

## KENTUCKIANS HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT Tdap DURING PREGNANCY!

I vaccinated my children because I loved them and wanted to protect them from diseases. Now, my grown daughters vaccinate their children for the same reasons and to help protect vulnerable members of the community, like my six-month-old twin grandsons.

- Peggy

Kentucky mom, grandmother and epidemiologist

I knew there were going to be so many things I couldn't control or protect my daughter from once she was born, but whooping cough was not going to be one of them. As soon as the Tdap vaccine was offered to me during pregnancy, I didn't even think twice!

- Rochelle

Kentucky mom and nurse infection preventionist

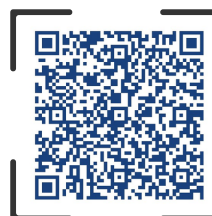
I would do anything to protect my children from danger, and that includes getting vaccinated to fight diseases like Pertussis and Measles that could be deadly to babies.

- Tiffani

Kentucky mom and medical social worker

## EVERY MOTHER, EVERY BABY, EVERY TIME TOOLKIT

Learn more about the benefits of vaccinations during pregnancy by accessing the Every Mother, Every Baby, Every Time toolkit.



Scan the QR code or visit:

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/mm/EveryMother,EveryBaby,EVERYTIMEParentToolkit.pdf>

## HELPFUL RESOURCES AND CITATIONS

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (CDC). 2024. Tdap Vaccination for Pregnant Women <https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/vaccines/tdap-vaccination-during-pregnancy.html>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (CDC). 2021. DTaP Vaccine Information Statement <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/current-vis/downloads/dtap.pdf>

## Every Mother Every Baby EVERY TIME



## Tdap & DTaP Immunizations



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## BABIES AND PERTUSSIS

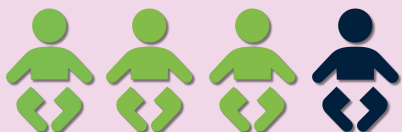
Whooping cough spreads from person to person easily. It can be spread from a sick person when they sneeze, cough, or laugh around your baby. Whooping cough usually causes cold symptoms that last a few weeks, but the severe coughing can last up to 3 months.

Coughing spells can be so bad that your child's skin and lips may turn red, purple, or blue. It is common for children to throw up after coughing spells.

About 1 in 3 babies less than 1 year old who get whooping cough need care in the hospital. The younger the baby, the more likely they'll need hospital care.

1 in 100 infants will die from complications related to whooping cough!

### DID YOU KNOW?



3 out of 4 babies who catch pertussis are infected by a family member.

Family members should receive the Tdap vaccine 2 weeks before meeting baby to protect against pertussis infection.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

The Tdap vaccine has been given safely during pregnancy for over 10 years.

## PREGNANCY AND Tdap IMMUNIZATION

### Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)

Getting Tdap during pregnancy won't increase the risk of pregnancy complications.

Whooping cough in newborns has greatly decreased since Tdap was first recommended during pregnancy.

Tdap given between 27 and 36 weeks of pregnancy helps protect newborns from whooping cough during the first two months of their life, when they are most vulnerable to the disease.



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## BABY'S DTAP IMMUNIZATION

### Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)

- DTaP vaccination is recommended for babies at 2, 4, and 6 months to protect against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough).
- DTaP may be given as a stand-alone vaccine, or as part of a combination vaccine (a type of vaccine that combines more than one vaccine together into one shot).
- DTaP may be given at the same time as other vaccines.
- Tdap and DTaP do NOT contain thimerosal.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Babies under 2 months old have no protection from whooping cough, unless their parent received the Tdap vaccine during pregnancy.

