

# TDAP IMMUNIZATION DURING PREGNANCY: POCKET GUIDE FOR IMMUNIZERS

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommends immunization with Tdap vaccine for the following:

- all pregnant women, during each pregnancy, irrespective of previous Tdap immunization history and interval between pregnancies.

## Dosage and Schedule

One dose of Tdap vaccine is 0.5 mL.

### 1. All healthy pregnant women during each pregnancy

- Administer one dose of Tdap between 27 and 32 weeks gestation.

### 2. Pregnant women at high risk for preterm delivery

- Administer one dose of Tdap between 13 and 26 weeks gestation.

## Re-Immunization

If Tdap immunization was provided early in pregnancy, it is not necessary to re-immunize after 13 weeks of gestation.

## Contraindications and Precautions

Tdap vaccines are contraindicated in persons with a history of anaphylaxis after previous administration of the Tdap vaccine and in persons with proven immediate or anaphylactic hypersensitivity to any component of the vaccine or its container.

## Adverse Reactions

- Soreness or redness at injection site.
- Occasional slight fever may occur.
- Very rarely, moderate to severe reactions may occur.

## Simultaneous Administration with Other Vaccines

Tdap vaccines may be administered concomitantly with routine vaccines at different injection sites using separate needles and syringes.

For more information, visit the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) website at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci.html>