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Re: Early start to 2023/24 Palivizumab Program

Dear Partners in the Nova Scotia Palivizumab Utilization Management Program,

The provincial palivizumab prophylaxis program runs each year from December to April, based on the Nova Scotia RSV season. The RSV season was different during the COVID-19 pandemic, with disappearance of RSV in 2021 and an earlier and large outbreak in 2021-2022. This year we are noting that RSV activity is increasing earlier in the fall than in pre-pandemic years in Nova Scotia, so the program will begin in the coming weeks (November) rather than on December 5, the previously determined date.

Please continue to submit applications for the program using the Nova Scotia RSV Prophylaxis Request Form 2023-2024 and fax completed forms to AstraZeneca's Synagis Care Coordinator at 1-833-397-2357 or [enrollment@AZInfantPSP.ca](mailto:enrollment@AZInfantPSP.ca). Eligibility criteria have changed and are available at < <https://www.iwk.nshealth.ca/palivizumab/provincial-guidelines/indications-for-use>>.

Families who will receive their palivizumab at the IWK will be contacted by the clinic about their appointment time. For families who will receive their palivizumab outside Halifax Regional Municipality it will be administered with the family doctor, pediatrician, nurse practitioner or in the local regional health centre.

Thank you for your care of patients in this program. The provincial website <https://www.iwk.nshealth.ca/palivizumab> has communication materials for the palivizumab program for health care providers and their patients, updates will be posted as needed.

Sincerely,

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