

# Catch-Up Guidance for Children 4 Months through 6 Years of Age

## Diphtheria-, Tetanus-, and Pertussis-Containing Vaccines: DTaP<sup>1</sup>

The table below provides guidance for children whose vaccinations have been delayed. Start with the child's age and information on previous doses (previous doses must be documented and must meet minimum age requirements and minimum intervals between doses). Use this table in conjunction with table 2 of the Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for Ages 18 Years or Younger, found at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html).

IF current age is	AND # of previous doses of DTaP or DT is	AND	THEN	Next dose due <sup>2</sup>
4 months through 11 months	Unknown or 0	→	Give Dose 1 (DTaP) today	Give Dose 2 (DTaP) at least 4 weeks after Dose 1
	1	It has been at least 4 weeks since Dose 1	Give Dose 2 (DTaP) today	Give Dose 3 (DTaP) at least 4 weeks after Dose 2
		It has <b>not</b> been at least 4 weeks since Dose 1	No dose today	Give Dose 2 (DTaP) at least 4 weeks after Dose 1
	2	It has been at least 4 weeks since Dose 2	Give Dose 3 (DTaP) today	Give Dose 4 (DTaP) at least 6 calendar months after Dose 3 <b>and</b> at 15 months of age or older <sup>3,4</sup>
		It has <b>not</b> been at least 4 weeks since Dose 2	No dose today	Give Dose 3 (DTaP) at least 4 weeks after Dose 2
	1 through 3 years	Unknown or 0	→	Give Dose 1 (DTaP) today
1		It has been at least 4 weeks since Dose 1	Give Dose 2 (DTaP) today	Give Dose 3 (DTaP) at least 4 weeks after Dose 2
		It has <b>not</b> been at 4 weeks since Dose 1	No dose today	Give Dose 2 (DTaP) at least 4 weeks after Dose 1
2		It has been at least 4 weeks since Dose 2	Give Dose 3 (DTaP) today	Give Dose 4 (DTaP) at least 6 calendar months after Dose 3 <sup>4</sup>
		It has <b>not</b> been at least 4 weeks since Dose 2	No dose today	Give Dose 3 (DTaP) at least 4 weeks after Dose 2
3		It has been at least 6 calendar months since Dose 3	If 12 through 14 months of age, no dose today <sup>2</sup>	Give Dose 4 (DTaP) at 15 through 18 months of age <sup>4</sup>
			If 15 months of age or older, give Dose 4 (DTaP) today <sup>4</sup>	Give Dose 5 (DTaP) at least 6 months after Dose 4 <b>and</b> at 4 through 6 years of age <sup>4,5</sup>
		It has <b>not</b> been at least 6 calendar months since Dose 3	No dose today	Give Dose 4 (DTaP) at least 6 months after Dose 3 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Vaccine information: DTaP—Administer to children 6 weeks through 6 years of age without a contraindication or precaution to diphtheria, tetanus, or pertussis vaccine. DTaP products include Daptacel, Infanrix, Pediarix, Pentacel, Vaxelis, Kinrix, and Quadracel. Use the correct product based on the approved age indications. DT—Administer to children 6 weeks through 6 years of age with a contraindication to pertussis vaccine.

<sup>2</sup> Next dose due is not the final dose in the series unless explicitly stated.

<sup>3</sup> Dose 4 may be administered as early as age 12 months, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since Dose 3.

<sup>4</sup> Vaxelis should not be used for either Dose 4 or Dose 5.

<sup>5</sup> Dose 5 is not necessary if Dose 4 was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after Dose 3.

Reference: Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for Ages 18 Years or Younger—United States, 2024. [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf)



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		It has <b>not</b> been at least 4 weeks since Dose 2	→	No dose today	Give Dose 3 (DTaP) at least 4 weeks after Dose 2
	3	It has been at least 6 calendar months since Dose 3	→	Give Dose 4 (DTaP) today <sup>4</sup>	Give Tdap at 11 to 12 years of age
		It has <b>not</b> been at least 6 calendar months since Dose 3	→	No dose today	Give Dose 4 (DTaP) at least 6 calendar months after Dose 3 <sup>4</sup>
	4	All doses were given prior to the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday	It has <b>not</b> been at least 6 months since Dose 4	No dose today	Give Dose 5 (DTaP) at least 6 calendar months after Dose 4 <sup>4,5</sup>
			It has been at least 6 months since Dose 4	Give Dose 5 (DTaP) today <sup>4,5</sup>	Give Tdap at 11 to 12 years of age
		At least one dose was given at/after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday	→	No dose today	

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