



# Protection from Pertussis for Adolescents



## Make Sure All Adolescents Get the Tdap Vaccine

Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) is the first vaccine available to protect older children against pertussis (whooping cough) along with tetanus and diphtheria.

### The routine schedule for Tdap immunization should be used for the following people:

- Adolescents who have received the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTaP or DTP) vaccination as children, but have not received a dose of tetanus-diphtheria (Td), should get the Tdap vaccine. The preferred age is 11 to 12 years of age, but it can be given to 10-year-old children.
- Adolescents who have already gotten a booster dose of Td should get a dose of Tdap 5 years later for protection against pertussis.

### Tdap can be given at an interval of 2 years or less:

- When there is a possibility the person will be exposed to pertussis disease.
- When the person will be in close contact with infants 12 months age or younger, or a child who has not been vaccinated against pertussis – ideally the vaccine should be given at least 1 month before the contact will occur.

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