



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

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RCDHU Encourages RSV Immunization for Infants and High-Risk Children

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is encouraging parents and caregivers to protect infants and high-risk children against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) through immunization. Beginning in October, RCDHU is offering RSV immunization for infants and high-risk children who qualify. Immunization will be offered throughout the RSV season, from October to March.

"RSV can cause serious illness in infants and high-risk children, and immunization is our most effective means of preventing these harms," says Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Medical Officer of Health at RCDHU. "I encourage parents and caregivers of eligible children to take advantage of this protection by booking an appointment with their health care provider or RCDHU."

Who Can Receive Publicly Funded RSV Immunization:

Ontario's publicly funded Infant RSV Prevention Program is available to:

- Infants born on or after April 1, 2026 and who are under 8 months of age at the time of immunization
- Certain high-risk children under 24 months of age who remain vulnerable to severe RSV disease

Where to Receive RSV Immunization:

Infants and high-risk children who qualify may receive RSV immunization through the following providers:

- Hospitals, for newborns prior to discharge
- RCDHU immunization clinics
- Participating health care providers, including family physicians and nurse practitioners
- Participating obstetricians (OB-GYNs) and midwives

RCDHU Infant and High-Risk Children RSV Clinics

Beginning October 21, 2026, RCDHU will provide RSV immunization clinics for infants, high-risk children, and pregnant individuals. To book an appointment:

- Visit RCDHU's [Online Appointment Booking](#) page, or
- Contact RCDHU at 613-732-9436 or 1-833-773-0004

Pregnant individuals who are between 28 to 36 weeks pregnant and are expected to give birth during RSV season may receive an RSV vaccine as an alternative to immunizing their infant.

For most infants, only one RSV prevention product is recommended. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to speak with their health care provider about the option that is most appropriate for their family. For more information, including complete criteria for publicly funded RSV immunization visit Ontario's [Respiratory Syncytial Virus](#) page.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to keep a record of their child's RSV immunization. Remember to ask your health care provider for a copy of your child's immunization record and keep it for future health care visits.

Learn more about RCDHU's RSV clinics by visiting: [Immunization Clinics](#).