



# WA Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Immunisation Programs

## FAQ for reception and administrative staff

For clinical queries, refer patients to their healthcare provider.

### 1. What are the different types of RSV immunisations?

#### **Abrysvo (maternal vaccine)**

Pregnant people can get Abrysvo from 28 weeks of pregnancy. Outside of this time frame refer them to their healthcare provider.

#### **Beyfortus (infant immunisation)**

The following children are eligible for Beyfortus:

- infants without medical-risk conditions aged <8 months
- Aboriginal children without a medical risk condition up to 24 months of age
- all children with a medical-risk condition up to 24 months of age.

#### **Arexvy (older adults vaccine)**

The following adults are eligible for Arexvy:

- all adults aged 65 years and over living in residential aged care homes.

### 2. Where can patients get these immunisations?

**Pregnant women (Abrysvo):** available at GP clinics, pharmacies, maternity hospitals, community health immunisation centres and Aboriginal medical centres.

**Infants and children (Beyfortus):** available at GP clinics, maternity hospitals, community health immunisation centres and Aboriginal medical centres, but not pharmacies.

**Older adults (Arexvy):** available at aged care homes, GP clinics, pharmacies, community health immunisation centres and Aboriginal medical centres.

RSV immunisations can be booked and administered during a regular appointment.

### 3. Can a pregnant woman receive other vaccines at the same time as Abrysvo?

Yes, it can be given at the same time as other antenatal vaccines, for example influenza and whooping cough vaccines.

### 4. Can a baby receive other vaccines at the same time as Beyfortus?

Yes, it can be given at the same time as other childhood vaccines.

### 5. Do pregnant people need to bring any documents to an appointment to get the Abrysvo vaccine?

It is recommended that they bring their Handheld Pregnancy Record.

### 6. Can an older person receive other vaccines at the same time as Arexvy?

Yes, it can be given at the same time as other routine vaccines, for example pneumococcal and shingles vaccines.

## 7. Can patients get a Beyfortus immunisation if they are sick?

If the patient or patient's child is unwell on the day of their vaccination appointment, refer them to the practice nurse or other healthcare provider for advice.

### How can patients report side effects?

- If the patient or patient's child is having a reaction to the vaccine, refer them to the practice nurse or other healthcare professional for advice.
- For serious reactions (e.g. breathing issues, severe swelling) – advise them to see a doctor or call 000 if it is an emergency.
- In WA, potential vaccine reactions can be reported to the [WA Vaccine Safety Surveillance System](#) at (08) 6456 0208.

## 8. Where can patients get more information?

- [HealthyWA 2026 Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) immunisation](#)
- Refer them to their immunisation provider.

## 9. After a patient has been immunised, where can they then find a record of this?

Patients can find their immunisation records on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) via:

- [My Health Record](#) in [MyGov](#)
- [Medicare Express Plus App](#)
- visiting a Medicare or Centrelink office
- calling the [AIR enquiries line](#) on 1800 653 809 for a statement to be posted.

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