

## **Subject: RSV Vaccination Programme for older adults and pregnant women Starting 1<sup>st</sup> September**

Dear Colleagues,

This is an update regarding the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccination programme for older adults and pregnant woman, which is set to begin on 1<sup>st</sup> September. This program aims to protect our older population from severe respiratory illnesses caused by RSV.

Key Points:

- **Start Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024
- **Target Groups:**
  - **Routine Programme:** Adults turning 75 years old on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 until their 80th birthday
  - **One – Off Catch-up Campaign:**
    - For those already aged 75 to 79 years old on 1 September 2024 with the aim of completing the majority by 31st August 2025.
    - Adults who turn 80 years of age between 2nd September 2024 and 31st August 2025 (i.e. within the 1st year of this programme) remain eligible up to and including 31st August 2025.
    - As many as possible should be vaccinated during September and October prior to the expected RSV season.
  - **All pregnant women** from 28 weeks' gestation delivered by maternity service and primary care who will be commissioned through the GP contract as a component of Essential Services, to offer and provide RSV vaccination in pregnancy on an opportunistic or on request basis.

**Guidance:**

- Green Book chapter: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/respiratory-syncytial-virus-the-green-book-chapter-27a>

**Document and training slide set for health care professionals:**

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv-programme-information-for-healthcare-professionals>
- [RSV older adults vaccination programme slide set](#)
- [Vaccine update: issue 347, July 2024, RSV special - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

**Maternal** vaccination leaflet and poster for sharing and the links to the GOV.UK page and the health publications page where pre-order is open:

- [Respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\): maternal vaccination - GOV.UK](#)
- [RSV for Pregnant Women Leaflet](#) – Order via HealthPublications product code: C24RSV03EN
- [RSV Poster for Pregnant Women](#) – Order via HealthPublications product code: RSVPGEN

- RSV vaccination of pregnant women training slides: [RSV vaccination of pregnant women training slides - July 2024 - Lincolnshire Vaccination Programmes - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#)
- Webinar on Maternal RSV Vaccination - July 2024: [Webinar on Maternal RSV Vaccination - July 2024 - Lincolnshire Vaccination Programmes - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#)

**Older adult** leaflet and poster for sharing and the links to the GOV.UK page and the health publications page where pre-order is open:

- [RSV vaccination for older adults on .GOV.UK](#)
- [Older Adults Leaflet](#) - Order via HealthPublications product code: C24RSV01EN
- [Older Adults Poster](#) - Order via HealthPublications product code: RSVOAEN
- Webinar on Older Adults RSV Vaccination - July 2024: [Webinar on Older Adults RSV Vaccination - July 2024 - Lincolnshire Vaccination Programmes - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#)
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### **FutureNHS**

We encourage all primary care colleagues to stay informed and prepared for the rollout. Further RSV resources are available on:

<https://future.nhs.uk/LincsVaccinationProgrammes/view?objectId=53599728>

If you do not already have access, you may need to sign up using your NHS Mail account.

Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) are currently awaiting further guidance from NHS England (NHSE) regarding the planning and implementation details.

If you require further information, please contact [nhsnwl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:nhsnwl.immunisations@nhs.net)

Thank you for your continued support.

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