

# WHY JOIN OUR STUDY?

**Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is the #1 cause of infant hospitalization in Canada**

By taking part, you and your baby can help researchers:

- Understand why some infants get sicker than others
- Learn how early infections affect children's health later in life
- Improve prevention strategies and RSV vaccines
- Reduce the risk of long-term conditions such as asthma



**BC WOMEN'S  
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## Today's Research

## Tomorrow's protection

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# GIVING BIRTH IN 2026?

**IRIS**  
INFANT RSV  
IMMUNITY STUDY

# WHAT DOES THE STUDY INVOLVE?

- **2-3 short study visits** between birth and your child's third birthday
- **Quick online questionnaires** for parents about your child's health
- **Blood samples** to measure your baby's immunity to RSV
- **Stool samples** to learn about infant gut health

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

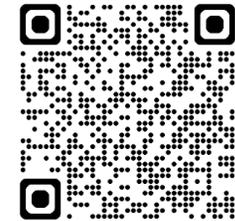
- ✓ If you are giving birth from **Apr-Jun** or **Sept-Nov 2026**
- ✓ If you are planning on giving birth at **BC Women's Hospital**



# CONTACT US

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Scan for more Information



## Want to donate to Canadian Blood Services?

### You still can!

During delivery, we collect a small sample of cord blood for this study. If you would also like to donate your cord blood to Canadian Blood Services (CBS), register directly with CBS using the QR code here:



Canadian Blood Services  
BLOOD  
PLASMA  
STEM CELLS  
ORGANS  
& TISSUES



## What will I receive?

- Updates and **results** from your child's respiratory infection tests
- **Free parking** for study visits
- **Gift cards** as a thank-you for each study visit (**up to \$520**)

