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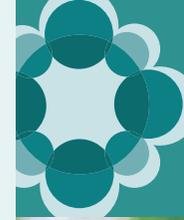


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The DTaP Vaccination Information for Parents



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Protecting all children against vaccine-preventable diseases.



What is DTaP?

The DTaP vaccine prevents three diseases — diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis.

Don't miss your baby's 4th DTaP immunization.

Children need five DTaP immunizations to be fully protected against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis. The 4th dose, given between 15 and 18 months, is the one most often missed.

Without proper immunization, children are more likely to suffer severe illness and serious complications.

Pertussis (whooping cough) is on the rise in Florida. Some of our children are at risk because they have not received the 4th DTaP.

What can I do to protect my baby?

Vaccinate at:

- **2 months**
- **4 months**
- **6 months**
- **15-18 months**
- **4-6 years**

Keep your baby's immunizations up-to-date.

Call your health care provider today. Schedule your baby's next immunization visit. Keep vaccination records. Age-appropriate DTaP vaccination is required for entry into daycare and childcare in Florida.

Pertussis

- Pertussis is a highly contagious disease characterized by severe coughing.
- Pertussis can cause coughing that makes it hard for a child to eat, drink or breathe.
- Often, infants with pertussis need hospital care.
- Pertussis is spread by coughing and sneezing.
- Pertussis can cause pneumonia, seizures, brain damage, and even death.

Diphtheria

- Diphtheria is an acute bacterial disease characterized by sore throat.
- Diphtheria occurs where people live in crowded conditions and are unimmunized.
- Unimmunized children under 5 years of age are likely to contract diphtheria.
- Diphtheria is spread by coughing and sneezing.
- Diphtheria can cause breathing and heart problems, and even death.

Tetanus

- Tetanus can occur when a tetanus germ enters a deep cut or puncture wound.
- Tetanus can cause muscle spasms, breathing problems, and death.