Respiratory Syncytial Virus, or RSV, is a common virus that affects the lungs and breathing passages.

RSV causes serious illness in older adults:
- 60,000–160,000 hospitalizations
- 6,000–10,000 deaths

RSV vaccine is available to adults 60 and over:
- It can PROTECT against severe illness
- Talk to your doctor to see if vaccination is right for you

RSV can be dangerous for older adults:
- Adults who are 60 years or older are at highest risk, especially:
  - Adults who have chronic heart or lung disease
  - Adults who have weakened immune systems

RSV can lead to serious conditions:
- Pneumonia (infection of the lungs)
- Hospitalization
- More severe symptoms for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- More severe symptoms for people with congestive heart failure

Everyday preventive measures help protect against respiratory viruses:
- Wash hands often
- Avoid close contact with sick people
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean frequently touched surfaces
- Stay home when sick

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