

WASHINGTON STATE VACCINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC) RECOMMENDATION FOR USE OF TDAP VACCINE FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

As unanimously agreed upon and verified at the February 3rd, 2011 meeting, the Washington State Vaccine Advisory Committee recommends full acceptance of the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendations for use of Tdap vaccine as published in MMWR 2011;60(1);13-15.

Summary of ACIP Recommendation:

General Recommendations

For routine use, adolescents aged 11 through 18 years who have completed the recommended childhood diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis/diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTP/DTaP) vaccination series and adults aged 19 through 64 years should receive a single dose of Tdap. Adolescents should preferably receive Tdap at the 11 to 12 year-old preventive health-care visit.

Timing of Tdap

- Can be administered regardless of interval since the last tetanus- or diphtheria-toxoid containing vaccine.

Adults Aged 65 years and Older

- Those who have or anticipate having close contact with an infant aged less than 12 months should receive a single dose of Tdap.
- Other adults ages 65 years and older may be given a single dose of Tdap.

Children Aged 7 Through 10 Years

- Those not fully vaccinated against pertussis* and for whom no contraindication to pertussis vaccine exists should receive a single dose of Tdap.
- Those never vaccinated against tetanus, diphtheria, or pertussis or who have unknown vaccination status should receive a series of three vaccinations containing tetanus and diphtheria toxoids. The first of these three doses should be Tdap.

* Fully vaccinated is defined as 5 doses of DTaP or 4 doses of DTaP if the fourth dose was administered on or after the fourth birthday.

For the complete ACIP recommendations for Tdap vaccine, please visit:

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6001a4.htm?s_cid=mm6001a4_w

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