# The RSV Vaccine

## What is RSV?

- RSV stands for **Respiratory Syncytial Virus** which can cause lower respiratory tract infections.
- **Signs and Symptoms** of RSV include runny nose, coughing, wheezing, fever, tiredness, and headaches.
- RSV is **extremely common in older adults** since they have weakened immune systems.
- RSV is contagious and can spread from person to person easily which is why vaccination is important.

## The RSV Vaccine (mResvia – Publicly Funded Vaccine)

- Can be administered before, after or at the same time as other vaccines.
- No booster required, but no long-term data on the number of years a person is protected for.

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| For Who? | • People who are 75 years of age or older, and/or<br>• Indigenous peoples who are 60 years of age or older |
| Dosing Schedule | • One time dose.<br>• 0.5 mL given intramuscularly (IM) |
| Cost | • mResvia Vaccine is publicly funded (no cost for eligible patients) |
| Adminsitration | • Administered by pharmacist or nurse.<br>• After vaccine effects may include sore arm, muscle aches, fever, and headache. |

## How can I get my RSV vaccine?

- Talk to your nurse, family member or pharmacist about receiving the shingles vaccine.
- **Pharmacists can counsel, administer, and record immunizations**
- Apex Pharmacy Pharmacists can come to Assisted Living, Independent Living, and Nursing Homes to administer the RSV vaccine.

## Call and speak to a pharmacist today!

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