



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**

2025 RSV Expanded Infant and Maternal Immunisation Program

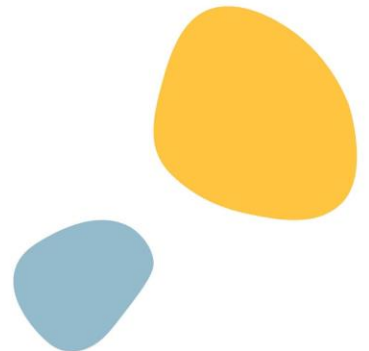
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Agenda

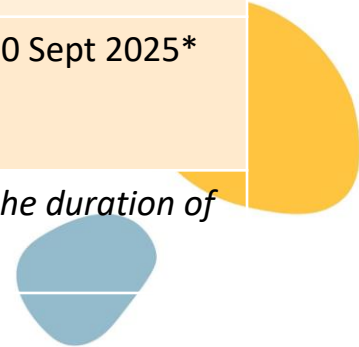
1. Program eligibility and provider groups
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2025 Infant and Maternal RSV Immunisation Program

Program	Eligible cohorts	Provider group	Start and end date of program
Maternal vaccination (Abrysvo)	Expectant mothers between 28-36 weeks of pregnancy (≥ 2 weeks before delivery)	GPs, WACHS, AMS, Antenatal hospitals, pharmacies	3 February 2025 onwards
Infant immunisation (Beyfortus® (nirsevimab))			
<p>Eligibility:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infants entering their first RSV season: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. of mothers who did not receive Abrysvo during pregnancy, OR b. born within 2 weeks of maternal vaccination, OR c. with MRC OR born to mothers who have an impaired immune response to Abrysvo (eg MRC/treatment) 2. MRC and/or Aboriginal children entering their second RSV season 			
Newborn cohort	Babies born in WA between <u>1 April 2025 and 30 September 2025</u>	Antenatal hospitals	1 April – 30 Sept 2025
First season catch-up cohort	Children born between <u>1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025</u>	GPs, WACHS, CAHS, AMS	1 April – 30 Sept 2025*
Second season catch-up cohort	MRC and/or Aboriginal children born between <u>1 October 2023 and 30 September 2024</u>	GPs, WACHS, CAHS, AMS	1 April – 30 Sept 2025*

** For both catch up cohorts, every effort should be made to administer during April and May 2025 to maximise protection for the duration of the RSV season.*

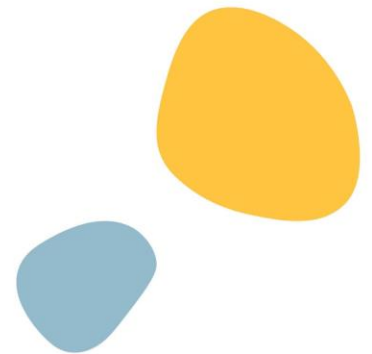


Abrysvo[®] – maternal vaccine

- Abrysvo will be included in the NIP from 3 February 2025 – ordering via OneLink will be available from today (Order limits apply)
- Recommended for all expectant mothers between 28-36 weeks of pregnancy (≥ 2 weeks before delivery)



- Stickers will be added to the pregnancy handheld record to record if a mother has received Abrysvo to assist providers to determine Beyfortus eligibility decision-making for the infant.
- ⚠️ NIP funded stock - maternal vaccination only (≥ 60 years required to access privately)



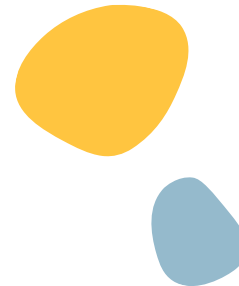
Beyfortus (nirsevimab) – monoclonal antibody

- Beyfortus is funded by the WA Department of Health: 2025 Infant Program commences 1 April 2025
 - Available to eligible neonates and infants at birth or under a catch-up program
 - Providers will be able to order via OneLink in March
 - Ordering limits apply
- ⚠️ ONLY available through the WA Infant and Maternal RSV Immunisation Program - not available privately



Authority to administer - SASA

- The WA Immunisation Schedule will be updated to include Abrysvo and details of 2025 Program
- CEO of Health Structured Administration Supply Arrangements (SASAs) allow Community Pharmacists, RNs, ENs, Midwives and AHPs to administer medicines and vaccines in accordance with the SASA:
 - RSV Immunisation SASAs (Beyfortus) are already available for AHPs, ENs, RNs and midwives
 - Vaccination SASAs (general) for Community Pharmacists, AHPs, ENs, RNs, and midwives will be updated to include Abrysvo
- In all other instances, these health professionals must receive a direction from a prescriber to administer Abrysvo and Beyfortus.
 - For more information:
[Instructions to administer medicines \(health.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/instructions-to-administer-medicines)



Education requirements

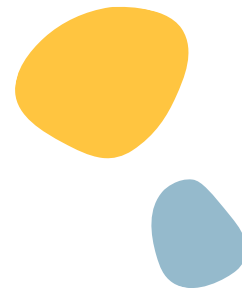
All providers are recommended to complete the online RSV education module

Immunisation Provider group	Education Requirements to meet SASA criteria
Registered and Enrolled Nurses	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AHPRA registered2. SA Health Immunisation Learning Courses or a HESA equivalent3. Online WA Health RSV module
Registered Midwives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AHPRA registered2. SA Health Immunisation course for Midwives or a HESA equivalent3. Online WA Health RSV module
Aboriginal Health Workers and Practitioners	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AHPRA registered2. WA Health Immunisation course3. Complete the online WA Health RSV module
Community Pharmacists	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AHPRA registered2. Successful completion of an immunisation course approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health or HESA equivalent3. Complete the online WA Health RSV module



Consent process

- Antenatal consent form currently being updated to include Abrysvo (will be added to the existing consent form for pertussis and influenza)
- Updated stickers will be added into the pregnancy handheld record as a prompt to discuss immunisation with women at antenatal visit
- Beyfortus consent form will be updated to confirm maternal vaccination status
- Updated factsheets for providers and parents to support the consent process



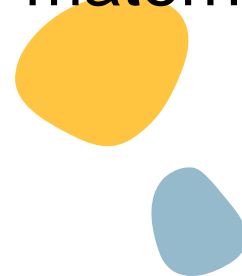
Reporting requirements

Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

- All Beyfortus and Abrysvo encounters must be recorded in the AIR:
 - Beyfortus – BFRSV
 - Abrysvo – ABRSV
- Maternal flag in AIR (*NEW*)
- Useful information for using AIR
 - [Australian Immunisation Register \(AIR\) - Health Professional Education Resources \(servicesaustralia.gov.au\)](#)
 - [Using the Australian Immunisation Register \(AIR\) | NCIRS](#)

Other

- Continue to record in STORK and/or other maternal database(s) as relevant



Vaccine Safety Surveillance

a. Passive adverse event reporting

- Report all adverse events to the WA Vaccine Safety Surveillance (WAVSS) system
- [About Western Australia - SAFEVAC Reporting](#)
- AND via your organisations' other incident reporting requirements (as relevant)

b. Active surveillance

- SmartVax
- Data linkage case finding

See also:

[Adverse event following immunisation \(AEFI\) \(health.wa.gov.au\)](http://health.wa.gov.au)

Subscribe to Vaccine Updates

- You can find more information at [Immunisation provider information and resources \(health.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/immunisation-provider-information-and-resources).



The screenshot shows the top of a website page. At the top left is the Government of Western Australia coat of arms, followed by the text "Government of Western Australia" and "Department of Health". To the right is a search icon. Below this is a dark green navigation bar with white text links: "Home", "About us", "Improving health in WA", "Health for...", "Our performance", "Latest news", and "Reports & publications". Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Immunisation provider information and resources". The main heading is "Immunisation provider information and resources". Below the heading is a grey box with a black border containing the text "Vaccine Updates (e-newsletter subscription and recent editions)" and a small upward-pointing arrow icon. Below the box is a paragraph of text: "Vaccine Updates gives immunisation providers important information, news and changes to immunisation programs and vaccines in Western Australia." Below that is another paragraph: "It is important that immunisation providers subscribe to [Vaccine updates \(external site\)](#) to keep up-to-date." At the bottom is a final paragraph: "See recent editions of [Vaccine updates \(external site\)](#)."

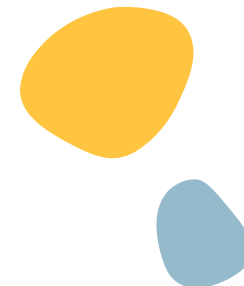
Websites

Healthy WA - consumer websites

- [Respiratory Syncytial Virus](#)
- [Respiratory Syncytial Virus Immunisation](#)
- [Protecting our kids from RSV](#)

WA health – provider websites

- [Respiratory Syncytial Virus](#)
- [Respiratory Syncytial Virus Immunisation](#)
- [RSV Infant Immunisation Program](#)



Questions?

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