

The Burden of *Infant Lower Respiratory Tract Infections* on Parents & Families

The survey is part of Sanofi's Together Against RSV campaign, which aims to educate and inform parents, expectant parents and caregivers about respiratory infections in infants* caused by respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

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A nationwide survey, commissioned by Sanofi and conducted among 1,500 UK parents, highlighted the impact of lower respiratory tract infections (LRTIs)** in infants.

RSV affects approximately 90% of children before they are two and is the leading cause of LRTIs in infants.^{1,2}

*Babies aged 0-12 months

**A lower respiratory tract infection is an infection of the airways and lungs

Infant LRTIs can take their toll on parents' mental health³

95% said levels of stress were *moderately* to *extremely impacted*

38% said that their mental health was *extremely impacted*

4/10 *parents* said that when their child was sick with a respiratory illness, it was a source of significant emotional stress



Fear is a *key emotion* felt by nearly two thirds of parents (61%)
Parents also felt: *Overwhelmed* (45%)
Confused (37%) *Isolated* (31%)

N=1500

Family life is impacted³

89% said their ability to *give attention* to other children was impacted



76% needed to rely on other family members/friends for *childcare support*



66% said their *relationship* with their partner was affected



N=1500

There are day-to-day life challenges³



96% said their *quality of sleep* was affected



89% said their ability to perform *day-to-day activities* was impacted

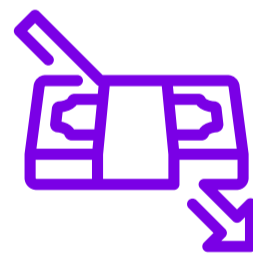
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Parents experience work and financial burdens³

80% said their ability to work was impacted

Almost *two-thirds* (63%) of parents are forced to miss an average of *11 days of work* due to respiratory illnesses during an infant's first year of life

This equates to an average loss of close to **£1,800 per family**



N=1500 (Q7, Q10), N=951 (Q8)

COVID-19 has increased concerns about infant respiratory infections³

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly *half of parents* (47%) are now more likely to take *preventative measures* against respiratory illnesses in the future, and 42% of parents are *more concerned* about their children contracting a respiratory illness



N=1500

Yet, parents lack understanding and adequate information³



Over one third of parents (37%) feel they have a *lack of understanding* on how to manage children's respiratory illnesses from home



Nearly half (46%) find information online *overwhelming*, making it difficult for them to know what to do

N=1500

N=1500

To find out more about LRTIs and RSV, please visit: www.togetheragainstrsv.co.uk

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