

Soundbite Script – RSV’s impact on your baby

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“RSV is most seen in the fall and winter, and it can be quite dangerous for infants and children. It is the number one cause of hospitalizations in infants.” (:11)

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“The RSV vaccine that was recently approved is targeted towards pregnant women between 32 weeks gestation and 36 weeks and six days gestation, and that's to optimize the effects of the vaccine before the baby's born.” (:14)

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“It’s absolutely important to have the vaccine conversation with your provider, with your spouse and with the people who are going to be around the baby a lot. So, make sure everyone's on the same page and can provide the most protection to the new infant.” (:12)

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“The take home message is the RSV vaccine is a great thing moms can do in pregnancy to help reduce the risk of a serious illness in their infants. This of course is in addition to the basic principles of good hand hygiene and not going out if you're sick.” (:16)