

DIPHTHERIA

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Diphtheria is a serious disease caused by a toxin produced by the bacterium *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*.

Diphtheria is spread by direct contact or through the air. Outbreaks are rare but still occur among unvaccinated populations.

SYMPTOMS:

- Nasal discharge
- Sore throat
- Weakness
- Fever
- Headache
- Bluish skin
- Swollen neck
- "Barking" cough
- Painful swallowing
- Difficulty breathing



YOU HAVE THE POWER TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND THE ONES YOU LOVE!

Vaccination provides protection against diphtheria and is the most effective way to prevent serious illness at any age.

SCAN ME



- Routine childhood immunization (DTaP)
 - 2, 4, 6, 12-23 months and 4-6 years
- Adolescent booster (Tdap)
 - at 11-12 years
- Adult booster (Tdap or Td)
 - every 10 years
- With every pregnancy



Kentucky residents can access a copy of their vaccination records utilizing the Kentucky Immunization Public Portal.

Scan the QR code or visit: chfs.ky.gov/KDPHMyVaxRecord

For more information visit: www.cdc.gov/diphtheria



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