

What is Tdap?

T—Tetanus. Tetanus is also called “lockjaw.” It enters the body through cuts, scratches or wounds. Tetanus leads to death in up to 2 out of 10 cases.

D— Diphtheria. Diphtheria is spread person to person and causes a thick covering on the back of the throat. It can lead to breathing problems, heart failure, paralysis and even death.

P—Pertussis. Pertussis, or whooping cough, causes severe coughing spells, vomiting and disturbed sleep. Babies with pertussis risk suffocation from coughing.

Source: Tdap Vaccine Information Statement from the Center for Disease Control 7/12/06.

Community Immunization Clinic

Schedule & Fees

Tdap vaccines are \$15 per dose.
No one will be denied service due to inability to pay.

Clinic Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 am—11:30 am and
1 pm—4:30 pm

For complete schedule and fee information, please see our website
www.mchealth.org/immunizations
or call

Multnomah County Information & Referral
503-988-3816

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Who Needs Tdap?

Tdap is given to anyone ages 11 and up. Everyone should have one dose as an adolescent/ adult.

Specifically, the following people should get Tdap Vaccine:

- 7th graders (to complete Oregon's vaccine requirements for the 2008-2009 school year)
- Healthcare, daycare and childcare providers
- Parents & grandparents with new babies



Grandparents help keep their grandchildren healthy by getting their Tdap shots.

Why Get Tdap?

Because protecting one takes everyone. Vaccines work when everyone is vaccinated. **In the last few years, four babies have died from pertussis disease in Oregon.** The Multnomah County Community Immunization Program hopes to prevent future deaths from Pertussis disease by encouraging all adults to get their Tdap booster.

Because our babies are the most vulnerable. Infants are scheduled for their first pertussis shot at 2 months of age. They generally finish the primary vaccine series at 4 years old. **That means that babies are especially vulnerable to catching pertussis from parents and grandparents until they complete the vaccine series.**

Because you can choose to make a difference. **The most common sources of pertussis in children are caregivers and loved ones:** parents, grandparents, siblings, daycare workers, health professionals and teachers often carry the disease but don't realize they are passing it on.

Infants are the most vulnerable members of our community—the adverse affects of pertussis disease are serious for babies.



Where Can I Get a Tdap Shot?

The Multnomah County Community Immunization Program offers Tdap vaccinations. See the back side of this pamphlet for schedule and fee information.

For more information about Tdap vaccine, the disease it prevents, or any other concerns, the following information sources can help:

Center for Disease Control (CDC)
www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ or 1-800-311-3435

Immunization Action Coalition
www.immunize.org

State of Oregon Immunization Program
<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm/>
or 1-800-422-6012

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