

Tetanus and Diphtheria Td Vaccine



Don't Wait, Vaccinate!

Td is a two-in-one vaccine and the best way to protect against tetanus and diphtheria.

Diseases	Tetanus symptoms:	Diphtheria symptoms:
	Jaw spasms (lockjaw) Vocal chord spasms Full-body muscle spasms	Severe sore throat High fever Breathing & heart problems
Possible complications:	Possible complications:	Possible complications:
	Death (10% of cases)	Paralysis Heart failure Death (5%-10% of cases)

Most people get vaccinated against tetanus and diphtheria in early childhood. A booster shot is given between the ages of 14-16 years. This “booster” dose also contains pertussis vaccine (Tdap). A tetanus-diphtheria (Td) vaccine is needed every 10 years for continued protection. Adults 19-64 years of age who did not receive Tdap for the adolescent booster are eligible for one lifetime dose of Tdap to replace one of the Td booster doses given every ten years.

This vaccine is very safe. Always let your health care provider know about any allergies or a previous reaction to a vaccine. You should not be vaccinated if you have had a serious reaction to any part of the Td vaccine.

Vaccine	Possible side effects:	What to do:
	Swelling and redness with or without tenderness at the injection site.	Apply a cold, damp cloth to the area.
	Some people lose their appetite or feel tired.	Side effects usually go away within one or two days.
	Very slight risk of fever.	See a health care provider if you are concerned about symptoms.
Severe allergic reactions are very rare. Most severe reactions occur shortly after receiving the vaccine.	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

www.healthcanada.gc.ca/vaccinate

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>