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NHS respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination

Dear ((fullName)),

We are writing to inform you about the NHS respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination programme. You will be able to get a free RSV vaccination because you're **aged 75 to 79 years** (or recently turned 80).

Why the NHS is offering you RSV vaccination

Every year, thousands of people in your age group need hospital care for RSV infection. RSV can make it difficult to breathe and can lead to severe problems like pneumonia. In some cases, it can be life-threatening.

Having your RSV vaccination will reduce your risk of getting severe symptoms. Read more at **www.nhs.uk/rsv-vaccine**. For a guide to RSV vaccination for older adults, visit **www.gov.uk/rsv-vaccine**.

What is RSV?

RSV is a respiratory virus that affects the lungs. Symptoms include a cough, sore throat and cold. Most people get better on their own, but older people are at increased risk of serious illness.

How to get your RSV vaccination

You do **not** need to take any action until you are invited by your **GP surgery**. Please **wait** for your GP surgery to contact you.

When they offer you an appointment, it's important you get vaccinated as soon as you can, ahead of the colder months.

More information

You only need **1 dose** of the RSV vaccine for good, long-term protection.

It's more effective to have your RSV vaccination on a **different day** to your flu and COVID-19 vaccinations. If you have already booked or had your RSV vaccination, you do not need to do anything else.

For information in easy read and other languages and formats, go to **www.england.nhs.uk/rsv-invites**.

Yours sincerely,

NHS England Vaccinations Team

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