



ADULT PERTUSSIS VACCINE

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Health Professional Programs

Please complete this form or provide a letter from a physician documenting a pertussis vaccine (Tdap) given age 18 years or older.

Students age 16 to 17 years when the Year One Health Screening Record was completed must submit proof of an adult Tdap booster **within 3 months after their 18th birthday at the latest.**

Submit your documentation to the Health Screening Office (not your program office). Instructions for submission are on the McMaster Health Screening website: <https://fhs.mcmaster.ca/healthscreening/formsandsubmission.html>

**** Keep the original of this form for your files. ****

The ONTARIO HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION PERTUSSIS SURVEILLANCE PROTOCOL FOR ONTARIO HOSPITALS requires that all adult (age 18 years or older) health care workers receive a single dose of tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) for pertussis protection if not previously received in adulthood, even if not due for a booster. The adult dose is in addition to the routine adolescent booster dose. The interval between the last tetanus-diphtheria booster and the Tdap vaccine does not matter (the interval does not affect the rate of injection site or systemic adverse events).

The requirement for an adult Tdap vaccine applies to all learners in Health Professional Programs at McMaster University. Learners who do not comply with this policy will be excluded from clinical activities. An exemption will only be allowed for medical reasons, in which case a note from a physician must be submitted. International students who are unable to access the vaccine in their home country must receive the vaccine in Canada before they may attend a clinical placement.

Note: Immunization with Tdap is safe and effective in pregnant women. The Canadian Immunization Guide recommends Tdap vaccination at 26 weeks pregnancy in pregnant women not previously immunized in adulthood, to allow for optimal transfer of antibodies and direct protection of the newborn infant against pertussis.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name (last): _____ Name (first): _____

Program: _____ Date of birth: _____

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL (HCP) INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Profession: _____ Initials: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine age 18 years or older (brand names include Adacel, Boostrix, Repevax, DTCoq.):

Vaccine	Date	Age (years)	HCP Initials