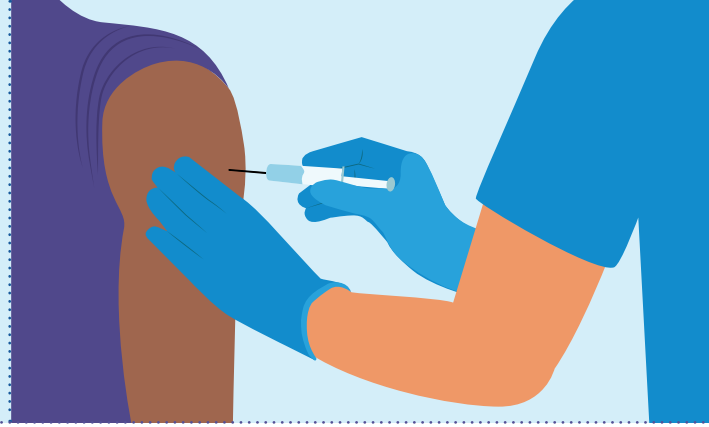


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What do RSV vaccines protect against?

3 As of May 2024, three RSV vaccines have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).¹⁻⁶

They are approved to protect against **lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD)**—the most serious form of illness associated with RSV.^{1,3,5z}



Cough



Sputum
production



Shortness
of breath



Wheezing

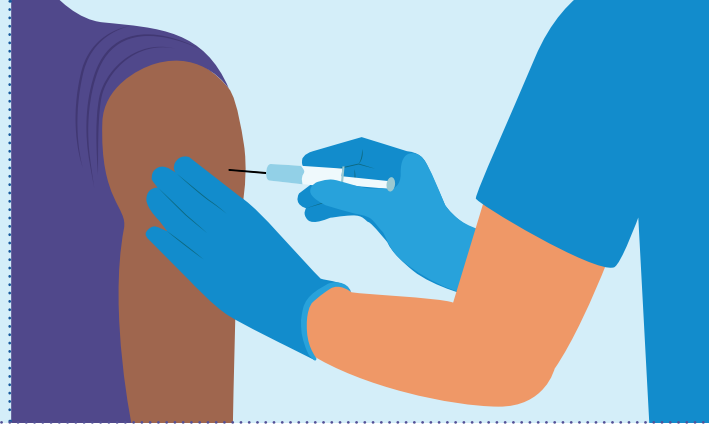


Rapid breathing

- They are all approved for adults who are **60 years of age and older**.^{1,3,5}
- One is also approved for adults who are **50 to 59 years of age** and at increased risk for **LRTD caused by RSV**.¹ This includes individuals with lung disease, heart disease, and other chronic medical conditions.^{7,8}
- People should **ask their healthcare provider** about their risk for **severe RSV-related disease** and whether they **should be vaccinated for RSV**.

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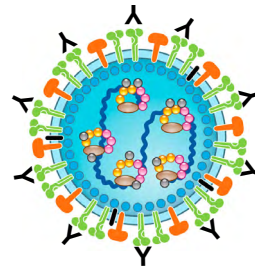
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How do the RSV vaccines work?

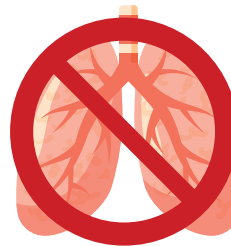
Current vaccines include RSV F protein or mRNA, which cause an immune response to the RSV F protein.^{1,3,5}



人 Antibody generated by immune system

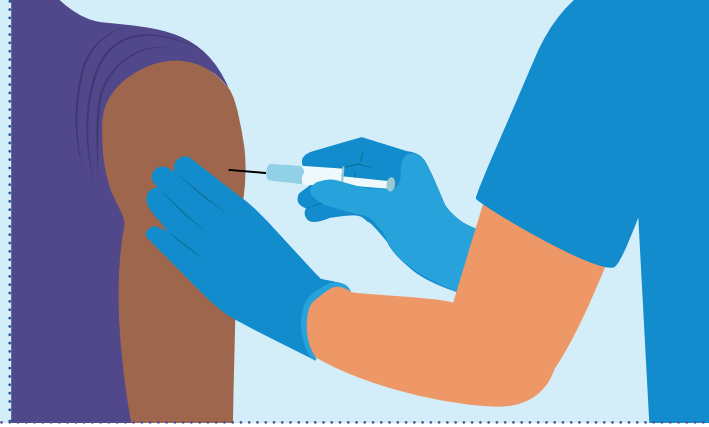


The immune response helps to prevent RSV from entering and infecting airway cells.^{1,3,5,7,8}



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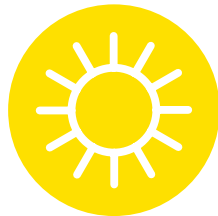
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When and how often is the RSV vaccine needed?

In most of the U.S., people should get the RSV vaccine in **LATE SUMMER** or **EARLY FALL**, before RSV starts to spread.^{7,8}



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Currently, only **ONE DOSE OF RSV VACCINE** is recommended.^{7,8}

RSV vaccines can be given with other vaccines.^{7,8}



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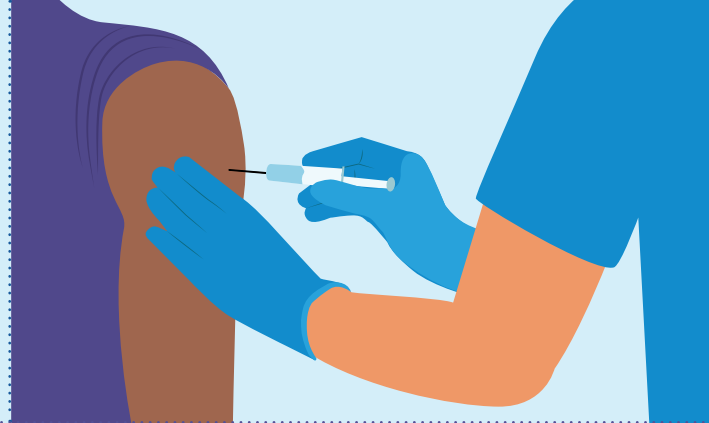
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How well does the RSV vaccine work?

In clinical trials, FDA-approved vaccines prevented severe LRTD due to RSV in 8 out of 10 cases.^{2,4,6,9}



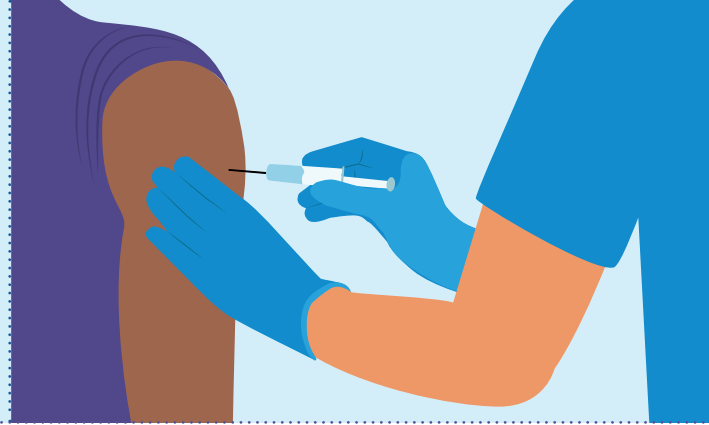
How safe is the RSV vaccine? What are the side effects?

In clinical trials, side effects after RSV vaccination were usually mild.
The most common side effects were:^{2,4,6,10}

- Pain, redness, and swelling where the shot was given
 - Fatigue
 - Fever
 - Headache
 - Nausea
 - Diarrhea
 - Muscle or joint pain
- A small number of serious inflammatory neurologic events, like **Guillain-Barré syndrome** (GBS), have been reported with some of the vaccines, but it's **not clear whether the vaccines increased the risk**.^{1,3,5,9,10} The **CDC and FDA are monitoring results** of RSV vaccination to get more data to clarify questions about risk of GBS.^{9,10}

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Additional Resources:

- CDC adult vaccination assessment tool—to help determine whether a vaccine, such as the RSV vaccine, is right for you: <https://www2.cdc.gov/nip/adultimmsched/>
- CDC. Frequently asked questions about RSV vaccine for adults. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/rsv/hcp/older-adults-faqs.html>.
- Where to find vaccines: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/find-vaccines.html>
- Affording vaccines
 - How to Pay for Vaccines: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/pay-for-vaccines.html>
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