

## WHY IS IT DANGEROUS?

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is particularly dangerous for all infants and young, fragile children under two years of age.

### RSV can cause:



Bronchiolitis



Pneumonia



Complications such as middle ear infections



Increased risk of developing asthma in later years

In some cases, admission to hospital, paediatrics or neonatal intensive care may be necessary.

For these reasons, it is very important to take precautions to prevent RSV infection.

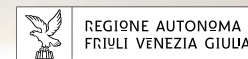
For more information, talk to your Free Choice Paediatrician or inquire at the paediatric vaccination services or your hospital of reference.



Frame the QR CODE for contact details of territorial vaccination centres.

### For more information:

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## SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of RSV infection initially resemble those of a cold and may manifest as:

- coughing
- sneezing
- nasal congestion
- fever
- respiratory difficulty
- apnoea (temporary cessation of breathing)
- irritability
- feeding difficulties

## PREVENTION

Frequent and thorough hand washing is essential to prevent contagion.

People with respiratory symptoms, especially school-age children, should not be in close contact with younger children, especially infants, until symptoms have resolved.

## IMMUNISATION

For the 2024/2025 season, the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region will offer free immunisation with a specific antibody (Nirsevimab) against the Respiratory Syncytial Virus to all newborns before discharge from the birth centres in a single intramuscular administration.

The immunisation will also be offered free of charge to all children up to 6 months of age and to those between 6 and 24 months with risk factors. Talk to your paediatrician or inquire at the Paediatric Vaccination Services or your hospital of reference.