

Know the facts about Tdap/DTaP

Tdap is a combination vaccine that came out in 2005 and protects children and adults from three bacterial diseases: **Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis.**

Tetanus



Signs

- Your muscles hurt and/or they feel stiff
- You have problems swallowing, breathing or opening your mouth.



Spread

- It enters your body through a wound if you touch soil, dust or a sharp metal object that carries the bacteria.
- Tetanus is not passed from person to person.

Diphtheria



Signs

- You have a hard time breathing
- Your heart has trouble beating
- You could have paralysis



Spread

- From person to person through coughs or sneezes, or by touching open sores or ulcers that have the bacteria.
- Without treatment, the symptoms usually last for one to two weeks.

Pertussis *(also known as whooping cough)*



Signs

- In children, out of control coughing that makes it hard to breathe, eat or drink. It can lead to pneumonia.
- In young and older adults, it can cause you to lose bladder control, faint, break a rib or lose weight.



Spread

- From person to person through coughs or sneezes, but also by touching things that have been contaminated.
- Pertussis can last for months.



Facts

- The Tdap and DTaP vaccines are not “live” (they don’t contain a weak form of the virus).
- **Tdap**
 - People who are pregnant should have a Tdap vaccine anytime between weeks 27 and 36 of their pregnancy.
 - Tdap is for everyone 7 years and older.
 - Boosters are usually given every 10 years.
 - Side effects are always possible when you get a vaccine. However, the side effects of Tdap are usually mild and go away on their own.
- **DTaP**
 - The DTaP vaccine is only for children 6 years old and younger.



Vaccinate now, protect yourself and others.

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