

# Catch-Up Guidance for Children 7 through 18 Years of Age

## Tetanus-, Diphtheria-, and Pertussis-Containing Vaccines: Tdap/Td<sup>1</sup>

The table below provides guidance for children whose vaccinations have been delayed. Start with the child's age and information on previous doses (previous doses must be documented and must meet minimum age requirements and minimum intervals between doses). Use this table in conjunction with table 2 of the Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for Ages 18 Years or Younger, found at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html).

IF current age is	AND # of previous doses of DTaP, DT, Td, or Tdap is	AND <sup>2</sup>	AND	AND <sup>2</sup>	THEN	Next dose due
7 through 18 years of age <sup>2,3</sup>	Unknown or 0	→	→	→	Give Dose 1 (Tdap) today	Give Dose 2 (Td) at least 4 weeks after Dose 1
	1	Dose 1 was given <b>before</b> 12 months of age	→	→	Give Dose 2 (Tdap) today	Give Dose 3 (Td) at least 4 weeks after Dose 2
		Dose 1 was given at 12 months of age or older	It has been at least 4 weeks since Dose 1	Dose 1 was Tdap	Give Dose 2 (Td) today	Give Dose 3 (Td) at least 6 calendar months after Dose 2
				Dose 1 was <b>not</b> Tdap	Give Dose 2 (Tdap) today	
			It has <b>not</b> been 4 weeks since Dose 1	Dose 1 was Tdap	No dose today	Give Dose 2 (Td) at least 4 weeks after Dose 1
				Dose 1 was <b>not</b> Tdap	No dose today	Give Dose 2 (Tdap) at least 4 weeks after Dose 1
	2	Dose 1 was given <b>before</b> 12 months of age	It has been at least 4 weeks since Dose 2	Any dose was Tdap <sup>3</sup>	Give Dose 3 (Td) today	Give Dose 4 (Td) at least 6 calendar months after Dose 3
				No dose was Tdap	Give Dose 3 (Tdap) today	
			It has <b>not</b> been 4 weeks since Dose 2	Any dose was Tdap	No dose today	Give Dose 3 (Td) at least 4 weeks after Dose 2
				No dose was Tdap	No dose today	Give Dose 3 (Tdap) at least 4 weeks after Dose 2
		Dose 1 was given at 12 months of age or older	It has been at least 6 calendar months since Dose 2	Any dose was Tdap <sup>3</sup>	Give Dose 3 (Td) today	Give Td in 10 years <sup>3</sup>
				No dose was Tdap	Give Dose 3 (Tdap) today	
			It has <b>not</b> been 6 calendar months since Dose 2	Any dose was Tdap <sup>3</sup>	No dose today	Give Dose 3 (Td) at least 6 calendar months after Dose 2 <sup>3</sup>
				No dose was Tdap	No dose today	Give Dose 3 (Tdap) at least 6 calendar months after Dose 2

<sup>1</sup> Vaccine information: Tdap—Administer to persons 7 years of age and older without a contraindication or precaution to tetanus-, diphtheria-, or pertussis-containing vaccine. Tdap products include Adacel and Boostrix. Td—Administer to persons 7 years of age and older previously vaccinated with Tdap or with a contraindication to pertussis vaccine.

<sup>2</sup> Tdap or Td given as doses 1–3 prior to 7 years of age should not be counted.

<sup>3</sup> For persons age 7–10 years who receive a dose of Tdap as part of the catch-up series, an adolescent Tdap vaccine dose should be administered at age 11–12 years. If Tdap is administered inadvertently, the Tdap dose should not be counted as valid. The adolescent Tdap dose should be administered as recommended when the child is age 11–12 years.

Reference: Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for Ages 18 Years or Younger—United States, 2019. [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf)



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				No dose was Tdap	Give Dose 4 (Tdap) today	
		Dose 1 was given at 12 months of age or older	It has <b>not</b> been 6 calendar months since Dose 3	Any dose was Tdap <sup>3</sup>	No dose today	Give Dose 4 (Td) at least 6 calendar months after Dose 3 <sup>3</sup>
				No dose was Tdap	No dose today	Give Dose 4 (Tdap) at least 6 calendar months after Dose 3
		7–10 years of age	Dose of DTaP or Tdap given after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday	→	No dose today	Give Tdap at 11–12 years of age <sup>4</sup>
			No DTaP or Tdap given after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday	→	Dose of Tdap today	Give Tdap at 11–12 years of age <sup>4</sup>
	4	11 years of age or older	No Tdap was given after 7 <sup>th</sup> birthday	→	Dose of Tdap today	Td in 10 years
			Tdap was given at age 7–10 <sup>3</sup>	No Tdap given after age 10	No dose today	Td 10 years after Tdap dose
		Tdap was given after 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tdap was given after age 10	→		
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<sup>4</sup> Tdap may be administered regardless of the interval since the last tetanus- and diphtheria-toxoid-containing vaccine.

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