

MnVFC Announcement

Date: February 12, 2025

To: MnVFC Providers

From: MnVFC Program

Re: **Protect Infants Against RSV, Vaccine Special Order Form, and Moderna COVID Vaccine Reminder**

Please route to:

- Clinical supervisor
- Medical director
- Clinic manager
- Clinic staff

Protect infants against RSV disease

Without protection through immunization, infants remain vulnerable to respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) disease. As of February 2025, preliminary MIIC data for the 2024-2025 RSV season show that only 49% of children entering their first RSV season are protected by either the maternal RSV vaccine or nirsevimab (Beyfortus). Take steps now to immunize eligible infants through March 31.

- Using the [Minnesota Immunization Information Connection \(MIIC\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/index.html) (www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/index.html) or your internal system, identify and recall infants eligible for nirsevimab who have not yet received it. This includes infants under 8 months old, born during or entering their first RSV season (Oct. 1-March 31), whose mothers either did not receive the RSV vaccine during pregnancy, have an unknown RSV vaccination status, or gave birth within 14 days of receiving the maternal RSV vaccine.
- Use MyChart, texts, flyers, and other venues to communicate to parents/guardians the need to schedule an appointment if their infant is less than 8 months of age and did not RSV immunization.

In addition, children ages 8-19 months who are at increased risk for severe RSV disease and entering their second RSV season should receive a dose of nirsevimab. Visit [CDC: RSV: RSV Immunization Guidance for Infants and Young Children](https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/hcp/vaccine-clinical-guidance/infants-young-children.html) (www.cdc.gov/rsv/hcp/vaccine-clinical-guidance/infants-young-children.html) for a list of RSV risk factors, which includes American Indian and Alaskan Native children.

Vaccine special order form

Certain non-routine MnVFC vaccines are only available to order by filling out a vaccine special order form and submitting the completed form to us via email. This process is separate from ordering in MIIC to prevent unnecessary or mistaken ordering. The products available on the vaccine special order form are listed below along with the reasoning for including them on the form. To request this form, email health.mnvfc@state.mn.us.

- **PPSV23 (Pneumovax):** Only needed if high risk and received PCV13 or PCV15, not needed if PCV20 is used.
- **Td (Tenivac):** Only for those who don't tolerate pertussis vaccine, use Tdap for most children even for catch-up.
- **MCV4 (Menveo two-vial):** Only for high-risk children 2 months to 10 years old, use the single vial formulation for all children 10 years and older.
- **HepA/HepB (Twinrix):** Only for catch-up in children 18 years old.
- **MPOX (Jynneos):** Only for at-risk 18-year-olds.
- **RSV (Abrysvo):** Only for pregnant teens at 32-36 weeks gestation during September through January.

Moderna COVID vaccine reminder

We have received questions from providers about Moderna's refrigeration guidelines and wanted to provide a reminder. Moderna COVID vaccine should be stored frozen between -50°C to -15°C (-58°F to 5°F). After thawing, Moderna COVID-19 vaccine may be stored refrigerated between 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) for up to 60 days or up to the expiration date printed on the carton, whichever comes first.

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