

**RSV vaccine finally available for some**  
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## **BROADCAST SCRIPT**

### **INTRO**

AFTER NEARLY SIX DECADES OF RESEARCH – EXPERIMENTS – AND TESTING... THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION HAS OFFICIALLY APPROVED THE FIRST R-S-V VACCINE. WHILE THOSE CURRENTLY ABLE TO GET THE VACCINE ARE ADULTS 60 AND OLDER – PREGNANT MOTHERS MAY SOON BE ABLE TO AS WELL.

TAKE VO

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DR. DOUGLAS KASPER IS AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE SPECIALIST WITH OSF HEALTHCARE – HE SAYS THE U.S. IS COMING OFF OF A SEVERE R-S-V SEASON DURING THE WINTER.  
HE SAYS IF CURRENT VACCINE TRIALS ARE SUCCESSFUL IN PREGNANT WOMEN – IT COULD PROVIDE LIFE-SAVING ANTIBODIES FOR THEIR BABIES.

20 SECOND SOT

“We’re trying to use the mother’s ability to create an immune response, because the baby cannot do that on their own. So if we can vaccinate during pregnancy, which is the study group we’re awaiting data for, there would be a huge benefit for young children that currently does not exist.”

VO TAG

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20 SECOND SOT

“There are ongoing trials looking at vaccinating mothers who are pregnant. This would be for potential protection of unborn children, but that has not been approved yet. There’s expected re-evaluation of that data coming this summer. Hopefully by August we get some updated patient groups.”

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