

# Tdap

## What is it?

This vaccine is a booster vaccine that prevents the same diseases as the DTaP vaccine: tetanus (“lockjaw”), diphtheria, and pertussis “whooping cough”).

## What happens if my child does not get it?

They are at higher risk of serious illness from these 3 diseases, which can lead to throat infections, severe cough, pneumonia, vomiting, seizures, low oxygen levels, painful muscle spasms, and in some serious cases, death.



## When does my child get it?

Protection from DTaP vaccines wears off, so children get Tdap at 10-11 years old, and boosters every 10 years after that.

**AS ALWAYS, TALK TO YOUR  
CHILD'S PEDIATRICIAN IF  
YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS**