

# Durham Region Health Department **FAX about...**



For Health Care Professionals

# Infant & High-Risk Children with RSV Prevention Program - Update

Infants born in hospital during the current RSV season (generally November until April) are provided Beyfortus<sup>®</sup> before discharge. Infants born outside the current RSV season, or outside the hospital setting, should receive Beyfortus<sup>®</sup> through their healthcare provider.

# Beyfortus® - Infants and Children

Beyfortus<sup>®</sup>, a monoclonal antibody (mAb) immunizing agent, is the preferred method for safeguarding infants. It is publicly funded for the following infants and children:

- Born in 2024 prior to the RSV season
- Born during the 2024/25 RSV season
- Up to 24 months of age and at-risk from severe RSV disease through the second RSV season with:
  - o Chronic lung disease or hemodynamically significant congenital heart disease
  - Severe immunodeficiency or Down syndrome/Trisomy 21
  - Cystic fibrosis with respiratory involvement and/or growth delay
  - Neuromuscular disease impairing clearing of respiratory secretions
  - Severe congenital airway anomalies impairing the clearing of respiratory secretions

#### Beyfortus® Administration Guidelines for Infants and Children

Category	Weight	Dose	Timing
Infants born during the current RSV season	Less than 5 kg	50 mg in 0.5 mL (100 mg/mL)	Administered from birth
	Greater than or equal to 5 kg	100 mg in 1 mL (100 mg/mL)	Administered from birth
Infants born in 2024 before the current RSV season starts (up to 12 months of age)	Less than 5 kg	50 mg in 0.5 mL (100 mg/mL)	Shortly before start of the RSV season
	Greater than or equal to 5 kg	100 mg in 1 mL (100 mg/mL)	Shortly before start of the RSV season
Children over 12 months and up to 24 months of age and at continued high-risk from RSV infection	N/A	200 mg (two 1 mL injections of 100 mg/mL)*	Shortly before start of their second RSV season

\*If a child weighs less than 10 kg entering their second RSV season, consideration can be given to administering a single dose of 100 mg at the clinical discretion of the provider.



### AbrysvoTM - Pregnant Individuals

The Abrysvo™ vaccine is available for pregnant individuals from 32 to 36 weeks gestation, in consultation with a health care provider.

It is recommended to receive one product as a single dose (Abrysvo<sup>™</sup> OR Beyfortus<sup>®</sup>), with Beyfortus<sup>®</sup> being the preferred method for safeguarding infants.

## **Ordering**

To order Beyfortus<sup>®</sup> (both 50mg and 100mg doses) or Abrysvo<sup>™</sup> use the online <u>RSV product order form</u> (<u>durham.ca/hcp</u> see Respiratory illnesses, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) then Products and Order).

Currently, there is a limited supply of Beyfortus® 100mg. Please ensure to administer doses currently in your vaccine fridge and order only what will be administered.

For further information, including eligibility and Health Care Provider Fact Sheets, visit <u>durham.ca/hcp</u> (see Respiratory illnesses, Respiratory Syncytial Virus RSV) then Resources).

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