

Monthly Immunization Update

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Dear Providers and Partners,

The purpose of this newsletter is to deliver quick and meaningful updates to support our providers in a variety of vaccine settings and, maintain our connection with all of you. We welcome your questions and comments. Please feel free to share this newsletter with your colleagues. Thank you!

National Influenza Vaccination Week

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) is an annual observance in December from the 4th-8th to remind everyone 6 months and older that there's still time to protect themselves and their loved ones from flu this season by getting their annual flu vaccine if they have not already. Currently, flu activity is elevated across the country, so this week will serve to remind people that there is still time to benefit from the first and most important action in [preventing flu illness and potentially serious flu complications](#): get a flu vaccine today.

Get a flu vaccine and fight flu. To access a list of community flu clinics across the County to share with your patients please click [here](#).



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As a provider one of your greatest resources is the EZIZ website that provides immunization information and education to the public, physicians, clinics, child-care center's and schools. The EZIZ website not only provides free online immunization training for medical assistants and other staff but they also have special provider webinars to cover new or seasonal topics. For information and resources please visit the [EZIZ](#) website.



RSV– Nirsevimab Shortage

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is issuing this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to provide options for clinicians to protect infants from respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in the context of a [limited supply of nirsevimab](#), a long-acting monoclonal antibody immunization product recommended for preventing RSV-associated lower respiratory tract disease in infants.













CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Call: Protecting Infants from Respiratory Syncytial Virus

Strategy 1: Abrysvo (Pfizer)

Indication for use on pregnant patients weeks 32-36.

Careful if patient is preterm delivery risk (consider waiting till week 36).

Potential to decrease pertussis efficacy when given with Tdap at week 32 (consider waiting till week 36).

Who	What	When	Where	Why
Maternal RSV Immunization	 Pregnant people	 Pfizer RSV vaccine (Abrysvo)	 32 through end of 36 th week	 September-January*
			 Primarily outpatient clinics and pharmacies	 Protects infants from severe RSV from birth through first months of life
Nirsevimab	 See Health Advisory for priority groups in the setting of limited nirsevimab during 2023-2024 season	 Nirsevimab (Beyfortus) monoclonal antibody	 First week of life, or as entering RSV season	 October-March*
			 Primarily birthing hospital and outpatient clinics	 Protects infants and young children from severe RSV in the months after immunization

Strategy 2: Synagis

Indication for use in infants and young children at increased risk of hospitalization for RSV infection.

Follow AAP recommendations for Synagis eligible infants aged <8 months when the appropriate dose of nirsevimab/ beyfortus is not available. In Synagis– eligible children aged 8-19 months, suspend using Nirsevimab for the 2023-2024 RSV season. These children should receive Synagis per [AAP recommendations](#).

For more information on the Nirsevimab please see the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) website.

For frequently asked questions on Nirsevimab please click [here](#).

ACIP: Vaccine Recommendation Updates

There have been updates by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) for RSV, and Pneumococcal, and HPV. The updates can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC), [Vaccine Recommendations and Guidelines of the ACIP](#) webpage and the [Gardasil](#) webpage. Take some time to review the updates and make sure your practice is informed and compliant.

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