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To: Maine Immunization Providers  
From: Maine Immunization Program (MIP)  
Subject: Td vaccine available to order  
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The Maine Immunization Program is pleased to announce that we are now offering Td (Tenavac) vaccine.

### **Routine Recommendations:**

The Td vaccine is recommended for active immunization for the prevention of tetanus and diphtheria in persons 7 years of age and older. It is usually given as a booster dose every 10 years but it can also be given earlier after a severe and dirty wound or burn.

### **Use of Td vaccine in the Catch-Up Schedule:**

Td vaccine may be substituted for DTP containing vaccine for non-immunized or incompletely immunized patients who have reached the seventh birthday.

“Incompletely immunized” is defined as having received fewer than 4 doses of DTaP, or having received 4 doses of DTaP but the last dose was prior to age 4 years.

If administering Td vaccine, only three doses are required, with the first two doses given at least four weeks apart and the third dose given six months after the second. The first dose given after age seven should be a Tdap vaccine.

Example scenario: Child received Tdap at age >7 and will need 2 doses of Td to complete the series. The first dose of Td should be given four weeks after Tdap and another Td six months after the first dose of Td.

In addition, Td may be used to complete the DTP series.

Example scenario: Child received 1 dose of DTaP at age <7 and one dose of Tdap at age 7. Td may be used to complete this series.

### **Which vaccine, and when?**

#### **Ages 7 through 18 years**

- A dose of Tdap is recommended at age 11 or 12. This dose could be given as early as age 7 for children who missed one or more childhood doses of DTaP.
- Children and adolescents, who have received Tdap, should be given Td as their subsequent 10-year booster doses.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at 207-287-3746. As always, thank you for your commitment to keeping Maine’s children free of vaccine preventable diseases.