



Vaccine Update # 488

RSV programs commencing 15 May

Two new RSV vaccination programs for older adults have been announced and will commence in May:

1. National Immunisation Program (NIP) RSV for older Australians, provides the RSV vaccine, Arexvy®, free for all adults aged 75 years and over, and Aboriginal people from 60 years of age; and the
2. WA RSV Vulnerable Older Adult Vaccination Program expands on the national program by offering RSV vaccination (Arexvy) to older Western Australians with greater risk of severe RSV disease aged:
 - 60 to 74 years **and**
 - living in a residential aged care home
 - receiving Commonwealth Support at Home (*excludes persons on Support at Home waitlist and those on Commonwealth Home Support Package*)
 - living in specialist disability accommodation (SDA) (*excludes persons on SDA waitlist or receiving supported independent living*)
 - in residential mental health services
 - experiencing homeless
 - in a correctional facility
 - 50 to 59 years in one of the above settings **and**
 - are Aboriginal
 - have a risk factor for severe RSV disease.

Both programs officially start on 15 May, however Arexvy® can be administered to eligible people as soon as the vaccine is available

Please refer to the [WA respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\) vulnerable older adults \(VOA\) immunisation program decision aid \(PDF 260KB\)](#) and the RSV chapter of the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) for further guidance.

Both programs use Arexvy, which is now available to order from [OneLink](#).

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