

Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Vaccines

(Tdap, Td, DTaP)

Who should get vaccinated?



Adults

Those who didn't get the Tdap or Td vaccine when they were younger can get 1 dose of Tdap or Td vaccine. Adults can also receive a booster dose every 10 years.



Pregnant Women

Those who are pregnant should receive 1 dose of Tdap vaccine.



Early Adolescents

Pre-teens should receive 1 dose of Tdap vaccine at 11 years old.



Children

DTaP is **only** for children younger than 7 years old. Children need 5 doses of DTaP vaccine, usually at:

- 2 months
- 4 months
- 6 months
- 15 – 18 months
- 4 – 6 years

Why get vaccinated?

DTaP and Tdap vaccine can prevent diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis. Td vaccine can prevent tetanus and diphtheria.

These diseases can cause:

- **Diphtheria:** Trouble breathing, heart problems, paralysis, or death
- **Tetanus:** Painful muscle stiffness that can make it hard to open your mouth, swallow, breathe, or even death.
- **Pertussis or “whooping cough”:** Uncontrollable, violent coughing that makes breathing, eating, or drinking hard. It's very dangerous for babies and young children, possibly causing pneumonia, seizures, brain damage, or death. For teens and adults, it can cause weight loss, loss of bladder control, fainting, and broken ribs from coughing too hard.

You can get tetanus when bacteria enters through broken skin, such as with puncture wounds, wounds contaminated with dirt or feces (human or animal), and other injuries. You can get diphtheria or pertussis by breathing in air near an infected person who is coughing or sneezing.

Fast facts about the Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis vaccines

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A Tdap or Td booster is needed every 10 years.

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Tdap and **Td** are only for those ages 7 years or older. **DTaP** is only for children younger than 7 years old.

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These vaccines are nearly 100% effective against tetanus, 97% effective against diphtheria, and 73 – 98% effective against pertussis.

To learn more about these vaccines and possible side effects, see the CDC Vaccine Information Statements:



DTaP



Td



Tdap

Health is a community effort — tell your friends, family, and coworkers. Learn more about the benefits of vaccines and which ones you might need at [JuntosEnSalud.org](https://www.juntosensalud.org).

