

Vaccine in short for the **DTaP vaccine** for children

What is this vaccine for?

This vaccine protects your child against several diseases:

- **Diphtheria.** A disease with severe inflammation of the throat, heart, kidneys or nerves. Symptoms include a sore throat and difficulty breathing.
- **Whooping cough.** A disease with inflammation of the nose, throat and lungs. Symptoms include persistent coughing and difficulty breathing.
- **Tetanus.** A disease that can cause severe, painful muscle cramps and difficulty swallowing and breathing.

Diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus are serious diseases and can be fatal.

How does this vaccine work?



After vaccination, your child's body recognises the bacteria that cause diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. If your child comes into contact with these bacteria after vaccination, their body can quickly produce antibodies which protect your child.

As a result, your child will either not become ill or will become much less ill.

This vaccine is a **booster** if your child follows the complete National Immunisation Programme. Your child has already received vaccinations against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus as a baby. After this booster, your child will be protected against these diseases for a longer period.

When will my child receive this vaccine?

In the National Immunisation Programme, your child receives this vaccination at the age of 5 years.

Your child may receive an adjusted schedule. Always follow your child's schedule.



The injection is given in the upper arm.

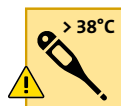
This vaccination is part of the **National Immunisation Programme**. This is a government programme designed to protect people against infectious diseases. Vaccinations that are part of the National Immunisation Programme are free of charge.

What should I do if my child has not received the vaccination?



If your child has **missed** the appointment for the vaccination, make a new appointment as soon as possible.

Most important warnings



If your child has a **fever** before receiving the vaccination, your child may become even more unwell. The RIVM advises you to make a new appointment for the vaccination if your child has a fever above 38.5°C.



If your child has a **mild infection**, such as a cold, discuss with your doctor whether you should make a new appointment for the vaccination.

Most important side effects

As with other vaccines, your child may experience side effects. This is because the vaccine activates your child's immune system. The immune system provides protection against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

Approximately 1 in 10 children may experience:

- Pain, redness or swelling of the skin at the injection site.
- Drowsiness.
- Fatigue.
- Irritability.

All listed side effects usually last 1 or 2 days.

More information

If you have any further questions or concerns about vaccinating your child, discuss them with the child health doctor, your doctor or a pharmacist.

For the official package leaflet, see [geneesmiddeleninformatiebank.nl](https://www.geneesmiddeleninformatiebank.nl). For more information, you can also visit [apotheek.nl](https://www.apotheek.nl), [thuisarts.nl](https://www.thuisarts.nl) or [rijksvaccinatieprogramma.nl/en](https://www.rijksvaccinatieprogramma.nl/en). If you would like to report a side effect, or learn more about side effects, you can do so via [lareb.nl/en](https://www.lareb.nl/en).