Respiratory Virus Vaccines - Fall 2025

WHO?	FLU	RSV	COVID-19
INFANTS & CHILDREN	All children 6 months and older AAP, CDC	All infants <8 months old and children 8-19 months with risk factors AAP, CDC	All children 6-23 months Children 2-17 years old with risk factors or if parents desire vaccinations
PREGNANCY	All At any point in pregnancy ACOG, CDC	32-36 weeks gestation ACOG, CDC	All At any point in pregnancy ACOG
ADULTS 18-49	All CDC	None. But if pregnant, see above.	All Especially important for people with risk factors or who have never received a vaccine AAFP
ADULTS 50+	All High-dose, recombinant or adjuvanted flu vaccine preferred for 65+, if available CDC	All 75+ and adults 50-74 with risk factors As of now, one lifetime dose of RSV vaccine	All Especially important for 65+, people with risk factors or who have never received a vaccine AAFP
HOW WELL DO They work?	Reduces the risk of going to the doctor by 30-60%	Reduces risk of severe disease by 80-96%	30-60% additional protection against illness and severe disease
WHAT IS AVAILABLE?	A vaccine that targets 3 strains of seasonal flu; both a nasal spray and injectable shot are available this year	Children: Monoclonal antibodies nirsevimab or clesrovimab Pregnancy: Pfizer (protein) vaccine Older Adults: GSK and Pfizer (protein) or Moderna (mRNA) vaccine	Overall access may be limited. Vaccines are updated with Omicron sub-variants JN.1 or LP.8.1. Options: Pfizer (mRNA; 5 years+) Moderna (mRNA; 6 months+), Novavax (protein; 12 years+)
WHEN SHOULD I GET IT?	October is ideal, as vaccine protection wanes over a season	Infants: Oct - March Pregnancy: Sept - Jan Older Adults: Now as protection is durable	For protection against severe disease, get it now. Recently infected? Wait at least 6 months.