

For Health Professionals

Health Alerts

Health Alert #14 - TD Vaccine - 05/13/2002

Clarification Of Td Vaccine Policy

The national shortage of Td Adult Immunization has not yet been resolved, and many private doctors cannot acquire the vaccine. The CDC now estimates the shortage to persist until January 2003. To assist private medical providers in properly treating their patients, the Erie County Health Department will provide free TD vaccine to the public.

Patients must meet one of the following criteria:

1. persons traveling to a country where the risk of diphtheria is high
2. persons requiring tetanus vaccination for prophylaxis in wound management
3. persons who have received 3 doses of TD
4. pregnant women who have not had a TD vaccination during the proceeding 10 years

The private physician should issue the patient a prescription stating which of the above criteria is met. The patient should in turn call 858-6450 for an appointment. Same day (Mon-Fri) appointments will be available at the ECHD Clinic located at ECMC. The other immunization sites listed below will also provide this service, however they are not open everyday.

Immunization Sites:

- 462 Grider St. (ECMC) Mon-Fri
- 609 Ridge (Lackawanna) Friday
- 17 Long (Hamburg) Thursday
- 608 William (Jesse Nash - Buffalo) Tuesday
- 250 Cortland (Tonawanda) 1st and 3rd Wednesday
- 85 Manitou (Depew) 2nd and 4th Wednesday