



To Protect your Baby,
Protect yourself

Pregnant women need the Tdap too!

Pertussis (known as whooping cough) is a contagious disease. It is very serious in young babies and can cause them to cough so much they cannot breathe. Babies get the DTaP vaccine, but it is not fully effective until they get 3 shots, around 6 months of age. The Tdap vaccine protects teens and adults from the disease, after the childhood vaccine wears off.

- Tdap vaccine is **now recommended for pregnant women** who have not been immunized, to protect themselves, and their baby.
- Parents are the most common source of pertussis in babies.
- Others in contact with babies, such as dads, grandparents, older siblings, daycare providers should get the Tdap shot before the baby is born too.
- Siblings (2 months through 6 years) can get the DTaP shot with routine immunizations.

Protect yourself. Protect your family.

Get Immunized!

Call your health care provider, or Public Health Madison/Dane County at 266-4821

Immunizations are free at Public Health

(See recommendations at: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6041a4.htm>)