



Vaccine Update 459 – RSV program concluding

KEY MESSAGES

- Eligibility for the RSV immunisation Beyfortus concluded yesterday in all parts of WA except for the Kimberley and Pilbara regions. From today, Beyfortus should not be administered outside of these regions.
- The maternal RSV vaccine Abrysvo will continue to be offered by the National Immunisation Program and is available state-wide.

Key points

- Beyfortus will be available in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions year-round, as local epidemiology shows that the risk of infection extends beyond the traditional winter RSV season observed in the more southern parts of WA.
- Beyfortus should be offered to infants and children residing in, or who are soon to reside in, the Kimberley or Pilbara who meet the below criteria:
 - Non-Aboriginal child without a medical risk condition aged less than 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.

Note: Beyfortus is available regardless of Medicare card access.

- Please use the RSV decision aid within the WA Immunisation schedule for eligibility criteria.

Promotional resources

- For Kimberley and Pilbara regions: resources (e.g., fact sheets) are currently being updated to reflect the program extension in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions and will be made available online shortly.

- For regions outside the Kimberley and Pilbara: distribution of 2025 program resources is no longer required.
- Keep up to date with information
- The WA Department of Health will keep you updated via Vaccine Updates as key information about the 2026 RSV Infant Immunisation Program becomes available.
- Eligibility information should be read in conjunction with the Australian Immunisation Handbook and the WA Immunisation Schedule.

WA Health would like to thank all the staff in government and private health services who have contributed to the success of this program. Through your efforts, almost 23,000 infants have been protected from severe illness through the WA RSV Infant and Maternal Immunisation Program. In 2025, 13,500 pregnant people have received a maternal RSV vaccine, and 9,500 infants have received a dose of monoclonal antibody to protect against RSV.

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