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Infant and High-Risk Children RSV Prevention Program Extended through April 2026

Attention: Physicians, Hospitals, CNE, ER Manager, ER Physician, Infection Control Practitioners, Occupational Health Professionals, Community Health Centres, Walk-In Urgent Care Clinic, Nurse Practitioner, Ontario Health, Ontario Health Teams, Midwives, Family Health Team, Indigenous Healthcare & Community

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The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit was notified that the Ministry of Health has updated the Ontario's RSV prevention programs for infants and high-risk children. The Ministry of Health had previously communicated that the RSV season concludes at the end of March.

Based on epidemiological data (percent positivity and hospitalizations), community transmission of RSV is ongoing. Despite RSV positivity in Ontario having peaked among young children the week of January 18, positivity is variable across the province and overall remains high, particularly among infants and children.

As a result, the RSV prevention program for infants and high-risk children will extend into April 2026.

Key Messages for Healthcare Providers:

- Healthcare providers should continue to administer immunizations to [eligible infants and children](#) until the Ministry circulates communication to mark the end of the 2025/26 program.
- The decision to administer maternal vaccination should take into consideration the timing of administration during pregnancy (i.e., between 32-36 weeks gestation) and the upcoming timing for the end of the season.
- Guidance for the 2026/27 program will be provided leading up to the Fall and will include recommendations for those infants and children who receive RSV protection late this season.

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