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Important information about vaccines and a new antibody treatment.

PRODUCT	INFORMATION	AVAILABILITY
Beyfortus	Single-dose long-acting antibody designed to help prevent RSV lower respiratory tract disease in infants (first and some second “RSV seasons”).	<i>NOT AVAILABLE AT VMG AT THIS TIME</i> <i>Recommended for inclusion in the children’s vaccine program, which would provide this important vaccine to all pediatric patients in need at no cost. VMG will follow this recommendation and availability from the state vaccine program. When it is understood it is available to order and administer, more information will be shared.</i>
Abrysvo: RSV Vaccine for older adults	RSV vaccine can help protect adults aged 60 years and older from RSV (manufactured by GSK and Pfizer)	<i>NOT AVAILABLE AT VMG</i> <i>VMG will not be ordering this vaccine. Please refer patients to a local pharmacy.</i> <i>The CDC has recently recommended that patients 60 years and older consider getting the new RSV vaccine when it becomes available this fall. RSV is a virus that causes an upper respiratory infection that can lead to hospitalizations and associated complications, including death. Patients who are at greatest risk from the infections are those with heart disease, chronic lung disease, immunosuppressed patients and/or patients living in long term care facilities. Valley Medical Group supports you getting this vaccine if you have one of these conditions. Patients to contact a local pharmacy for the vaccine.</i>

Abrysvo: RSV Vaccine for pregnant people	RSV vaccine for pregnant people at 32 to 36 weeks' gestation	NOT AVAILABLE AT VMG
COVID-19 VACCINE for children under 19 years		AVAILABLE AT VMG <i>Included in the children's vaccine program thru the state and continued to be provided to VMG at no cost.</i>
COVID-19 VACCINE for Adults		NOT AVAILABLE AT VMG COVID-19 vaccine for adults is no longer available from the state; ordering discontinued August 1, 2023. <i>VMG will not be ordering COVID-19 vaccine for administration for adult patients. Adult patients should be referred to a pharmacy. Genoa Pharmacy will let us know if they will be able to offer. Walgreen's in NHC has indicated they have the vaccine.</i>
Flu Vaccine	VMG will administer flu vaccines to staff, providers and patients.	ANTICIPATE AVAILABILITY SOON AT VMG