



Vaccine Update # 481 - Arexvy labels, pharmacy SASA update, updated influenza handbook chapter, AIR survey, measles reminder

NEW RSV vaccine fridge labels including Arexvy available

In addition to the **Abrysvo** and **Beyfortus** labels previously released in [Vaccine Update 476](#), WA Health have now released a second RSV shelf label for Arexvy (**vaccine for older adults**). These labels are developed to assist providers with differentiating between the various RSV products.

It is essential that all staff are aware of the differences between the Abrysvo, Beyfortus and Arexvy products, especially the cohorts they are recommended for; and that systems are in place to ensure the correct product is administered to patients.

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

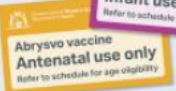
1. Order the free vaccine fridge labels

- Log in to the [Department of Health Online Ordering System](#)
- enter '**labels**' into the search bar

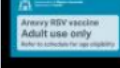
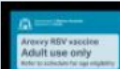
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Code:	IMM-015138	Min Order Qty:	none
Name:	Abrysvo and Beyfortus Labels	Max Order Qty:	1
Description:	Sheet of 4 stock labels	Order Qty:	
Resource Owner:	Immunisation Program		☒
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Code:	IMM-015162	Min Order Qty:	none
Name:	Arexvy Labels	Max Order Qty:	1497
Description:	260 x 170mm Sheet	Order Qty:	
Resource Owner:	Immunisation Program		☒
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- Each sheet of Abrysvo and Beyfortus labels will provide 4 labels (2 for Abrysvo, 2 for Beyfortus). There is a limit of one sheet per order.
- Each sheet of Arexvy labels will provide 4 labels. There is a limit of one sheet per order.

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

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

3. Organise the vaccines in your fridge/s

- If your service has **two vaccine fridges**, it is recommended to store Abrysvo and Beyfortus products in separate fridges while still using the fridge labels. It is recommended to store Arexvy **in a different section of the fridge** from Abrysvo.
- If you only have **one vaccine fridge**, place the Beyfortus and Abrysvo products on **separate shelves**.
 - Ensure each vaccine has its respective fridge label clearly displayed.

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- If possible, store Arexvy alongside other routine vaccines for older cohorts e.g., pneumococcal, shingles



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.

Updated pharmacist Structured Administration and Supply Agreement (SASA)

The [Administration of Vaccines by Pharmacists SASA](#) has now been updated to lower the age to 2 years and older **for influenza vaccines** by pharmacists, with the lower age limit remaining at 5 years for other vaccines.

See further information about Influenza vaccination in the Australian Immunisation Handbook [Influenza chapter](#), updated to include FluMist.

Australian Immunisation Handbook (AIH) influenza chapter updated

The Australian Immunisation Handbook influenza (flu) chapter has been updated to include intranasal live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) as an alternative to inactivated influenza vaccines for children aged 2 to less than 18 years.

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The updated chapter also includes information on the introduction of Fludax as an alternative to the standard-dose influenza vaccine for those aged over 50 years, and recommendations that children receive 2 doses of influenza vaccine, 4 weeks apart if they are receiving influenza vaccine for the first time and are:

- aged 6 months to less than 2 years
- aged between 6 months and 9 years and have medical risk conditions.

National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) Influenza resources for 2026

Health providers can also access the NCIRS [influenza immunisation resources](#) to better understand the [differences between intranasal and injected flu vaccines](#) or help answer parents' questions by guiding them to the [‘Why does my child need a flu shot?’](#) webpage.

A comprehensive list of answers to common questions – including [how to give intranasal LAIV](#) and [what to do if a child sneezes](#) after receiving LAIV – is also available.

Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) data modernisation survey

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing are seeking your feedback to help shape the new immunisation dashboards currently being developed using AIR data. Your insights, which can be provided through the survey link below, will ensure the dashboards are clear and useful.

The survey is open until **31 March 2026**, and takes around 5–10 minutes to complete.

Your feedback will provide insight into:

- what immunisation information is most valuable
- how people want to explore and view AIR data

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- what features or tools would best support users
- any accessibility needs or potential issues

[Access the survey:](#)

Please feel free to share this survey with anyone who may be interested or able to contribute. For questions or support about the survey, contact niddatareportinganalysis@health.gov.au.

Reminder to check vaccination status amid continued measles cases in Australia

Measles [outbreaks](#) continue in Western Australia, with 5 cases identified since January 1.

Health authorities are reinforcing earlier national [advice](#) from Australia's Chief Medical Officer, Professor Michael Kidd, regarding the risks of infection for Australians travelling overseas.

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation also [recommends](#) that infants aged 6 to 11 months receive a dose of a measles-containing vaccine before travelling internationally.

Vaccination is the best protection against measles, and [2 doses of measles-containing vaccine provide 99% protection](#) against illness and serious health complications.

Measles-containing vaccine is funded on the [National Immunisation Program](#) for infants at 12 and 18 months of age, as well as through [state programs](#) for :

- children aged 6 months to less than 12 months who are travelling overseas
- adults born during or after 1966 who have not received two doses.

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Measles resources can be found at [Measles immunisation | NCIRS](#) and measles travel posters can be ordered for free at [Department of Health Online Ordering System](#).

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