

## **RSVP TO LIFE'S IMPORTANT MOMENTS**

NEW SURVEY FINDS LACK OF AWARENESS ABOUT RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS DESPITE ITS DANGER TO OLDER POPULATIONS

#### RSV is a common, contagious respiratory virus that caused:



Estimated

470,000

aged 60 years and older.

While RSV is a major cause of respiratory

illness in young children, it also has a

^ In high-income countries in 2019

33,000

years and older.1

significant impact on older adults yet awareness of this remains low.1

Older adults are at risk of severe illness from RSV infection, in part due to natural changes in immune response as we age.5

Adults with chronic conditions are at an even greater risk of severe complications from RSV.2

Those with a history of chronic conditions like diabetes, COPD and heart failure are 3-13x more likely to be hospitalized with RSV than adults without these conditions.8



Nearly 1 in 2 (46%) are unaware of RSV<sup>6</sup>

Even among those at higher risk due to an underlying medical condition

Less than **1 In 5** (18%) claimed at least moderate knowledge of RSV<sup>6</sup>

GSK funded online survey of (\*) 1,000 adults aged 50 and over showed Most report having a respiratory 65% illness\* in the past year

Of which more than 1 in 3 reported it took >2 weeks to recover<sup>6</sup> aged 60 and older reported that it took 3 weeks or longer to recover<sup>6</sup>

\* COVID-19, flu, RSV, other cold/cough

Respondents reported missing life events due to respiratory infection in the last 12 months (% population)6

65% disruptions to daily activities

43% disruptions to social events

29% affected their ability to attend

work

20% disruptions to big life events, like holidays, birthdays and anniversaries

**2** in **3** (66%) are concerned about getting RSV in the future<sup>6</sup>



respiratory infection in next 12 months (% population)<sup>6</sup>

Increasing to 68% if they have an underlying medical condition like asthma or a heart problem<sup>6</sup>



Concern about life events being missed due to

Family occasion

Birthday

Celebration

Holiday

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Learn more about RSV and the impact it may have - talk to your healthcare professional about how you can better educate yourself and help prevent RSV.

### About the RSV Public Awareness Survey

The RSV Public Awareness Survey was an online survey of 1,000 Canadians aged 50 and over conducted in June 2024 and funded by GSK.6

Data was collated from 21 questions covering awareness and attitudes concerning RSV with all participants agreeing to participate in full transparency on both the source of the data commissioning, and to the use of their anonymized data.6

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## About RSV

RSV is a common contagious virus affecting the lungs and breathing passages. 7 Older adults are at high risk for severe disease due in part to age-related decline in immunity, and older adults with underlying conditions are at even greater risk for severe disease.<sup>5,9</sup> RSV can exacerbate conditions, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, and chronic heart failure and can lead to severe outcomes, such as pneumonia, hospitalization, and death.3

and talent to get ahead of disease together.

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