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Please Read and Post

State-Purchased Tdap Vaccine is Available at No Cost for Prenatal Care Providers For Use with Pregnant Patients and Their Close Contacts

The San Francisco Department of Public Health has a limited supply of state-purchased Tdap vaccine available at no cost to San Francisco prenatal care practices.

TDAP VACCINATION IS RECOMMENDED DURING EVERY PREGNANCY AND FOR CLOSE CONTACTS

- Infants are at greatest risk of developing severe complications from pertussis, including pneumonia, encephalopathy and meningoencephalitis. Immunizing pregnant women during their third trimester provides infants with passive immunity, giving them short-term protection against whooping cough until they are old enough to be vaccinated.
- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) ¹ and ACOG² recommend that all pregnant women receive a dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine during the 3rd trimester of every pregnancy.
- Adolescents and adults who have or anticipate having contact with an infant aged <12 months should receive a dose of Tdap if they have not received Tdap previously. Since pertussis immunity wanes within a few years after immunization, Tdap revaccination of close contacts is a safe and immunogenic strategy.³

STATE-PURCHASED TDAP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Tdap vaccine made available by SFDPH must be used exclusively for pregnant women and their close contacts, and can be administered regardless of insurance status.
- Providers must store Tdap in refrigerator-only unit(s) that meet the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Immunization Branch Vaccine Storage Equipment Requirements. Providers must agree and be able to store, handle, and administer vaccine according to CDPH guidelines, described at www.eziz.org/vaccine-storage/
- Interested providers should complete a brief online survey by Friday, February 20th to assess their practices' current storage and handling practices: www.sfcdcp.org/tdapsurvey. Providers may also complete and fax back a hard copy to 415-554-2854. SFDPH will follow up to schedule site visits with all eligible providers.
- Providers receiving free Tdap will be asked to bi-annually report the number of Tdap doses administered by age category as well as their current vaccine inventory.

Please call the Immunization Program at 415-554-2798 or send an email to erin.bachus@sfdph.org with any questions.

1. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6207a4.htm>
2. <http://www.acog.org/Resources-And-Publications/Committee-Opinions/Committee-on-Obstetric-Practice/Update-on-Immunization-and-Pregnancy-Tetanus-Diphtheria-and-Pertussis-Vaccination>
3. Ibid.



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State-Purchased Tdap for Prenatal Care Providers: Survey

*1. What type of refrigerator does your practice use to store vaccines?

- Stand-alone refrigerator
- Combination refrigerator/freezer with separate external doors (i.e. household- or commercial-style)
- Combination refrigerator/freezer without separate external doors (i.e. dormitory- or bar-style)

Other (please specify)

*2. Which of the following features apply to the thermometer your practice uses to monitor refrigerator temperatures?

- Digital thermometer with the display placed outside the refrigerator unit
- Has a glycol-encased probe
- Has a visual or audible alarm to signal out-of-range temperatures
- Is calibrated annually (or as often as the manufacturer recommends)
- Has a valid Certificate of Traceability and Calibration Testing
- Non-digital thermometer

Other (please specify)

*3. How often does your practice record refrigerator temperatures?

- We do not regularly record temperatures
- Once daily
- Twice daily or more

Other (please specify)

*4. Which vaccines does your practice currently administer?

- Tdap
- Flu
- HPV

Other (please specify)

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***5. If your practice is considered a good candidate for receiving state-purchased Tdap, SFDPH will need to conduct a site visit lasting approximately one-hour to confirm eligibility. Can your practice commit to having a site visit?**

- Yes
 No

Other (please specify)

***6. If your practice receives state-purchased Tdap from SFDPH, you will need to complete a simple usage report one or two times during the year. Can you commit to completing a usage report?**

- Yes
 No

Other (please specify)

***7. If your practice receives state-purchased Tdap from SFDPH, you may only charge an administration fee up to \$26.03 per dose administered, and may not charge the vaccinee or any third-party insurer for the vaccine itself. Can you agree to this?**

- Yes
 No

Other (please specify)

8. If your practice already administers vaccines, please list the name and contact information for the Vaccine Coordinator [i.e. primary person responsible for ordering vaccines, conducting inventory, and managing storage and handling].

***9. Who should SFDPH staff contact to follow-up on this survey and schedule a site visit (if applicable)?**

Name:

Title:

Phone #:

Email:

Best times to reach this person (list days of week and times of day):