

Pertussis Vaccine Schedule

The primary series of DTaP consists of four doses of vaccine, the first three doses given at four to eight week intervals (minimum of four weeks), beginning at six weeks to two months of age. The fourth dose is given six – twelve months after the third to maintain adequate immunity for the ensuing preschool years. DTaP should be administered, IM, simultaneously with all other indicated vaccines.

Routine DTaP Primary Vaccination Schedule

<u>Dose</u>	<u>Recommended Age for Dose</u>	<u>Recommended interval to next Dose</u>
DTaP 1	2 months	2 months
DTaP 2	4 months	2 months
DTaP 3	6 months	6 – 12 months
DTaP 4	15 – 18 months	3 years

Children who receive all four primary doses before the fourth birthday should receive a fifth dose of DTaP before entering school.

DTaP 5	4 – 6 years	-
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New Tdap Vaccines Approved for Adolescents and Adults

Because immunity from immunization or infection is not lifelong, adolescents and adults are vulnerable to Pertussis but are not eligible for childhood DTaP vaccines. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently licensed two new tetanus – diphtheria – acellular Pertussis (Tdap) vaccines to help protect adolescents and adults against Pertussis.

Tdap Vaccines:

Boostrix, manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals, is licensed for adolescents 10 through 18 years old.

ADACEL, manufactured by sanofi pasteur, is licensed for persons 11 through 64 years old.

These vaccines are expected to be available in California by late September or October 2005.