

Durham Region Health Department **FAX about...**

For Health Care Professionals

Older Adult High-Risk RSV Vaccine Program: Order Now

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a major cause of lower respiratory illness in older adults. In Ontario, most deaths from RSV occurred in those aged 60 years and older. **Administration of RSV vaccines** for older adults should begin immediately and are available to order now.

Arexvy OR Abrysvo™

The Arexvy and Abrysvo™ vaccines are publicly funded (one dose) for **all individuals 75 years and older**, as well as individuals **60 to 74 years of age** who meet the following **high-risk** criteria:

- Residents of long-term care homes, elder care lodges or retirement homes, and similar settings
- Individuals in hospital receiving alternate level of care (ALC), and similar settings
- Patients with glomerulonephritis (GN) who are moderately to severely immunocompromised
- Individuals receiving hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis
- Recipients of solid organ or hematopoietic stem cell transplants
- Individuals experiencing homelessness
- Individuals who identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis

If an individual has previously received a dose of RSV vaccine, they do not need to receive another dose this season. Booster doses are not currently recommended.

Ordering

If you have Arexvy or Abrysvo™ stock in your vaccine fridge from last season, begin administering now. Please check expiry dates prior to administration, using products closest to expiry first.

To order, use the New Online Seasonal Vaccine Order Form (durham.ca/hcp > Forms > Order).

This year, vaccine order notifications will be sent by email instead of by phone. Please note that orders will be ready for pick-up within 7–10 business days, and you will receive an email once your order is available. To prevent delays during pick up, please ensure your vaccine cooler is prepared according to vaccine storage and handling guidelines.

For further information, including eligibility and Health Care Provider Fact Sheets, visit <u>durham.ca/hcp</u> (Respiratory illnesses > Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) > Resources).

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