## **RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV) IMMUNIZATION**

## **HOW DOES RSV SPREAD?**



The virus, in **droplets** from a cough or sneeze, gets into your eyes, nose or mouth.



Through direct contact with the virus.



By touching a surface that has the virus on it and then touching your face.

## Symptoms of RSV infection may include







- Runny nose
- Decreased appetite
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Fever
- Wheezing



RSV infection can also lead to

- Bronchiolitis
- Pneumonia

Without immunization, most children will be infected by RSV by age 2 years.

The shot for babies is **90% EFFECTIVE** in preventing infants from being hospitalized with RSV.



## Babies are protected by either



Vaccine during pregnancy

Given September-January

OR



A shot at birth or at the start of RSV season\*\*

Given October-March

\*\* All infants < 8 months of age or toddlers 8–19 months who are at high risk during their second RSV season.

