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Tdap VACCINE AVAILABLE AT URGENT CARE FACILITIES

Please distribute to Healthcare Facilities, Obstetric Offices, Infection Control Department, Emergency Department, Infectious Disease Department, Director of Nursing, Medical Director, Laboratory Service, and all patient care areas.

SUMMARY

- Tdap vaccine which protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) is now available at MASH Urgent Care and Western New York Immediate Care Facilities.
- The Erie County Department of Health encourages medical providers to discuss the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for Tdap vaccination with their patients and refer eligible individuals to urgent care facilities if their provider office does not offer Tdap vaccines.

EPIDEMIOLOGY OF PERTUSSIS

Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory tract infection. Although it initially resembles an ordinary cold, whooping cough may eventually turn more serious, particularly in infants. The best way to prevent it is through vaccinations. The childhood vaccine is called DTaP. The whooping cough booster vaccine for adolescents and adults is called Tdap. Both DTaP and Tdap protect against pertussis, tetanus, and diphtheria.

Tdap RECOMMENDATIONS

General Recommendations:

A single dose of Tdap is recommended for

- children 7-10 years of age who are not fully vaccinated against pertussis (having received fewer than 4 doses of DTaP or having received 4 doses of DTaP but the last dose was prior to age four)
- adolescents 11-18 years of age (preferable at 11 or 12 years of age)
- adults 19-64 years of age
- adults 65 years of age and older
- **adolescents and adults (e.g., parents, siblings, grandparents, child-care providers, and health-care personnel) who have or anticipate having close contact with an infant less than 12 months of age**

Pregnant Women Recommendations:

A single dose of Tdap is recommended for

- Pregnant women during **each** pregnancy, ideally between 27 and 36 weeks gestation.
- If not administered during pregnancy, immediately postpartum

CONTACT INFORMATION

Providers can contact the Erie County Department of Health at 716-858-7697 during business hours or at 716-961-7898 evenings, weekends and holidays.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information and guidance regarding Tdap is available from CDC at: <http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/vaccines.html>

URGENT CARE FACILITIES LOCATIONS

MASH Urgent Care Facilities

Amherst
3980 Sheridan Drive in Dent Tower

Olean
921 Wayne Street

Clarence/East Amherst
5965 Transit Road

Orchard Park
3245 Southwestern Boulevard

Kenmore/Tonawanda
1751 Sheridan Drive

West Amherst/Tonawanda
3190 Niagara Falls Boulevard

Lancaster
4827 Transit Road

WNY Immediate Care Facilities

Amherst
2099 Niagara Falls Boulevard

Orchard Park
3050 Orchard Park Road

Buffalo
2497 Delaware Avenue

Williamsville
7616 Transit Road

Cheektowaga/Depew/Lancaster
5014 Transit Road

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