

NT Diphtheria Outbreak Immunisation Schedule Sept 2026 **Time Limited**

Eligibility	Cohort/risk level	Recommendation	Vaccine/Brand
National Immunisation Program (NIP funded) Immunisation program NT Health	Infants & children Aged 6 weeks to less than 10 years	DTPa at 6 weeks, 4, 6, 18 months and 4 years Catch up unvaccinated children until under 10 years	Infanrix hexa® or Vaxelis® Infanrix® or Tripacel® Infanrix IPV® or Quadracel®
	Adolescents	dTpa[#] - Single dose-routinely given at 12 years Catch up unvaccinated adolescents until under 20 years	Boostrix® or Adacel®
	Pregnant women	dTpa[#] - Single dose from 20 weeks gestation in every pregnancy - can be given earlier in pregnancy if high risk contact	Boostrix® or Adacel®
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (NT funded)	All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 9yrs to less than 10 years	DTPa/dTpa[#] - Additional age-appropriate dose if more than 5 years since last dose Always ensure catch up under the NIP is complete	Infanrix® or Tripacel® Boostrix® - for use during outbreak if Tripacel® or Infanrix® are not available
	All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 10 years and over	dTpa[#] - Additional dose if more than 5 years since last dose	Boostrix® or Adacel®
Frontline Workers (NT funded)	Frontline workers See vaccine eligibility NT.GOV.AU	dTpa[#] - Additional dose if more than 5 years since last dose	Boostrix® or Adacel®
Contacts as per the diphtheria management risk matrix (NT funded)	High risk contacts	DTPa/dTpa[#] - Additional age-appropriate dose if more than 12 months since last dose	Boostrix® or Adacel®
	Low risk contacts	DTPa/dTpa[#] - Additional age-appropriate dose if more than 5 years since last dose	Boostrix® or Adacel®
Cases (NT funded)	Identified cases	DTPa/dTpa[#] - Additional age-appropriate dose once clinically well OR 4 weeks after Diphtheria Antitoxin (DAT) administration	Boostrix® or Adacel®
Non-Aboriginal adults (NT funded)	Non-Aboriginal adults not in the groups above	dTpa[#] - Additional dose if more than 10 years since last dose	Boostrix® or Adacel®

Important Information

- Use the [Diphtheria outbreak vaccine order form](#) to order NT funded stock
- Contacts are identified as per the [Diphtheria information for health professionals | NT Health](#)
- **Infanrix®/Tripacel® (DTPa) vaccine for under 10 years of age**
- **Boostrix®/Adacel® (dTpa) vaccine for people over 10 years of age**
- # ADT Booster® can be given to people 5 years and over if DTPa or dTpa vaccines are not available.
- **All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 9 years to less than 10 years**