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Subject: Extended Timeline for RSV Vaccination Administration

Dear Vaccine Provider,

The Kentucky Department for Public Health recommends that pediatric providers and hospitals across the state **continue to administer respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) immunizations to infants through April 30, 2026** for this current respiratory virus season. This is an extension of the normal timeline to ensure optimal protection of Kentucky’s infants. **RSV immunization orders through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program must be placed by March 31, 2026.**

Infants whose mother did not receive the RSV vaccine during pregnancy should receive a long-acting monoclonal antibody such as Beyfortus (nirsevimab) or Enflonia (clesrovimab) within one week of birth or as soon as possible thereafter to provide direct protection during their first RSV season. In late February 2026, CDC reported that the national RSV season started later than usual and that RSV activity was still increasing. In Kentucky, RSV remains a leading cause of hospitalization among infants less than one year of age. Although the overall number of cases has been lower than previous seasons – indicating immunization program success – RSV activity is expected to continue past March. Due to this season’s likelihood of continued RSV activity into the typical “off-season” (April to September), infant immunization recommendations have been expanded.

The Kentucky Department for Public Health’s Immunization Branch urges healthcare providers to adhere to these guidelines to help protect infants from severe RSV-related illness and hospitalization. For further information and official clinical guidance, please visit the [AAP's Recommendations for the Prevention of RSV Disease in Infants and Children: Policy Statement](#).

Thank you,

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