

# Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis Tdap Vaccine



**Don't Wait, Vaccinate!**

This vaccine protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).

Diseases	Diphtheria symptoms:	Tetanus symptoms:	Pertussis symptoms:
	Severe sore throat High fever Breathing & heart problems	Jaw spasms Vocal chord spasms Full-body muscle spasms	Violent coughing fits (may last for months) Difficulty eating, drinking & breathing
	Possible complications:	Possible complications:	Possible complications:
	Heart failure Paralysis Death (5%-10% of cases)	Death (10% of cases)	Pneumonia Seizures/convulsions Brain damage (1 case per 11,000) Death (0.4% of infants)

Vaccination is the best way to protect against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).

This vaccine is considered a boosting dose of the DTaP-IPV vaccine given to children. Tdap should be given to youth between 14 and 16 years of age. Adults 19-64 years of age can also receive a boosting dose if they did not get it during adolescence. This will help to protect infants and children these adults come in contact with from the highly contagious pertussis bacteria.

This vaccine is safe. Inform your health care provider if you have any allergies. This vaccine should not be given if the person has:

- Had a severe allergic reaction to a previous vaccine or to any component of the vaccine
- Had Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) or an active neurological disorder (should speak with the health care provider before getting vaccinated)

Vaccine	Possible side effects:	What to do:
	Swelling and redness with or without tenderness at the injection site. May also develop a small bump at the injection site that will disappear over the next few weeks.	Apply a cold, damp cloth to the area.
	Headache, tiredness, body or joint ache, muscle weakness, chills, nausea or diarrhea.	Side effects usually go away within a few days.
	Very slight risk of fever. Severe allergic reactions are very rare. Most severe reactions occur shortly after receiving the vaccine.	See a health care provider if symptoms are serious. It is important to wait 15 minutes after the injection for observation before leaving the clinic. Seek immediate medical attention if experiencing a severe reaction.

## For more information go to:

[www.immunize.ca](http://www.immunize.ca)

[www.healthcanada.gc.ca/vaccinate](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/vaccinate)

[www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/immunization)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/services/first-nations-inuit-health/family-health/immunization.html>