



## What is RSV?

RSV is a serious respiratory virus that can make babies very sick. It is spread in the air from coughing or sneezing. The virus can also survive on surfaces like counters and doorknobs. If your baby catches RSV, they may have the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Trouble breathing

If your baby or toddler is sick, having trouble breathing, or if you are worried, see a health care provider.



## How can I protect my baby?

Your baby or toddler may be able to receive the RSV immunization called **Beyfortus®**, after they are born. This is a medication that babies can get that provides the best protection from RSV. It will protect them right away and the protection lasts for 6 months.

If you are not interested in your baby receiving **Beyfortus®**, an RSV vaccine during pregnancy (Abrysvo®) may be right for you. Speak to your healthcare provider for more information.



### Can my baby get **Beyfortus®**?

The RSV immunization **Beyfortus®**, will be offered for free to all babies and toddlers in Ontario who are:

- Born in 2024
- Born during the 2024/25 RSV season (October 2024 to early spring 2025)
- Are 24 months of age or younger and have other medical conditions that put them at high-risk of severe RSV disease.



### Where can I get the RSV immunization in Hamilton?

- Starting in late October 2024, the RSV immunization **Beyfortus®** will be offered to babies born in hospital before discharge.
- If your baby was born earlier in the year, or was not born in the hospital, you can get your baby immunized by your family doctor, nurse practitioner or a walk-in clinic.
- If you need help finding a place to have your baby immunized, call Hamilton Public Health Services at **905-546-2424** ext **7556**.



For more information, please scan the QR code to visit [hamilton.ca/RSV](https://hamilton.ca/RSV)