

Enjoy your time together... Protect

yourself against RSV!

What is **RSV**?

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is **highly contagious and can cause respiratory disorders** including **bronchitis** and **pneumonia**.

The disease occurs in all age groups, but can be particularly harmful for **infants** and **the elderly**.

It is primarily transmitted through **droplets** (coughing, sneezing), and most likely also through contact (e.g. contamination of hands or objects). RSV is **a seasonal disease** and peaks in winter, causing numerous respiratory infections each year, which need to be treated in hospital.

Symptoms of the disease

Signs include shortness of breath, fever, sore throat, hoarseness, headache, cough and sputum and a runny nose.

Am I at risk of severe RSV illness?

People aged 60 and over, especially those with underlying medical conditions or a weakened immune system, are at increased risk of severe RSV illness. An RSV infection can also lead to a permanent deterioration of underlying disorders such as pulmonary or cardiovascular disease and lead to **hospitalisation** or even **death**.



How can I protect myself?

In Austria, RSV vaccination is **recommended** for people **aged 60 and over**.

To find out more, ask your doctor or visit **rsv-schutz.at** and **facebook.com/InitiativeRSVSchutz**

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