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# DTaP & Tdap Vaccination

Diphtheria, Tetanus,  
& Pertussis

Get your child their  
DTaP or Tdap  
vaccine today.



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# Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis

Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough) can be serious bacterial diseases.



Diphtheria is a disease that can cause a thick film to form in the back of the throat, making it hard to breathe.



Tetanus is an infection that is caused by a bacteria. It produces a toxin that causes painful muscle spasms.



Pertussis (whooping cough) is caused by a bacteria that can cause severe coughing that makes it hard to breathe.

These diseases can be safely prevented in children with vaccines.

## What is the DTaP/Tdap vaccine?

The DTaP and Tdap vaccines help to fight against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough). The DTaP vaccine is for children under 7 years of age. The Tdap vaccine is for children 7 years and older.

## What are the common side effects?

Side effects are minor and may include:

- soreness or swelling where the shot was given
- fever
- irritability
- feeling tired
- loss of appetite, and/or vomiting

Most side effects can last from 1 to 3 days.

## Who should get this vaccine?

Children should get five doses of the DTaP vaccine and one dose of the Tdap vaccine. Adults should get a booster dose of Tdap once every 10 years.

## When to get the vaccine?

Five doses of DTaP, usually at the following ages:

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

\*One dose of Tdap, usually at the following age:

- 11-12 years

## Why get the vaccine?

The vaccines protect against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough) and help prevent the spread of these illnesses.

After receiving all doses:



Almost 97% of people are protected against diphtheria.

Almost everyone is protected against tetanus for 10 years.



About 7 in 10 children are protected against pertussis (whooping cough).

## How to get vaccinated?

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La difteria, el tétanos y la pertusis (tos ferina) pueden ser enfermedades bacterianas graves.



La difteria es una enfermedad que puede provocar la formación de una capa gruesa en la parte posterior de la garganta, dificultando la respiración.



El tétanos es una infección causada por una bacteria. Produce una toxina que causa espasmos musculares dolorosos.



La pertusis (tos ferina) es causada por una bacteria que puede provocar una tos intensa que dificulta la respiración.

Estas enfermedades pueden prevenirse de forma segura en los niños a través de vacunas.

## ¿Qué es la vacuna DTaP/Tdap?

Las vacunas DTaP y Tdap ayudan a combatir la difteria, el tétanos y la pertusis (tos ferina). La vacuna DTaP es para niños menores de 7 años. La vacuna Tdap es para niños mayores de 7 años.

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