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Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) immunisation programme toolkit for Healthcare Practitioners



This document has been designed to support healthcare practitioners in planning their RSV immunisation programme.



Key points

- There are currently two routine RSV immunisation programmes which are available year-round:
- ✓ **The older adults' programme for:**
 - Adults aged 75 years and over.
 - All residents of care homes for older adults, regardless of age.
 - Adults aged 65-74 years who are immunosuppressed or have chronic respiratory disease. For a list of eligible conditions, see page 7 of **Respiratory syncytial virus: the green book - GOV.UK** (external site)
- ✓ **The maternal programme for infant protection:**
 - The maternal programme for infant protection should be offered to all pregnant women from 28 weeks' gestation.
 - Pregnant women remain eligible for vaccination until discharge from maternity services. However, timely vaccination from 28 weeks or soon after is recommended to provide optimal protection from birth.
 - Vaccination should be offered in every pregnancy to protect each infant against RSV.

✓ For both programmes

- Ensure staff delivering RSV vaccination have received appropriate training on administration, including practical assessment.
- Where possible, highlight eligible patients on the system, to promote opportunistic vaccination.

The vaccine

- The RSV vaccination authorised for use in the older adults and maternal programmes is Abrysvo® PreF RSV vaccine (Pfizer Limited).
- Vaccines are available to order via separate codes on ImmForm for the respective programmes. Please ensure you order from the correct stock. Aim to hold no more than two weeks' worth of stock to avoid waste.
 - Prior to administering the RSV vaccine for the first time, vaccinators are encouraged to watch a preparation video: **Preparation | Abrysvo®▼ (respiratory syncytial virus vaccine) | PfizerPro UK** (external site)
 - Ensure any adverse reactions are reported via the Yellow Card Scheme: **Yellow Card | Making medicines and medical devices safer** (external site)

Check your knowledge: training and learning

- Immunisation training information and RSV vaccination programme slide sets are provided on the **Training Resources and Events page**
- If you are a registrant new to immunising, you will need to complete the Immunisation programme for new immunisers, available here: **Immunisation eLearning - Public Health Wales** and **Appendix A: Vaccinator competency assessment tool** (external site)
- Read **Respiratory syncytial virus: the green book** - **GOV.UK** (external site)
- Read the **UKHSA respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) programme: information for healthcare professionals** (external site)

- Read the Welsh Health Circulars:
 - **Expansion of RSV vaccine eligibility to adults aged 65+ (at-risk) | WHC/2060/020** (external site)
 - Read the CMO letter on the RSV vaccine: **CMO letter - RSV Vaccine (August 2025) | Welsh Government** (external site)
 - To find previous RSV Welsh Health Circulars, visit: **Health circulars: 2024 to 2027 | GOV. WALES** (external site)
- Share learning with all those involved in the programme, including reception staff booking appointments. Consider using the **PHW RSV slide sets** to run a training and information session for colleagues.

Additional clinical resources

- **Health Board vaccine team contacts**
- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

Legal framework

- Please note that PGD and VGD templates are not legal for use until adapted and authorised by the relevant Local Health Board. To view PGD and VGD templates, visit: **Welsh Medicines Advice Service** (external site).

Communication materials to support your campaign

Take a look at **Public Health Wales Asset Library (brandkitapp.com)** (you will need to register the first time you use it). Here you will find resources to support your campaign that can be downloaded and used for waiting room TVs and websites.

Order or download free resources

To order **Free** resources - such as patient information leaflets - to support vaccination clinics, visit:
Health Information Resources - Public Health Wales

Patient resources are available here:

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination information - Public Health Wales

Professional resources are available here:

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination information for health professionals - Public Health Wales

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Yn feichiog?
 Diogelu chi a'ch babi

Gall y brechiadau canlynol yn ystod beichiogrwydd helpu i'ch cadw chi a'ch babi yn ddiogel rhag salwch difrifol.

- Y pas (pertussis)
- Feirws syncytol anadrol (RSV)
- Y fliw

Gofynnwch i'ch byddwr neu eich practis meddyg teulu os ydych chi'n hysbysu hyn.

Pregnant?
 Protect you and your baby

The following vaccinations in pregnancy can help keep you and your baby safe from serious illness.

- Whooping cough (pertussis)
- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- Flu (influenza)

Ask your midwife or GP surgery about these vaccines.

QR code: Scan me for more information about vaccinations in pregnancy.

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Ydych chi'n 65 oed neu'n hyn?

With i ni fynd yn hyn, gall rhai heintiau fod yn fwy difrifol. Mae brechiadau yn ffordd syml a diogel o'ch amddiffyn chi eich hun.

Brechiadau

Brechiadau	Ydych chi'n gyswysu os ydych chi yn y gwneud oedran canlynol:
Pneumococcal	65 oed a hyn
Flu	65 oed a hyn
Y fliw	65 oed, neu rhwng 70 a 74 oed
Feirws syncytol anadrol (RSV)	75 oed a hyn, neu 65 i 74 oed yn achos rhai cyffwrdd iechyd
COVID-19	75 oed a hyn

Are you aged 65 or older?

As we get older, some infections can be more serious. Vaccines are a safe and simple way to protect yourself.

Vaccine	You are eligible if you are aged:
Pneumococcal	65 and over
Flu	65 and over
Shingles	65 or aged between 70 and 74
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	75 and over, or 65 to 74 with certain health conditions
COVID-19	75 and over

I gael rhagor o wybodaeth:

- cyffwrdd eich praeiddig teulu
- ewch i icg.gig.cymru/brechiadau-oedolion
- agwedd y cod QR
- cyffwrdd eich rheolwr iechyd lleol

To find out more:

- contact your GP surgery
- visit phw.nhs.uk/adult-vaccinations
- scan the QR code
- contact your Local Health Board immunisation team: phw.nhs.uk/vaccine-contacts

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How to protect you and your baby

Information about vaccinations in pregnancy

Mae'n gwybodaeth hon ar gael yn Gymraeg. This information is available in Welsh.

QR code: Scan me for more information on pregnancy.

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Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination for adults at risk

You can get the RSV vaccine if you:

- are aged 75 years or older
- live in a care home for older adults, or
- are aged 65 to 74 years and have a certain health condition.

Mae'n wybodaeth hon ar gael yn Gymraeg. This information is available in Welsh.

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Remind patients that the RSV vaccination is safe and effective and will help protect them and their loved ones.



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