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**Booking your NHS respiratory syncytial virus vaccination**

Dear ((fullName)),

We’re inviting you to book your free NHS respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination because you’re **aged 75 to 79 years** (or recently turned 80).

**Why the NHS is offering you RSV vaccination**

RSV is a common respiratory virus that affects the lungs. Symptoms include a cough, sore throat and cold. Most people get better on their own, but older people are at increased risk of serious illness.

Every year, thousands of people in your age group need hospital care for RSV infection. RSV can make it difficult to breathe and can lead to severe problems like pneumonia. In some cases, it can be life-threatening.

**How to book your RSV vaccination**

You can arrange an appointment at the surgery that suits you:

* Use our appointment request form at ((link))
* Email ((emailAddress))
* Phone ((phoneNumber)

If you later need to cancel or rearrange, please contact us so we can offer your appointment to someone else.

It’s more effective to have your RSV vaccination on a **different day** to your flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

**More information**

You only need **1 dose** of the RSV vaccine for good, long-term protection.

Having your RSV vaccination will reduce your risk of getting severe symptoms. Read more at [**www.nhs.uk/rsv-vaccine**](http://www.nhs.uk/rsv-vaccine). For a guide to RSV vaccination for older adults, visit [**www.gov.uk/rsv-vaccine**](http://www.gov.uk/rsv-leaflet).

For information in easy read and other languages and formats, go to [**www.england.nhs.uk/rsv-invites**](http://www.england.nhs.uk/rsv-invites).

Yours sincerely,

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