



Protecting Your Baby's Health

What to ask your care team about RSV

Welcoming a baby into the world is an exciting time with many new opportunities, questions, and steps to take to be best prepared. One step that shouldn't be missed ahead of baby's arrival is a conversation about respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) with your healthcare team—typically an OB-GYN, nurse midwife, or pediatrician. RSV is a common respiratory virus that can infect people of all ages and nearly all children are infected by age two. It is also the leading cause of hospitalizations in all infants including those born healthy and full-term.

There are ways to help prevent severe RSV in your young child, here are some questions to ask your care team ahead of baby's arrival and in preparation for baby's first RSV season:

- When is RSV season?
- Is my child at increased risk for severe RSV infection?
- What are the different ways to help prevent RSV in my child?
- How do available products for prevention work?
- How effective are the products for prevention?
- Are there any side effects?
- Are RSV preventatives safe to get with other vaccines or medications?
- Are there any scenarios where an RSV prevention product wouldn't be recommended?

Learn more at [Lung.org/RSV](https://www.lung.org/RSV)

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