

HALTON REGION PUBLIC HEALTH • Office of the Medical Officer of Health

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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, other Healthcare Providers

FROM: Dr. Joanna Oda, Associate Medical Officer of Health

DATE: January 13, 2025

RE: 50 mg Beyfortus® (infant RSV) prioritized for hospital, but still available for physician orders

QUICK FACTS

- The Ministry of Health has directed Public Health to prioritize Beyfortus® 50mg doses for hospitals to administer to infants born during the remaining months of the RSV season.
- Primary Care Providers can order Beyfortus® 50mg for specific patients that meet the eligibility criteria and weigh less than 5kg, for example infants born at home.
- To order Beyfortus® 50mg for a specific patient, provide patient name, date of birth and current weight, in the Indication column on the [Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) Products Order Form](#).
- Halton Region Public Health will continue to distribute the 100mg formulation while supplies last.
- Under no circumstances are the 100mg doses of Beyfortus® to be split into two 50mg doses.
- Beyfortus®, which is used to prevent a serious lower respiratory tract infection caused by RSV in infants and young children, is available in the following formulations:
 - 50 mg for infants <5 kg
 - 100 mg for infants ≥ 5 kg

KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- Beyfortus® is publicly funded for:
 - Infants born in 2024 prior to the RSV season, up to 12 months of age
 - Infants born during the 2024/2025 RSV season
 - High-risk children, up to 24 months of age, who remain vulnerable from severe RSV disease through their second RSV season.
- All babies born in Halton hospitals since November 4, 2024 have been offered Beyfortus® prior to discharge. Therefore very few infants who weigh less than 5kg will need to access Beyfortus® 50 mg from their primary care provider. Exceptions may include home births and infants whose parents did not provide consent at time of birth.
- To reduce waste and to ensure continued availability of the 50mg formulation for newborns, Primary Care Providers must place orders for specific patients.
- To order Beyfortus® 50mg for a specific patient, complete the [Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) Products Order Form](#), **indicating the patient's name, date of birth and current weight** on the order form and fax it to 905-465-3403.
- To order Beyfortus® 100mg, complete the [Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) Products Order Form](#) as per the current process and fax it to 905-465-3403. Patient information is not required.
- Orders will be distributed according to the [vaccine distribution schedule](#).

- Midwives are not authorized to administer Beyfortus® 50mg. Therefore parents of infants born at home should arrange to have their infant vaccinated by their Health Care Provider.
- The 50 mg formulation should be reserved for infants <5 kg. Health Care Providers should avoid administering two 50mg doses of Beyfortus® to an infant / child that is ≥ 5 kg and requires a 100mg dose.
- Halton Region Public Health will continue to distribute the Beyfortus® 100mg formulation to Primary Care Providers while supplies last.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [RSV Prevention Programs – Information for Health Care Providers](#), Ministry of Health

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) (only report COVID-19 cases occurring in high-risk settings) to Public Health immediately by calling 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

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