

VACCINE FACTS

Tetanus and Diphtheria (Td) (Td Adsorbed)

The Td vaccine protects against two diseases in one needle: tetanus and diphtheria.

Who should get this vaccine? ^{1,3}

All adults should receive a booster dose of Td every 10 years.

How well does this vaccine work? ^{1,3}

When given on the recommended schedule:

- 99% of those fully vaccinated are protected against tetanus.
- 97-100% of those fully vaccinated are protected against diphtheria.

Is there an alternative to this vaccine?

At this time there are no other ways to prevent these diseases.

Hand washing and covering the mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing can help reduce the spread of disease.

Is this vaccine safe?

The risk of a serious reaction or side effect from this vaccine is much less than the risk of tetanus or diphtheria. If you experience any side effect worse than what is listed below, please seek medical advice and notify the health unit.

Common side effects of this vaccine ^{1,3}	Less common side effects ^{1,3}	Rare side effects ^{1,3}
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mild pain in muscle• Redness• Swelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Headache• Nausea• Mild fever• Irritability• Drowsiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arthus-like reaction (severe pain, swelling, hard lump where needle was given).• Anaphylaxis

Who should not receive this vaccine? ^{1,3}

- Anyone with an allergy to any of the vaccine components or who has had an allergic or anaphylactic reaction to this vaccine.
- Anyone who has developed Guillain Barré Syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks of receiving tetanus containing vaccine.

What is in this vaccine? ²

Td Adsorbed	Also found in...
2-Phenoxyethanol	Skim creams, sunscreen
Aluminum phosphate	Breast milk, infant formula
Formaldehyde	Mushrooms, Pears, Apples
Sodium Chloride	Table salt
Tetanus toxoid	Other vaccines

We ask you to:

Check: Your child's yellow immunization card or health record.

Contact: Your child's family physician or health-care provider to obtain records, or to get missing vaccinations.

Share: Visit our website to share your immunization record with us.



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