

Health Care Providers:



Protect your patients, your family, and yourself against pertussis with the tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.

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Get the Tdap Vaccine!



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If you work in a hospital or ambulatory care setting and have direct patient contact, you should get one dose of Tdap (Adacel®) if you have not previously been vaccinated (MMWR 2006:55 (RR-17); 18-23).

If you have direct contact with infants 12 months and younger, it is especially important for you to get the Tdap vaccine. Infants are at the highest risk of hospitalization and death from pertussis.

Tdap is recommended for health care providers at an interval of 2 years (or less) from the last tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster.

Protect Your Patients and Yourself

Health care providers are nearly twice as likely to get pertussis as other adults and can easily spread it to patients and family members. Adults may not know they have pertussis because they do not have the characteristic “whoop” sound toddlers make when they get the disease.

It starts with you...

Get Vaccinated!

Have questions?

Visit www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize or call the Washington State Immunization Program CHILD Profile at (866) 397-0337.
www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5517.pdf, page 18-23