



**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE**

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*Acting Health Commissioner*

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Dear Provider,

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC Health Department) is asking obstetricians and prenatal care providers to help with efforts to prevent severe respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in infants.

Severe RSV illness in infants can be prevented in two ways: administration of monoclonal antibodies (nirsevimab [Beyfortus®]) directly to newborns or administration of a vaccine (Abrysvo®) to pregnant persons. In most instances, if the pregnant person has been vaccinated there is no need for immunization of the infant. We encourage health care providers to discuss these RSV immunization options with their pregnant patients. For details on RSV vaccine guidance for pregnant people please see this resource on [RSV Vaccine Guidance for Pregnant People](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

If you administer Abrysvo, please remember that reporting to the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) is essential for pediatricians and health care providers taking care of newborns to determine the need for immunization of the infant. As a reminder, doses administered to patients ages 19 years and older can be reported to the CIR with patient consent. Your electronic health record (EHR) system can report immunizations and consent to the CIR directly using the CIR HL7 Web Service. Please refer to the [CIR Web Service Implementation Guide](#) for details. Members of the CIR Interoperability team are also available to help at [cir\\_interop@health.nyc.gov](mailto:cir_interop@health.nyc.gov), should you or your EHR vendor need assistance with connecting to the Web Service or enabling reporting of the RSV or other adult vaccines. You may also report immunizations directly to the CIR via the Online Registry at: <https://immunize.nyc/prod/online-registry/>.

Having complete RSV vaccine administration data in the CIR will help other health care partners identify infants who need protection from RSV and helps your patients maintain a lifetime vaccination record that is easily accessible online via [My Vaccine Record](#).

Thank you for your continued commitment to preventing vaccine-preventable diseases in New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bindy Crouch".

Bindy Crouch, MD, MPH  
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