

APPENDIX: Use of Tdap in Persons ≥ 7 years of Age¹

Age or risk group	History of Complete DTaP Series?	Next Tdap?
7–10 years	Yes*	At age 11 years
7–10 years	No or Unknown*	Tdap now, additional Td doses as necessary to complete tetanus & diphtheria primary series. [†] Booster dose of Tdap at age 11 years.
≥ 11 years ⁺	No or Unknown	Tdap now, additional Td doses as necessary to complete tetanus & diphtheria primary series. [†]
≥ 11 years and not pregnant	Yes	Now, if no previous Tdap dose. Future boosters of Td every 10 years.
Pregnant ⁺	Yes	Tdap at 27–36 weeks' gestation. Repeat during every pregnancy.

* If a child receives a dose of Tdap at age 7–10 years for any reason, an additional dose of Tdap should be given at age 11 years.

[†]Follow ACIP-recommended intervals to complete primary tetanus & diphtheria vaccination series.

⁺If a pregnant woman has not completed a primary series of diphtheria/tetanus vaccine, or if tetanus vaccine is needed for wound management, a dose of Tdap may be given at any gestational age. If a woman needs additional doses to complete a primary series, they should be given as Td, which may also be given at any time during pregnancy, as long as recommended intervals are observed.

1) Liang JL, Tiwari T, Moro P, et al. Prevention of Pertussis, Tetanus, and Diphtheria with Vaccines in the United States: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). MMWR Recomm Rep 2018;67(No. RR-2):1–44. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.rr6702a1External>. Pages 26 and 27.