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RSV IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR PROVIDERS AND CLINICIANS:

St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) and Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) recommend a Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) immunization for eligible persons. RSV, is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, coldlike symptoms, including runny nose, coughing, sneezing, wheezing, and fever. In very young infants with RSV, the only symptoms may be irritability, decreased activity, and difficulty breathing. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious, especially for infants and older adults.

Recommendations:

- Adults 60 years of age and older should receive a single dose of RSV vaccine using shared clinical decision-making with their physician.
- Pregnant people should receive RSV vaccine to protect their babies from severe RSV disease. This is administered as a single dose of Pfizer's bivalent RSVpreF vaccine (Abrysvo) during weeks 32 through 36 of pregnancy seasonally, September through January.
- Infants younger than 8 months of age born during, or entering, their first RSV season should receive nirsevimab (Beyfortus) to protect against RSV disease**. Infants younger than 8 months of age do not need nirsevimab if they were born 14 or more days after their mother received RSV vaccine, except in rare circumstances. Nirsevimab is also recommended for some children age 8 through 19 months who are at increased risk for severe RSV disease and entering their second RSV season.

Availability:

SCCHD currently has RSV vaccine available for all eligible age groups. Infant presentations available in limited quantities.

Those seeking immunizations are encouraged to schedule an appointment.

***Due to ongoing supply constraints, it is advised to prioritize available nirsevimab doses for infants under 6 months of age and those with underlying conditions that place them at highest risk for severe RSV disease.*

Call SCCHD with questions at (810) 987-5300. MDHHS Seasonal Respiratory Virus information, including RSV, can be found at:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/chronicdiseases/seasonal-respiratory-viruses>