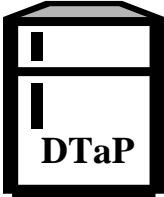


<p><b>Use DTaP for children 6 weeks through 6 years of age</b></p> <p><b>Schedule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routinely administered at             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2, 4, 6, and 15-18* months of age</li> <li>- 4-6 years of age**</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>*The 4<sup>th</sup> dose of DTaP vaccine can be given at 12 months of age if 6 months has elapsed since the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose</p> <p>**A 5<sup>th</sup> dose is not necessary if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was given at/after 4 years of age</p> <p><b>Catch-Up Schedule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum intervals between doses:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 weeks between dose 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>- 4 weeks between dose 2 &amp; 3</li> <li>- 6 months between dose 3 &amp; 4 (and age 12 months or older)</li> <li>- 6 months between dose 4 &amp; 5** (and age 4 years or older)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Vaccine Administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intramuscular (IM) injection in the anterolateral thigh or deltoid of the arm</li> <li>• 1-1.5 inch, 22-25 gauge needle</li> <li>• Professional judgment is appropriate when selecting needle length</li> <li>• Can be given simultaneously with other vaccines</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Storage and Handling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Store in the refrigerator between 35°-46° F (2°-8°C)</li> <li>• Do NOT freeze</li> <li>• Keep in the original box</li> <li>• Shake well before use</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
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**WOUND CARE**

- If the wound is not clean and/or not minor & the child is ages 6 weeks through 6 years:
  - Assure the child's DTaP series is up-to-date
  - Administer DTaP if a dose is needed

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

- Allergic reaction to a previous dose of DTaP vaccine or a component of the vaccines
- Encephalopathy not due to another cause within 7 days after vaccination with a pertussis-containing vaccine

**PRECAUTIONS**

- Moderate or severe illness
- Fever of 105°F or higher within 48 hours of vaccination with no identifiable cause
- Collapse or shock like state within 48 hours of vaccination
- Persistent inconsolable crying lasting more than 3 hours within 48 hours of vaccination
- Convulsions with or without fever within 3 days of a vaccination

**FURTHER POINTS**

- Ensure you are using the right vaccine for the right age!
- Different brands of DTaP vaccines can be used if the provider does not know or have the brand of DTaP used for prior doses.
- All doses in the series are needed to ensure protection. Use GRITS reminder/recall for children missing doses of DTaP vaccine
- When using combination vaccines containing DTaP vaccine follow the minimum age (6 weeks) and intervals for each antigen
- DTaP Vaccine Information Statement (VIS), can be found at <http://www.immunize.org/vis/>
- A multiple vaccine VIS, "Your Baby's First Vaccines", includes DTaP vaccine. It can be used when routine vaccines are given.
  - It may be used for children through 6 years of age
  - This VIS can be used when giving combination vaccines in which the vaccine components are listed on the VIS such as: Pediarix (DTaP-IPV-HepB), Pentacel (DTaP-IPV-Hib) or Kinrix (DTaP-IPV)
  - Give all 4 pages and remember to check the boxes of the vaccines that are to be given
  - The "Multiple Vaccine" VIS, can be found at <http://www.immunize.org/vis/>
- Children who have recovered from healthcare documented pertussis do not need additional doses of pediatric pertussis vaccine.

Refer to MMWR: "DTaP: Recommendation for Vaccine use and other Preventive Measures", 8/8/1991 [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)