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To: Tennessee Vaccine Providers

From: Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Immunization Program

Date: March 23, 2026

Subject: RSV Immunization Extension Through April 30, 2026

Situation: Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) remains a leading cause of hospitalization among infants, especially those less than one year old. In the 2025-2026 respiratory season, RSV activity started later than prior years and remains elevated. In early March 2026, RSV activity was still rising in many parts of the United States.

Background: RSV immunizations ([Beyfortus \(nirsevimab\)](#) or [Enflonsia \(clesrovimab\)](#)) are [recommended](#) for infants whose mother did not receive a maternal RSV vaccine, or received it less than 14 days prior to delivery. Nirsevimab is also recommended for some babies up to 19 months of age during or entering their second RSV season who are at increased risk of severe disease.

Assessment: Recent emergency department data indicates that RSV activity remains elevated but has begun declining in Tennessee. Transmission of RSV is expected to continue into April.

Recommendation: **Due to continued RSV activity, pediatric providers and hospitals may continue to administer RSV immunizations to eligible infants through April 30, 2026.**

RSV immunizations remain available for ordering through TennIIS for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. We will communicate any updates to vaccine ordering and availability as updated guidance is received from CDC.

Notes:

- Providers should use clinical judgment to weigh current and future risk of severe RSV disease, knowing that receipt of RSV monoclonal antibody at the end of the 2025-2026 season will preclude receipt of another dose at the beginning of the 2026-2027 season, except for high-risk children.
- Providers should consider obtaining prior authorization for privately insured children who may receive RSV immunization in April.

If you are interested in learning more about the VFC program, please visit our [website](#) or contact [VFC.enrollment@tn.gov](mailto:VFC.enrollment@tn.gov).