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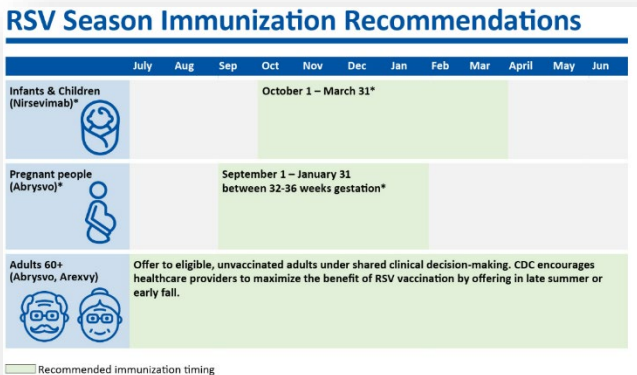
Administering the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine at the recommended time ensures efficacy. RSV is a common respiratory virus that affects individuals of all ages, but is particularly severe in infants, young children, older adults, and individuals with weakened immune systems.

The timing of RSV vaccination is critical to ensure maximum effectiveness, especially considering the seasonal nature of the virus. RSV infections often peak during the Fall and Winter seasons, although they can occur year-round.

By administering the vaccine before the start of the RSV season, individuals can develop immunity to the virus, reducing the risk of infection and its associated complications.

★ **RSV season ends in California March 31st, 2024.**

The California Department of Public Health provides a helpful timing guide for RSV products.



Vaccines for Children (VFC) program providers are encouraged to retain their RSV supply in anticipation of a surge in demand during the Fall season's vaccination efforts, ensuring an adequate supply is available.

This proactive strategy mitigates the risk of potential shortages or distribution delays of vaccines, guaranteeing timely access to vaccination for vulnerable populations, especially infants and young children.

Resources

- If you would like to enroll in the VFC program, please visit the [VFC Enrollment page](#) to submit an enrollment application or call the VFC Program Customer Service Center at (877) 243-8832.
- For more information, visit: [RSV-FAQs – California Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) \(eziz.org\)](#)

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