Immunization Service
Oklahoma State Department of Health

Completing the DTaP Series with Tdap and Td at Age Seven and Older

According to Oklahoma's school immunization requirements children who have not completed the DTaP vaccine series by the time they reach seven years of age must complete the series with Tdap and Td vaccines. Oklahoma school requirements specify that IF the 4th dose of DTaP/DTP/DT is given on or after the fourth birthday the 5th dose is not required. Therefore, students completing the series at age 7 years or older need only 4 doses to be in compliance with school requirements.

Persons aged 7 years and older who are not fully immunized with DTaP should receive Tdap vaccine as one of the doses (preferably the first dose) in the catch-up series; if additional doses are needed, use Td. If a dose of Tdap is given as part of a catch-up series at 7 through 10 years of age an additional dose of Tdap before the 7th grade is not recommended or required. Any one dose of Tdap at age seven or older fulfills the requirement.

If a dose of Tdap is not given as part of the catch-up series, the student must receive a dose of Tdap before entering the 7th grade. There is no minimum interval or minimum amount of time that must be observed between the doses of Td and Tdap in this situation as there is when completing a series. Tdap should be administered as soon as possible.

The schedule for children 7 years of age and older who started but did not complete the DTaP series depends on the age of the child when the first dose of DTaP, DTP, or DT was received.
Children will fall into one of the two categories listed below.

1. ***Less than 12 months of age when the first dose of DTaP, DTP, or DT was administered***
   The primary series is 4 doses following this schedule: start with the dose number needed

Dose Number	Timing	Vaccine
Dose 2	As soon as possible	*Tdap vaccine as one of the doses* (preferably the first dose) in the catch-up series; if additional doses are needed, use Td.
Dose 3	4 weeks after dose 2	
Dose 4	6 months after dose 3	
Booster	Every 10 years	

Children who complete this schedule will have the 4 doses required for school. A booster dose is due 10 years after the 4th dose.

2. ***12 months of age or older when the first dose of DTaP, DTP, or DT was administered***
   The primary series is 3 doses following this schedule: start with the dose number needed

Dose Number	Timing	Vaccine
Dose 2	As soon as possible	*Tdap vaccine as one of the doses* (preferably the first dose) in the catch-up series; if additional doses are needed, use Td.
Dose 3	6 months after dose 2	
Booster	Every 10 years	

*But, at least 4 weeks after the first DTaP, DTP, or DT

Children following this schedule will not have 4 doses until they receive a booster dose 10 years after the primary series but they should be allowed to attend school. They are considered "in the process" of receiving the vaccine.

Schedule for children 7 years of age and older who have not received any doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, Tdap or Td.
Children 7 years of age and older who have not received DTaP, DTP, or DT must receive a primary series of 3 doses of Tdap/Td followed by a booster 10 years later according to the schedule below.

Dose Number	Timing	Vaccine
Dose 1	As soon as possible	Tdap*
Dose 2	4 weeks after dose 1	Td
Dose 3	6 to 12 months after dose 2	Td
Booster	Every 10 years	Td

*Tdap can be used for any dose in the series, but it is preferred that it be given for the first dose.

Children following this schedule will not have 4 doses until they receive a booster dose 10 years after the primary series but they should be allowed to attend school. They are considered "in the process" of receiving the vaccine.

Children should be allowed to attend school while they are in the process of completing the series or not yet due for a booster dose. Pregnant women are the only group recommended to receive more than one dose of Tdap. A dose of Tdap is recommended during each pregnancy, preferably at 27 through 36 weeks.

For further information please call the Immunization Service at 405-271-4073 or 1-800-234-6196 or visit our website at http://imm.health.ok.gov.