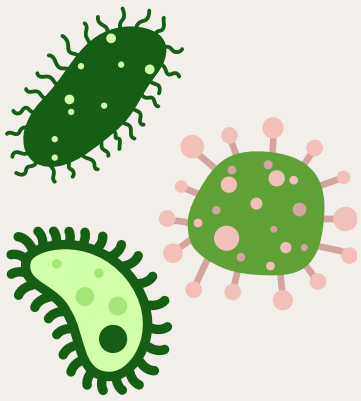
Protect Me From...

TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, AND PERTUSSIS (Td/Tdap)

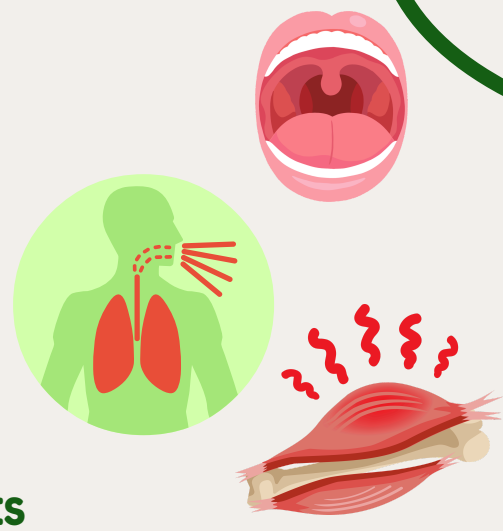


THREE DIFFERENT BACTERIA

1. TETANUS:
PAINFUL MUSCLE SPASMS, STIFFNESS, TROUBLE BREATHING

2. DIPHTHERIA:
TROUBLE BREATHING, THROAT SWELLING, HEART AND NERVE DAMAGE

3. PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH):
SEVERE COUGHING FITS, CHOKING, VOMITING, BREATHING PAUSES



Disease Information

WHAT HAPPENS

- Tetanus (Lockjaw): Causes painful muscle stiffness and spasms that can interfere with breathing.
- Diphtheria: Causes a thick coating in the throat that can lead to breathing problems, heart damage, paralysis, or death.
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough): Causes severe coughing fits, choking, vomiting, and pauses in breathing, especially dangerous for infants.

WHY GET VACCINATED

<u>These diseases are dangerous.</u>
These diseases can be life-threatening.
Even adults are at risk for severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

HOW IT SPREADS

- Tetanus: Enters the body through cuts or wounds
- Diphtheria & Pertussis: Spread through coughing, sneezing, or close contact

Vaccine Information

HOW IT WORKS

Tdap is an inactivated (non-live) vaccine that helps the immune system recognize and fight tetanus, diptheria, and pertussis bacteria without causing disease.

VACCINE SCHEDULE

- 1 dose of Tdap at ages 11–12
- Td booster every 10 years after that
- Tdap recommended during each pregnancy to help protect newborns
- Catch-up vaccination for those who did not receive Tdap as adolescents

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS

- Redness, soreness, or swelling at injection site
- Low-grade fever
- Tiredness
- Mild muscle aches

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TALK WITH YOUR DOCTOR

If you/your child:

- Had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose of Tdap
- Have a history of certain neurologic conditions
- Had severe side effects after a previous tetanus-containing vaccine
- Are moderately or severely ill at the time of vaccination

CHOP

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA

FEEDBACK/ SURVEY

PLEASE FILL OUT A SHORT SURVEY TO HELP US IMPROVE

FAQ

Is the Tdap vaccine safe?
Yes. The Tdap vaccine has been used for many years and is closely monitored for safety. Serious allergic reactions are rare.

Does the Tdap vaccine cause tetanus, diphtheria, or pertussis?
No. Tdap is a non-live vaccine and cannot cause these infections.

Why do teens and adults need Tdap if they had DTaP as a child?
Protection from childhood vaccines decreases over time, so boosters are needed to stay protected.

How effective is the Tdap vaccine?
Tdap is effective at preventing severe disease and reducing the spread of whooping cough in the community.

Do I need a Tdap shot if I get a cut?
It depends on when your last tetanus vaccine was and the type of wound. Your healthcare provider can determine if a Tdap or Td booster is needed.

Do healthy teens and adults still need Tdap?
Yes. Even healthy people can get and spread these infections without knowing it.

This does not replace the Vaccine Information Statements by the CDC