
Physician and Nurse Practitioner Update

RE: New Publicly Funded RSV Immunization Program for Older Adults

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is an important cause of serious respiratory illness in older adults. Beginning in fall 2026, British Columbia will offer publicly funded RSV immunization for eligible older adults.

Eligibility:

Beginning in fall 2026, RSV vaccine (mRESVIA®) will be available for:

- Adults 75 years and older
- Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) people 60 years and older

Access:

mRESVIA® will be available primarily through **participating pharmacies**. Additional access will be available through respiratory immunization clinics in select rural and remote communities, First Nations health programs where immunization services are offered, long-term care and assisted living, and homebound client programs where available.

Key Information:

RSV vaccine can be administered at the same time as influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. RSV vaccination is currently considered a one-time immunization, and individuals who have previously received RSV vaccine are not eligible for another publicly funded dose. As not all pharmacies will provide RSV vaccine, patients should contact their local pharmacy to confirm availability before attending. Providers are encouraged to recommend RSV immunization to eligible patients and direct them to the Island Health RSV webpage or Get Vaccinated Call Centre (see links below) for information on vaccine eligibility and access.

More Information:

- [Immunizations | Island Health](#)
- [Respiratory Syncytial Virus](#) (BCCDC)
- [Respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\) vaccine | HealthLink BC](#)
- Get Vaccinated Call Centre (1-833-838-2323)

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