

# RSV

(RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS)

**#1 Cause of Hospitalization  
for Infants**



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# Help Protect Your Child from RSV

## What is RSV?

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common, and very contagious virus that infects the respiratory tract. RSV often occurs in winter and spring months.

## What symptoms does RSV cause?

The following are the most common symptoms of RSV. However, each baby may experience symptoms differently. Symptoms may include:

- Runny nose
- Listlessness
- Fever
- Poor feeding
- Wheezing
- Retractions (pulling in) of the chest wall
- Rapid breathing
- Cough

These symptoms usually appear in stages and not all at once. In very young infants with RSV, the only symptoms may be irritability, decreased activity, and breathing difficulties.

Call a doctor if your child is having difficulty breathing, not drinking enough fluids, or experiencing worsening symptoms.

# How serious is RSV?



**#1** cause of hospitalization  
for infants<sup>1</sup>



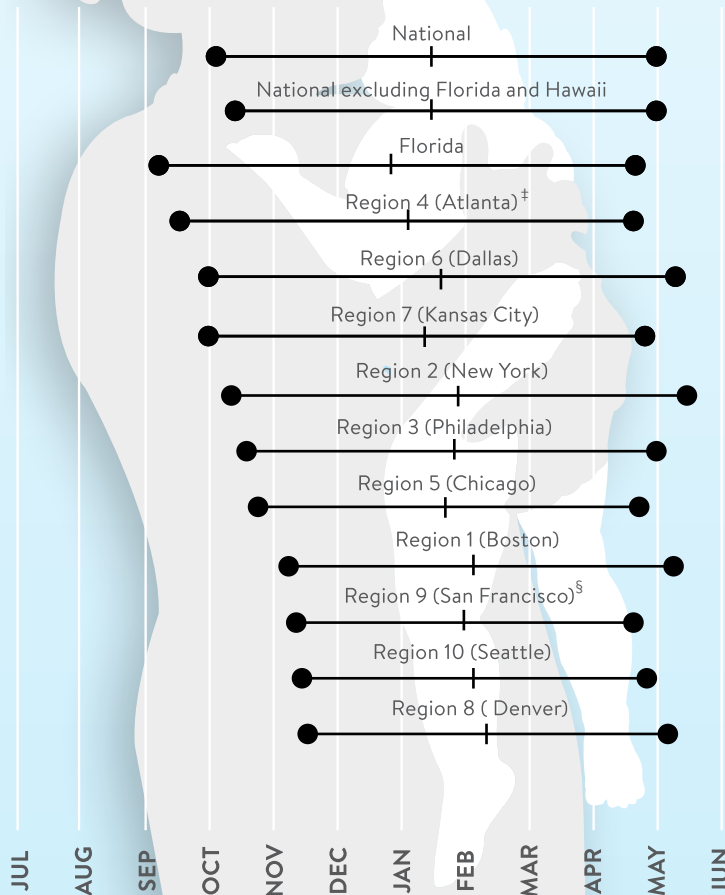
**#1** cause of bronchiolitis  
and pneumonia  
in children under  
1 year of age\*



**Almost all children will be infected** with RSV by their second birthday\*

# Duration of RSV Season

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region and Florida†



Listed by region number and headquarters city Region 1 (Boston): Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont; Region 2 (New York): New Jersey and New York; Region 3 (Philadelphia): Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia; Region 4 (Atlanta): Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee; Region 5 (Chicago): Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin; Region 6 (Dallas): Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas; Region 7 (Kansas City): Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska; Region 8 (Denver): Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming; Region 9 (San Francisco): Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada; Region 10 (Seattle): Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. District of Columbia, Maine, Nevada, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Wyoming did not have laboratories meeting the inclusion criteria for the 2016-17 season analysis.

\* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection (RSV). [online] Available from: <https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/> Accessed: [07/17/2018]

† Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Respiratory Syncytial Virus Circulation in the United States, July 2016–2017. *MMWR*. 2018;67(2):71–76

‡ Excludes data from Florida

§ Excludes data from Hawaii

Reference: 1. McLaurin KK, et al. *J Perinatol*. 2016; 36(11): 990–996.

# Help Protect Your Child from RSV



Avoid close contact with sick people



Wash your hands often



Cover your coughs & sneezes



Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands



Clean & disinfect surfaces



Stay home when you're sick

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