

# Tips to Increase 4th DTaP Rates

Oregon needs your help to increase childhood immunization rates and fight pertussis. The 4th DTaP, recommended at 12-18 months, is often missed. Pertussis rates are high in Oregon and approximately 17% of children are at risk because they have not received their 4th DTaP on time.

Here are tips other health care providers use to ensure children receive all five DTaP doses:

- Remind your staff that vaccines can be given even when a child has a mild illness and that it is safe to give multiple vaccines.
- Use the ACIP catch-up schedule for children who are behind on immunizations, and schedule upcoming visits to keep patients on track: [www.cdc.gov/nip/recs/child-catchup.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/recs/child-catchup.pdf)
- Record all immunizations given in the Oregon Immunization ALERT registry to ensure the child's consolidated record is accurate.
- Use the ALERT registry to review a child's immunization record at every visit, including acute visits: [www.immalert.org](http://www.immalert.org)
- Use special recall postcards to ensure parents bring children in for DTaP doses – the ALERT registry can help.
- Ask your Immunization Health Educator to schedule a free quality improvement site visit to assess and improve immunization rates in your practice.

Call 971-673-0300 for more information.

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# Get Involved!

Help Oregon fight pertussis and increase 4th DTaP immunization rates:

- **Contact** your local health department for more immunization information.
- **Set up** an AFIX site visit with your clinic's Immunization Health Educator at the State of Oregon. Call 971-673-0300 for more information.
- **Visit** the Oregon Immunization Program website: [www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm)
- **Order** a free 4<sup>th</sup> DTaP poster for your office.
- **Participate** in the ALERT Immunization Registry. Call 1-800-980-9431 or navigate to [www.immalert.org](http://www.immalert.org) for more information.
- **Order** free reminder recall postcards through ALERT by calling 1-800-980-9431.

Be part of the solution and make sure your patients aren't missing any DTaP doses.



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