

# NANASP Statement On FDA Approved Vaccines To Prevent RSV In Older Adults

WASHINGTON, DC, USA, June 1, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Today, following the approval by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of a second vaccine to prevent the spread of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) for adults aged 65 and older, the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs ([NANASP](#)) issued the following statement from Executive Director

Robert Blancato:

“For more than six decades scientists have been working to develop a vaccine to combat RSV—and now, following one of the worst seasons we have seen for respiratory illnesses, we finally have tools to protect older Americans from the very serious outcomes associated with this potentially deadly virus. We applaud the dedicated work of scientists and clinical trial participants who have helped us to achieve this incredible milestone.

Now, we need the team at CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)—specifically ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) to work to expedite their recommendation for these vaccines. ACIP’s recommendation followed by publication in the CDC’s MMWR (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report) is what triggers vaccines to be available from healthcare providers and to be covered by insurers. Failure to act quickly could be devastating for some older Americans without access to vaccines as we head into another respiratory virus season. “

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About NANASP:

Founded in 1977, NANASP is proud to be a leading organization advocating for community-based senior nutrition programs and staff. Our member programs represent a wide range of essential services providers who support the nutrition, health and life quality of seniors.

With over 1,100 members from across the United States, we are national advocates for senior health and wellbeing who strengthen the policies and programs that nourish seniors. We accomplish this mission through a collective national voice and through local community action.

NANASP is an active member of the aging network and works collaboratively with key coalitions, including the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, the Elder Justice Coalition, and Defeat Malnutrition Today, on issues which concern the older adults our members serve, such as nutrition, Medicare and Medicaid, elder justice, Social Security and other retirement security issues, transportation, and older workers' issues.

NANASP continues to maintain and use a working knowledge of significant developments and trends in the field of aging while advocating for federal funds to support senior nutrition programs.

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