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SUBJECT: Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program: Tdap for all Pregnant Adolescents

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have released new provisional recommendations for the Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine for pregnant women. Providers in the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) program may now use TVFC-supplied Tdap vaccine on all pregnant adolescents (age 18 years and younger) regardless of past history of Tdap receipt.

Updated recommendation

ACIP recommends that providers of prenatal care implement a Tdap immunization program for all pregnant women. Health-care personnel should administer a dose of Tdap during each pregnancy irrespective of the patient's prior history of receiving Tdap. For women not previously vaccinated with Tdap, if Tdap is not administered during pregnancy, Tdap should be administered immediately postpartum.

The provisional recommendation is located at the following link:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/provisional/downloads/Tdap-pregnant-Oct-2012.pdf>. If you have questions regarding this policy change, please contact your local health department or health service region representative.