources).



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Vaccine Updates (e-newsletter subscription and recent editions)

Vaccine Updates gives immunisation providers important information, news and changes to immunisation programs and vaccines in Western Australia.

It is important that immunisation providers subscribe to [Vaccine updates \(external site\)](#) to keep up-to-date.

See recent editions of [Vaccine updates \(external site\)](#).

Resources

- ‘What parents need to know’ pre-consent– *coming soon*
- ‘What parents need to know’ Aboriginal families – *coming soon*
- RSV Immunisation Consent forms – *coming soon*
- Stickers for the National Woman Held Pregnancy Record (NWHPR) at antenatal centres– *coming soon*

Healthy WA - consumer websites

- [Respiratory Syncytial Virus](#)
- [Respiratory Syncytial Virus Immunisation](#)
- [Protecting our kids from RSV](#)

WA health – provider websites

- [Respiratory Syncytial Virus](#)
- [Respiratory Syncytial Virus Immunisation](#)
- [RSV Infant Immunisation Program](#)

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Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) immunisation

The WA Department of Health provides free respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) immunisation for eligible groups.

The 2024 RSV infant immunisation program will make nirsevimab available to:

- Young infants entering their first RSV season
 - all children born on or after 1 October 2023 to 30 April 2024 will be able to receive a single dose of nirsevimab via their general practitioner (GP), WA Country Health Services (WACHS), metropolitan Child and Adolescent Community Health (CACH) clinics, or Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS). This program will not be available at pharmacies.
- Children born during RSV season
 - Nirsevimab will be offered to all babies born in WA between 1 May to 30 September 2024 through birthing hospitals.
- High risk children entering their second RSV season
 - Children entering their second RSV season aged 8 through to 19 months who have a medical condition placing them at-risk for severe RSV disease will be eligible to receive nirsevimab. Your child's doctor will let you know if your one-year-old child would benefit from receiving nirsevimab because of a medical condition.

[Respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\) infection](#) is a notifiable infectious disease in Western Australia.

- Timing of RSV immunisation
- Clinical guidance and education
- Immunisation safety
- Potential side effects
- Ordering and cold chain management

Related links

- [Respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\) \(Healthy WA\)](#)
- [Immunisation in WA](#)
- [RSV – healthdirect \(external site\)](#)
- [RSV infection – Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care \(external site\)](#)

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Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Immunisation

From April 2024, the RSV immunisation, Nirsevimab (Beyfortus®) will be available to eligible infants and children born from 1 October 2023.

[View the childhood immunisation schedule.](#)

- Is the RSV immunisation safe and effective?
- Where to get immunised?
- How long does the immunisation last?
- Possible side effects