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Respiratory Syncytial Virus vaccination programme publications

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Respiratory Syncytial Virus Programme Letter

From 1 September 2024, a vaccination for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) will be available for:

1. Older adults aged 75 to 79
2. Pregnant women who are at least 28 weeks pregnant

More details can be found on the [RSV programme letter](#) on GOV.UK.

Correspondence

Introduction of new NHS vaccination programmes against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)

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RSV Collection on GOV.UK

The [RSV collection](#) holds a range of information on the programme for the public and professionals.

This includes the following documents:

1. RSV Vaccination Programme Letter
2. JCVI advice on the RSV vaccination programme

The page also includes details on the virus, disease and those eligible for the programme.

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is an enveloped RNA virus, in the same family as the human parainfluenza viruses and mumps and measles viruses. RSV is one of the common viruses that cause coughs and colds in winter. RSV is transmitted by large droplets and by secretions from contact with an infected person.

Infants under one year of age and the elderly are at the greatest risk of developing severe disease. While most RSV infections usually cause mild illness, infants aged less than 6 months frequently develop the most severe disease such as bronchiolitis and pneumonia, which may result in hospitalisation.

From 1 September 2024, 2 new respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination programmes will be introduced:

Programme for older adults aged 75 to 79 years old

All adults turning 75 years old on or after 1 September 2024 will be eligible for the routine programme and should be offered a single dose of the RSV vaccine. A one-off catch-up campaign for those already aged 75 to 79 years old on 1 September 2024 will be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

Programme for pregnant women to protect infants

All women who are at least 28 weeks pregnant (the eligible cohort) on 1 September 2024, will be offered a single dose of the RSV vaccine. After that, pregnant women will become eligible as they reach 28 weeks gestation and remain eligible up to birth.

Programme documents

[Respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\) vaccination programmes letter](#)

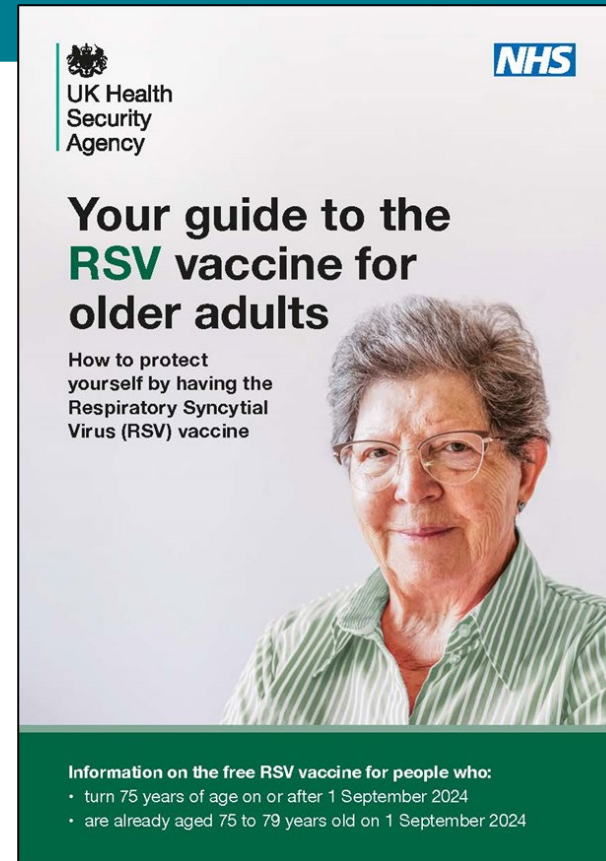
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[RSV immunisation programme: JCVI advice, 7 June 2023 \(updated 11 September 2023\)](#)

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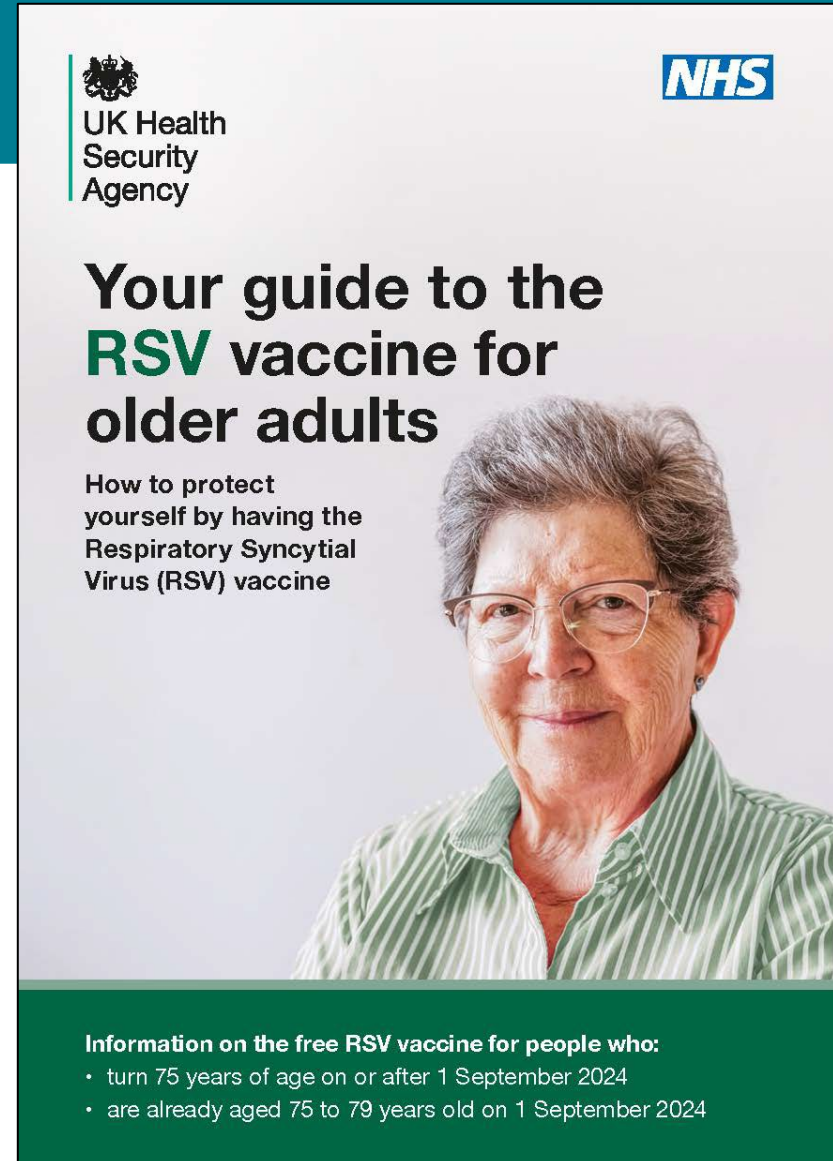
RSV Older Adult Programme

- The RSV vaccination will be offered for older adults turning 75 years old on or after the 1 September 2024 will be offered a single dose of RSV vaccine.
- UKHSA are producing a leaflet, poster and stickers which can be ordered from the Health Publications website
- These will also be available on the RSV collection on GOV.UK



RSV leaflet for older adults

- This guide to the RSV vaccination for older adults aged 75 to 79. It contains the rationale for the programme, who is eligible and when they should have their RSV vaccine, safety and effectiveness, where to get more information and the symptoms of RSV.
- This leaflet can be ordered using product code: [C24RSV01EN](#)



RSV leaflet for older adults – translations and accessible versions

This leaflet is available in the following languages:

[Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Bulgarian](#), [Chinese \(simplified\)](#), [Chinese \(traditional\)](#), [Dari](#), [Estonian](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Greek](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hindi](#), [Italian](#), [Latvian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Nepali](#), [Panjabi](#), [Pashto](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), [Romany](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Tigrinya](#), [Turkish](#), [Twi](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Urdu](#), [Yiddish](#) and [Yoruba](#).

This leaflet is also available in a range of accessible formats: [Audio](#), [Braille](#), [British Sign Language](#) and [Large Print](#).

Training and guidance slide set and health professional guidance, Green book chapter, will be published shortly.

PGD will be published later and be available to download in advance of the start of the programme.



RSV Poster for Older Adults

Product Code: [RSVOAEN](#)

There is a poster aimed at older adults to. This outlines the age adults are eligible for their RSV vaccination.

This should be displayed in GP surgeries, pharmacies as well as hospitals.



The poster features the UK Health Security Agency logo in the top left and the NHS logo in the top right. The main headline reads 'Have your RSV vaccine to help protect you' in green, followed by 'RSV can cause pneumonia which can be serious' in black. Below the text is a photograph of four older adults (two men and two women) sitting around a table, smiling and talking. At the bottom, there is a green section with white text listing eligibility criteria: 'Your GP will invite you for your free RSV vaccination if: • You turn 75 years of age on or after 1 September 2024 • You are already aged 75 to 79 years old on 1 September 2024'. It also provides a website link: 'www.gov.uk/government/publications/respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv-vaccination-for-older-adults or speak to your practice nurse, GP or health team.' A QR code and a 'SCAN ME' button are located in the bottom right corner. Small copyright text is visible at the very bottom of the poster.

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Have your RSV vaccine to help protect you

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- You turn 75 years of age on or after 1 September 2024
- You are already aged 75 to 79 years old on 1 September 2024

For more information on the RSV vaccine you can read this leaflet here:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv-vaccination-for-older-adults or speak to your practice nurse, GP or health team.

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© Crown copyright 2024. Product code: RSVOAEN. 10/24/JULY 2024 (RPS). UK Health Security Agency. Primary number: 2024/06. If you wish to order more copies of this poster, please visit: healthpublications.gov.uk or call 0300 103 5002.

Stickers for Older Adults – Coming Soon

Product code: TBC

Each sheet of stickers contains 24 stickers. If you order 10 sheets you will have 240 stickers in total.

Please order enough stocks to offer anyone who is given a vaccine a choice of sticker.

RSV Patient Group Direction (PGD) – coming soon

The RSV PGD is available on the RSV collection on GOV.UK.

This is available to download and for use by medical professionals who deliver RSV vaccinations.

RSV eLearning For Health – Coming Soon

A training module will be available on the NHS eLearning for Healthcare (eLFH) for RSV. This has been designed to meet the core curriculum for immunisation training.

This will give details on the organism, disease and vaccine.

You can find further training on other vaccination topics on the [eLFH hub](#).

How to Order Publications

RSV publications can be found on the RSV category on the Health Publications website.

You can search for the desired product using the product code or title.

You will need to make an account to order publications. If you are a health professional make sure you select this option when registering, to ensure you can order the full number of publications.

This is a free service with deliveries within 3-5 working days.

Short link:

<https://qrco.de/healthpubs>

The screenshot shows the NHS Health Publications website. At the top left is the UK Health Security Agency logo and the NHS logo. A navigation bar contains links for Home, Order Publications (with a dropdown arrow), View Campaigns (with a dropdown arrow), Find Digital Assets, and Quiz. Below the navigation bar is the heading "Health Publications". A blue banner with a white information icon and the text "About this site" is present. Below this banner is a paragraph of text: "On this website you can order and download publications created by The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC), National Health Service England (NHSE) and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)". This is followed by another paragraph: "The Green Book has the latest information on vaccines and vaccination procedures, for vaccine preventable infectious diseases in the UK. Vaccine update is a regular newsletter that features all our new publications, Green Book chapter updates and the latest developments in vaccines, and vaccination policies and procedures. You can view past issues here and register to receive the newsletter". Below the text are six publication tiles. The first tile is for "The flu vaccination" (Winter 2019/20) with the subtitle "Who should have it and why" and "Includes information for children and pregnant women", featuring a family and the text "Flu Search Now". The second tile is for "Maternal Vaccination" featuring a woman with a bowl of fruit and the text "Maternal Vaccination Search Now". The third tile is for "MMR/Measles Search Now" with a red background and the word "MEASLES" in large white letters. The fourth tile is for "Shingles Search Now" featuring a smiling older woman. The fifth tile is for "Hepatitis Search Now" featuring a woman holding a baby. The sixth tile is for "Meningitis Search Now" with a black background and colorful arrows pointing upwards, surrounded by words like "headache", "blotchy skin", "high fever", "dislike bright light", "diarrhoea", and "drowsy".

Vaccine Update

You can view the vaccine update on Health Publications or the vaccine update collection.



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