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## RE: RSV immunization available for infants

Dear parent/guardian,

Ontario Health is now covering the cost of the Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) immunization – Nirsevimab – for all infants born on or after April 1, 2025 and up until March 31, 2026. Any infant who is a resident of Ontario born in this time frame may obtain the injection. No OHIP required.

Nirsevimab is a long-acting monoclonal antibody that provides passive immunity against RSV infection. While immunization does not stop a child from getting an RSV infection, it has been shown to reduce the chance of serious illness and the need for hospitalization by over 80 per cent.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to book an RSV immunization appointment for their child this fall. The immunization will be available for administration as of October 1, 2025, and the immunization period will end on March 31, 2026.

**If you have a primary care provider** (i.e. family physician, paediatrician or nurse practitioner) in the community, your child may receive the immunization through their office.

Alternatively, you can also have your child immunized at the Children's Hospital RSV prophylaxis clinic which is held in the Paediatric Medical Day Unit (PMDU) located in B1-200. **Appointments for children born on or after April 1, 2025** can be booked by calling 519-685-8500 ext. 50071. **This line will be accepting messages as of September 1, 2025**.

Your child can also be immunized if you're here for a scheduled visit.

For more information, please visit <u>Respiratory Viruses and Immunizations – PCMCH</u> or contact your child's health-care provider.

Sincerely,

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