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In 2013, Florida's immunization coverage rate for the 4th DTaP for children 19-35 months of age is 89.3%.

Florida's goal of increasing immunization coverage for the 4:3:1:3:3:1[±] immunization series to 90% may be achieved by focusing on the timely administration of DTaP4.

[±]4 DTaP, 3 polio, 1 MMR, 3 *Haemophi/us Influenza* Type B, 3 Hepatitis B, and 1 Varicella

When you speak, parents listen. Make sure your patients don't miss any DTaP doses



Do you know pediatric patients who need health insurance? Parents can apply online at www.floridakidcare.org or call 1-888-540-5437 for an application.

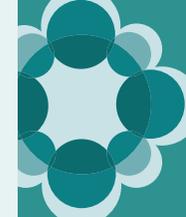


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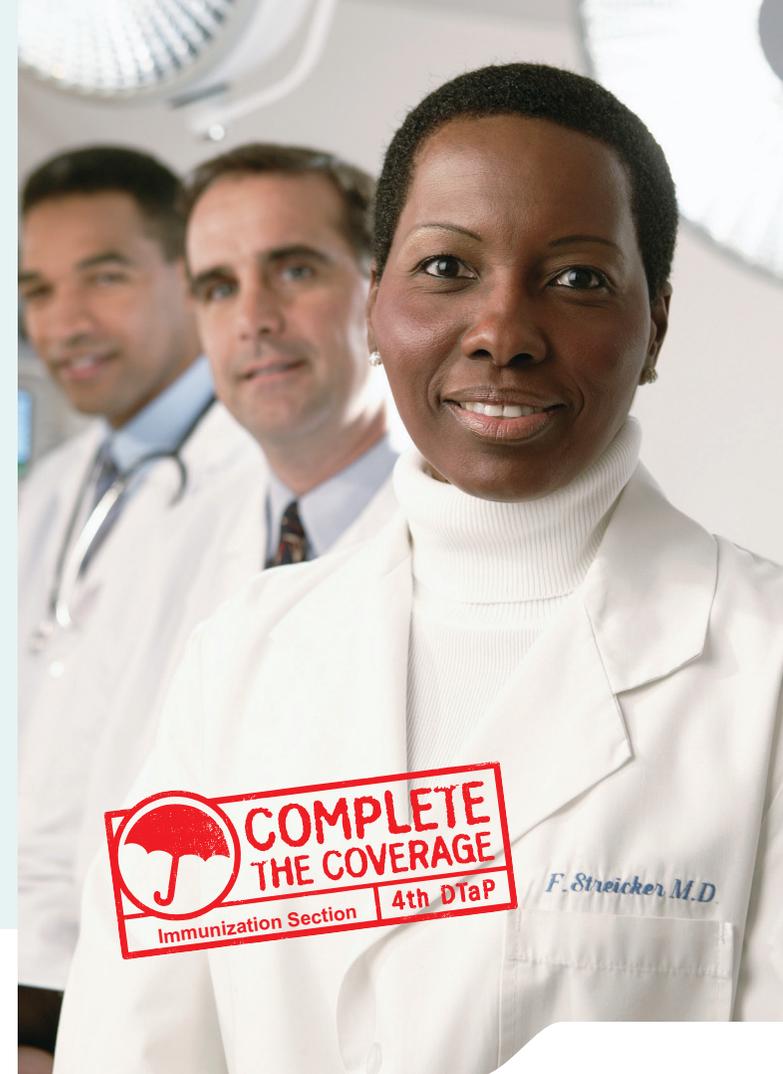
For more information about the Florida Early Childhood Immunization Initiative, contact the Florida Department of Health, Immunization Section at 850-245-4342, or email 4Sure@FLHealth.gov.



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The DTaP Vaccination Information for Providers



Florida Immunization Initiative "4" Sure, Give the 4th DTaP.

Protecting all children against vaccine-preventable diseases.



Why is the fourth dose of DTaP so important?

Children need five doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus toxoid, and acellular pertussis) vaccine to provide the best protection against disease. The 4th DTaP, recommended at 15-18 months, is often missed.

Without proper vaccination, children are susceptible to pertussis. Your unimmunized patients are at risk for severe illness and serious complications.

Pertussis is a prevalent vaccine-preventable disease in Florida. An estimated 11%* of children in our state are at risk because they have not received their 4th DTaP by age two.

What is the Schedule for DTaP?

The following is the recommended schedule for the five-dose DTaP series:

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

There must be a six-month interval between the third and fourth dose.

* Immunization Status of Surveyed Two-Year-Old Children, 1990–2013, Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Immunization Section.

Tips to increase the 4th DTaP.

Here are tips to ensure all children receive all five DTaP doses:

- Give the third dose on time – studies show that getting this dose on time keeps children on track.
- Schedule 4th DTaP appointments when children receive their third DTaP.
- Use reminder recall to ensure parents bring their children in for each DTaP dose.
- Review a child's immunization record at every visit, including sick visits.
- Know that it is safe to give multiple vaccines at every visit.
- Remind your staff that vaccines can be given when a child has a mild illness.
- For children who are behind on immunizations, use the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) catch-up schedule available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines.
- Find out what your practice's 4th DTaP rates are and track them.



How we can help.

- Contact your local health department for more immunization information. For more information, visit: www.FloridasHealth.com.
- Ask your Immunization Section Field Staff for a site visit to assess your immunization practices. For more information, visit: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/prevention-safety-and-wellness/immunization/immunization-program-sections/locate-field-staff/index.html>.
- Join the Florida SHOTS (State Health Online Tracking System). For more information, call 1-877-888-SHOT (7468) or visit: www.flshots.com.
- Join the Florida Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. For more information, call 1-800-4VFCkid (483-2543) or visit www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc.

Be part of the solution and make sure you immunize on time every time!

