

VACCINE POINTS

“Vaccine Points” is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

This Vaccine Points is intended to clarify the ACIP’s Tdap/Td recommendations for **UNVACCINATED** persons aged 7 years and older. If you have questions about the information provided, please call 586-8300 or 1-800-933-4832.

Tdap/Td Vaccination for UNVACCINATED Patients ages 7 years and older

Persons aged 7 years and older not previously vaccinated with DTaP (including persons without written documentation of prior doses) should receive a **primary series of three doses** of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine. ACIP recommends that one of the three doses (preferably the first) be administered as Tdap:

<u>Dose</u>	<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>Minimum Interval Between Doses</u>
Primary 1	Tdap	
Primary 2	Td	4 weeks after Primary 1
Primary 3	Td	6 months after Primary 2
Booster dose every 10 years	Td	

Currently, Tdap is recommended only for a single dose (e.g., it should not be used for all of the doses of Td in a previously unvaccinated person 7 years or older).

Exceptions to the single dose recommendation for Tdap:

- Administer one dose of Tdap vaccine during **each** pregnancy (preferably during the early part of gestational weeks 27 through 36) regardless of the time since prior Td or Tdap vaccination.
- For children 7 through 10 years who receive a dose of Tdap as part of the catch-up series, an adolescent Tdap vaccine dose at age 11 through 12 years **may** be administered.

Source: Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (Pink Book), 13th edition <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/tetanus.html#schedule>

