



Protection from Pertussis for Adolescents



Make Sure All Adolescents Get the Tdap Vaccine

Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) is the first vaccine available to protect older children against pertussis (whooping cough) along with tetanus and diphtheria.

The routine schedule for Tdap immunization should be used for the following people:

- Adolescents who have received the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTaP or DTP) vaccination as children, but have not received a dose of tetanus-diphtheria (Td), should get the Tdap vaccine. The preferred age is 11 to 12 years of age, but it can be given to 10-year-old children.
- Adolescents who have already gotten a booster dose of Td should get a dose of Tdap 2 to 5 years later for protection against pertussis.

Tdap can be given at an interval of 2 years or less:

- When there is a possibility the person will be exposed to pertussis disease.
- When the person will be in close contact with infants 12 months age or younger, or a child who has not been vaccinated against pertussis – ideally the vaccine should be given at least 1 month before the contact will occur.

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