

# Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)

This information is a supplement to [Pharmacists & Publicly Funded Vaccines in B.C.—General Information](#).

## Pharmacist Access Criteria

Publicly funded tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine can be requested under the following circumstances:

- For eligible B.C. residents during an outbreak under the direction of the Medical Health Officer,
- For household contacts in post-exposure situations,
- On a case by case basis for previously unimmunized adults, and
- For eligible B.C. residents on a case by case basis as a supplement to the school based program.

For patients who meet public health eligibility criteria, this vaccination is available at no charge to the patient. PharmaCare will pay a \$10 fee to the pharmacy for administering this injection to a person aged 5 years and older (as per [College of Pharmacists of BC Standards, Limits and Conditions](#)).

Other B.C. residents may purchase Tdap vaccine and may pay to have the vaccine administered by an authorized pharmacist. Vaccine costs, including administration supplies and services, are paid for by individuals out of pocket. Selected private drug plans may also cover vaccine costs.

## Products

The publicly funded Tdap vaccine currently being used in B.C. is Adacel®.

The publicly funded Tdap vaccine currently being used in the [school-based program](#) in B.C. is Adacel®.

For specific information about Tdap vaccines, refer to the product monographs in the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) Immunization Manual [Section VII – Biological Products](#).

## Patient Eligibility

Current recommendations and patient eligibility criteria for publicly funded Tdap vaccine are provided within the individual product monographs in the BCCDC Immunization Manual [Section VII – Biological Products](#).

Note: The eligibility criteria for publicly funded Tdap vaccine in B.C. are established by the [BCCDC](#) and may differ from those of the [National Advisory Committee on Immunization](#) (NACI).

## Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)—Adults and Others

Publicly funded tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine is suitable for pharmacist administration to eligible B.C. residents during an outbreak under the direction of the Medical Health Officer, to household contacts in post-exposure situations, and on a case by case basis for previously unimmunized adults.

## Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)—School-Based Program

If a request comes in to the pharmacy to administer a Tdap vaccine to a person eligible to receive it as part of the school-based program, the pharmacist should contact the local health unit to review the case and arrange for vaccine product to be released if appropriate.

## Special Considerations

### Documentation

Reporting of administration of Tdap vaccine for Grade 9 students as part of the [school-based program](#) is recommended and encouraged.