

SMS Reminder

[PRACTICE NAME]: Your child, [FIRST NAME] is eligible for a free respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) immunisation. Young infants are at the highest risk of severe RSV disease. Please phone [PRACTICE NUMBER] to make an appointment ASAP to help protect your child before the RSV season begins.

Letter Reminder

Dear [PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME]

Now is the time to protect your child from severe respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) disease

The WA Department of Health has funded an infant immunisation program to prevent severe RSV disease in those most vulnerable commencing April 2024.

Our records indicate that your child, [CHILD NAME], is eligible for the free RSV immunisation. Please phone [PRACTICE NUMBER] to make an appointment as soon as possible to help protect your child before the RSV season begins.

RSV can be mild, with cold-like symptoms, but can sometimes lead to more severe illness, including lung infections such as bronchiolitis and pneumonia. RSV is the number one cause of hospital admissions for Australian children under five years of age.

The following groups are most at risk of severe disease and are eligible to receive the RSV immunisation – nirsevimab:

- Young infants entering their first RSV season born 1 October 2023 to 30 April 2024.
- All Aboriginal children born 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2024.
- Children with certain medical conditions born from 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023.

Nirsevimab is a long-acting monoclonal antibody that works rapidly to prevent, or reduce the severity of, an RSV infection.

For more information visit:

- https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/N_R/Respiratory-syncytial-virus
- <https://www.ifa.org.au/uniteagainstrsv/>

We look forward to the opportunity to help protect your child against RSV disease.

Yours sincerely

[PRACTICE DETAILS]