



Vaccine Update # 476 – NEW RSV shelf labels, immunisation education reminder

NEW RSV vaccine fridge labels available

Since Abrysvo (**antenatal RSV vaccine**) was introduced in 2025, several clinical incidents have occurred where Abrysvo and Beyfortus (**infant RSV immunisation**) have been confused. Such errors have been reported in WA and nationally, indicating a system-wide issue. The Department of Health requests your support to reduce the risk of future errors.

It is essential that all staff are aware of the differences between the Abrysvo and Beyfortus products and that systems are in place to ensure the correct product is administered to patients. To assist, the Department of Health has developed **vaccine fridge labels** to help providers clearly distinguish between the two RSV vaccines.

To use these vaccine fridge labels, please take the following steps:

1. Order the free vaccine fridge labels

- Log in to the [Department of Health Online Ordering System](#) and enter item number **015138** into the search bar. Each sheet will provide 4 labels (2 for Abrysvo, 2 for Beyfortus). There is a limit of one sheet per order.

2. Label the two products in your vaccine fridge/s

- Print, laminate, and attach the relevant **fridge labels** to the respective baskets or shelves where these two products are stored.

3. Organise the vaccines in your fridge/s

- If your service has **two vaccine fridges**, it is recommended to store the two products in separate fridges while still using the fridge labels.
- If you only have **one vaccine fridge**, place the products at **separate sections** e.g.:
 - **Beyfortus at the top**
 - **Abrysvo at the bottom**
 - Ensure each vaccine has its respective fridge label clearly displayed.



The intent is for these measures to assist staff in correctly identifying the appropriate product for their patients.

For further information about [RSV](#) and immunisation to protect against RSV, please refer to the [WA Immunisation Schedule](#) and the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and for your continued support protecting Western Australians from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Immunisation education opportunities

As immunisation providers, staying informed and up-to-date on new research and innovations, current immunisation programs, the latest practices and guidelines is essential to delivering safe and effective care.

Whether you're looking for information about your education requirements, online learning, immunisation event recordings and presentations, the WA Health [Immunisation Education webpage](#) is your go-to resource.

Why check in regularly?

- New events are added throughout the year
- Topics cover clinical updates, vaccine safety, cold chain management, and more
- Opportunities for networking and peer learning

We encourage all providers to bookmark the page to ensure you don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities.

Your commitment to ongoing immunisation education helps keep our communities safe and health.

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