

# DTaP VACCINE

The DTaP vaccine protects your child from 3 serious diseases caused by bacteria: diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis. (1)

**Diphtheria** is spread from person to person and can lead to breathing problems, paralysis, heart failure, or death.

**Tetanus** (lockjaw) enters the body through cuts or wounds. It causes painful tightening of the muscles and leads to death in up to 2 out of 10 cases.



**Pertussis** (whooping cough) causes violent coughing that makes it hard for babies and children to eat, drink, or breathe. It can lead to pneumonia, seizures, brain damage, and death. (1,2)

**Possible side effects** are redness or swelling at the injection site, fainting or dizziness after injection, fever, loss of appetite, vomiting, lethargy, or irritability. (2)

**Doctors recommend**  
5 doses starting at  
2 months old. (2)



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1) Children's Hospital of Philadelphia: <https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/vaccine-details/diphtheria-tetanus-and-pertussis-vaccines>

2) American Academy of Pediatrics: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis-Vaccines-What-You-Need-to-Know.aspx>