

What Parents Need to Know about RSV

WHO IS AT HIGHEST RISK:

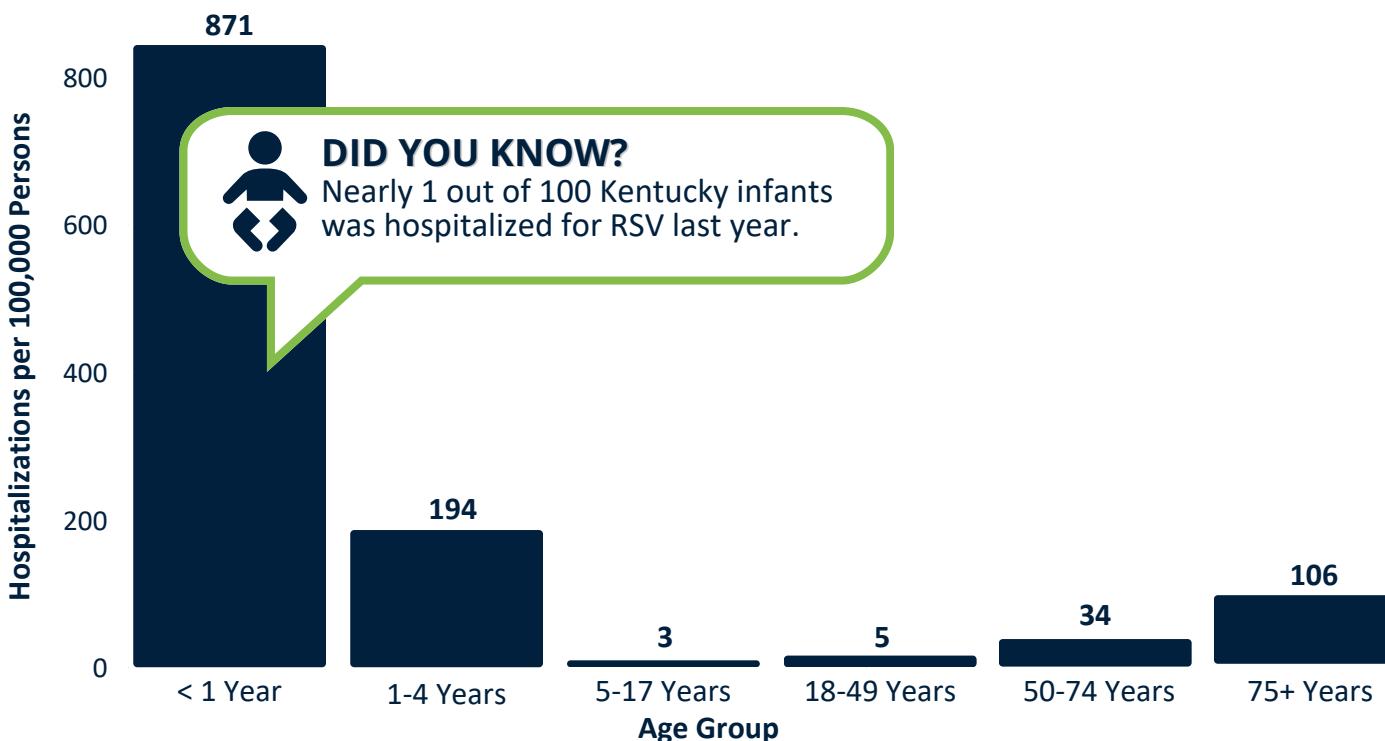
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) spreads in the fall and winter, with most hospital visits occurring **October through March**.
- RSV spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes near you or through direct contact, such as kissing or touching your baby's face.
- Nearly every child will get RSV by the time they are 2 years old. **Those younger than 6 months old** are at the **greatest** risk for severe illness and hospitalization.

WHEN TO VACCINATE:

- Pregnant women should get the RSV vaccine between **32 and 36 weeks of pregnancy** from **September 1st through January 31st**.
- Babies younger than 8 months should receive an RSV immunization from **October 1st to March 31st** if their mother did not receive the maternal RSV vaccine during pregnancy.

KENTUCKY RSV HOSPITALIZATION RATES BY AGE GROUP

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