## RSV - BABIES

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

RSV is a common illness that affects children of many ages. RSV can lead to breathing problems and infections in their lungs. Children less than 6 months are more likely to be hospitalized for RSV. Pregnant patients who get the RSV vaccine pass protection from RSV to their newborn.

## **SYMPTOMS:**

- Problems breathing
- Noisy breathing that sounds wheezy
- Eating and drinking less than normal
- Coughing
- Sleeping more
- Runny nose
- Irritable





# YOU HAVE THE POWER TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND THE ONES YOU LOVE!

RSV SPREADS WHEN SOMEONE SICK COUGHS, SNEEZES OR GETS CLOSE TO YOUR BABY.

### **VACCINATION IS YOUR BEST DEFENSE!**



An RSV antibody (nirsevimab) is recommended for all babies younger than 8 months of age entering their first RSV season or within 1 week after birth if born during October-March.

- Babies whose mother received a maternal RSV vaccine (Pfizer's Abrysvo) during pregnancy will likely **not** need this dose for protection.
- Some babies aged 8-19 months old who are at increased risk for severe RSV disease may need a dose when entering their second RSV season.
- Talk to your baby's healthcare provider to see if this dose is needed for your child.

Kentucky residents can access a copy of their vaccination records utilizing the Kentucky Immunization Public Portal.

Scan the QR code or visit: <a href="mailto:chfs.ky.gov/KDPHMyVaxRecord">chfs.ky.gov/KDPHMyVaxRecord</a>



