

RESPIRATORY VIRUS IMMUNIZATIONS



VACCINE	ABOUT THE VACCINE	WHO CAN GET IT	WHY GET IT	WHEN TO GET IT	WHERE TO GET IT
FLU VACCINE	A vaccine to protect against common flu viruses.	Everyone aged six months or older. Some children may need multiple doses.	It can help protect against illness, hospitalization, and death. For those who get the flu, it can reduce the severity of illness.	Every year. September and October are the best months to get the flu vaccine.	Health departments, pharmacies, and medical offices. Find a location at vaccinate.virginia.gov
COVID-19 VACCINE	A vaccine to protect against the COVID-19 variants that are expected to be most common.	Everyone aged six months or older. Some people (children, those with weakened immune systems, older adults) may be recommended to get multiple doses.	It can help protect against severe illness, hospitalization, and death. It might also reduce the risk of Long COVID.	When the updated COVID-19 vaccine becomes available (usually in the fall). If you recently had COVID-19, you likely have infection-based immunity and can consider waiting three months after your infection before getting vaccinated.	Health departments, pharmacies, and medical offices. Find a location at vaccinate.virginia.gov
RSV VACCINE FOR OLDER ADULTS	A one-time vaccine for older adults prevents severe RSV illness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › All adults aged 75 years or older. › Adults aged 60 years or older at increased risk for severe illness. 	It can help protect against illness, hospitalization, and death.	September and October are the best months to get it.	Health departments, pharmacies, and medical offices.
RSV VACCINE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN (Abrysvo)	A one-time vaccine to protect infants from severe RSV illness by passing protection (antibodies) from mother to infant.	Women who are 32–36 weeks pregnant during RSV season who have not previously received an RSV vaccine while pregnant.	RSV can cause infants and young children to be ill, hospitalized, and even die.	September through January.	Health departments, pharmacies, and medical offices.
RSV ANTIBODY IMMUNIZATION FOR INFANTS (Nirsevimab)	An antibody immunization (not a vaccine) that provides protection (antibodies) to protect infants from severe RSV.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › All infants less than 8 months of age if mother didn't receive the RSV vaccine while pregnant. › Children aged 8–19 months who are at increased risk for severe illness. 	These immunizations will provide protection against RSV for the infant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › October is the best time to get it. › It can still provide protection if received later in RSV season through March. 	Health departments, medical offices, and birthing hospitals.

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INFORMATION**

In many cases, these vaccines can be given at the same time. If you have questions, talk with a healthcare provider, pharmacist, or your local health department
vdh.virginia.gov/health-department-locator.

Visit VDH Respiratory Diseases Webpage:
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