

# Vaccine Eligibility – Pertussis Outbreak

*Please note that priority groups are subject to change.*



The vaccine that protects against Whooping Cough/Pertussis (Tdap) is available through Public Health to those who are eligible.

## Children

Children in Newfoundland and Labrador receive vaccines that protect against whooping cough as part of their routine [childhood and school immunization schedules](#). Public Health recommends these vaccines at two months, four months, six months, 18 months, four to six years old, and in grade nine.

- Babies and young children will receive the vaccine at their regularly scheduled appointments with Public Health (e.g., Child Health Clinic). To arrange an appointment, please contact your local public health nursing office.
- School-age children are offered the vaccine in school (though some may get it elsewhere).

## Pregnant People

Public Health recommends the Tdap vaccine to pregnant people with **each** pregnancy. It is best to get Tdap when you are between 27- and 32-weeks' gestation. To arrange an appointment, please contact your local public health nursing office.

To learn more about Tdap in Pregnancy, please visit the [Health Information \(Hi\) website](#).

## Adults

Public Health recommends a booster dose of vaccine against Pertussis **once** in adulthood (unless you are pregnant).

Priority groups for the vaccine are listed below.

- Adults who are living in the same household with babies (under one) or pregnant people (in the third trimester).
- Caregivers of babies (e.g., babysitters, daycare workers, Family Resource Centre staff).
- Healthcare workers in contact with babies (under one) and pregnant people (in the third trimester).
- Adults who are in close contact (but are not living in the same household) with babies (under one) or pregnant people (in the third trimester) (e.g., grandparents).
- Adults who are living in the same household with pregnant people (in the first or second trimester).
- Adults who are in close contact (but are not living in the same household) with pregnant people (in the first and second trimester) (e.g., grandparents).

Public health will offer the vaccine to eligible adults based on priority. If you are eligible for the vaccine, but are not in a priority group, you will be scheduled for an appointment as soon as possible.