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CDC guidance on diphtheria vaccination

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Diphtheria is caused by a bacterial disease. The CDC says diphtheria toxin kills healthy tissues and can lead to many serious health problems. Vaccination helps protect against diphtheria.

The CDC says talk with a vaccine provider if you have questions. Discuss allergies or past reactions, and tell the provider about nervous system problems or Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), and about severe pain or swelling after a tetanus or diphtheria vaccine.

Most side effects are mild and go away on their own within a few days, but serious reactions are possible. Seek advice from a vaccine provider if you are unsure whether vaccination is right for you.

What to do

- Talk to a vaccine provider if you have questions about diphtheria vaccines.
- A vaccine provider should advise if you have a life-threatening allergic reaction after a vaccine(s) or a life-threatening allergy to any part of the vaccine(s).
- Discuss with a vaccine provider if you or your child had encephalopathy within 7 days of receiving DTaP or Tdap.

Where this comes from

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

  https://tools.cdc.gov/api/v2/resources/purls/D0V43