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For Health Care Professionals



## **Tdap Maternal Program**

As of April 01, 2022, Ontario's Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) immunization program expanded to include **one publicly funded dose in every pregnancy irrespective of Tdap immunization history**. With this expansion Ontario is protecting those who are pregnant, but especially newborns who are too young to be vaccinated and are at high risk of severe outcomes following a pertussis infection.

The Canadian National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommends the following:

- **Tdap vaccine should ideally be provided between 27 and 32 weeks of gestation**, which is supported by the strongest safety and effectiveness data.
- Evidence also supports providing maternal Tdap over a wider range of gestational ages. Tdap immunization may be provided from **13 weeks up to the time of delivery based on unique patient considerations** such as risk of preterm birth.
- Due to rapid waning of maternal antibodies, Tdap vaccination should be offered in **each pregnancy irrespective of immunization history** or the interval between pregnancies.

Order the Tdap vaccine through regular monthly vaccine orders; order forms are available on [www.durham.ca/hcp](http://www.durham.ca/hcp). Please remember to order only a one-month vaccine supply to reduce wastage.

**For additional information, visit:**

NACI update on immunization in pregnancy with Tdap vaccine (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/update-immunization-pregnancy-tdap-vaccine.html>)

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