

Diphtheria



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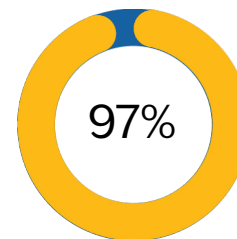
Diphtheria

An infection caused by a germ that produces a toxin. It can lead to having a hard time breathing, heart rhythm problems, and even death.

Signs & Symptoms

Diphtheria can infect the respiratory tract (parts of the body involved in breathing). It can cause weakness, sore throat, mild fever, and/or swollen glands in the neck. It may infect the skin too.

97 out
of 100



people are protected against diphtheria for about 10 years after full dose of vaccinations.

Prevention

DTaP and Tdap vaccines prevent diphtheria. They also prevent tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough).



Transmission (Spread)

The illness can spread from person-to-person through droplets, mostly from coughing or sneezing.

**Schedule with your provider to get a DTaP or
Tdap vaccine today!**



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