



# 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 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for Tdap immunization are:

- Adolescents should receive a one-time dose of Tdap (instead of Td) at the 11- to 12-year-old visit.
- Children 7 to 10 years of age who are not fully immunized against pertussis (i.e., did not complete a series of pertussis-containing vaccine before their seventh birthday) should receive a one-time dose of Tdap.
- Tdap can be given regardless of the interval since the last Td was given. There is NO need to wait 2 to 5 years to administer Tdap following a dose of Td.

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