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Tdap Vaccine will be Available during July Clinics

The Manchester Health Department will offer two Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis) vaccine clinics for adults in July. The clinics are a preparedness exercise offered through a partnership between the NH Department of Health and Human Services Immunization Program and the Manchester Health Department. The vaccine is provided at no cost for adults 19 years of age and older, who have not previously received the Tdap vaccine.

The Tdap vaccine provides protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis. Also known as whooping cough, pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory disease causing uncontrollable, violent coughing which often makes it hard to breathe. Pertussis most commonly affects infants and young children and can be fatal, especially in babies less than 1 year of age. Tim Soucy, Public Health Director at the Manchester Health Department states, "It's important for new parents, grandparents, child care providers, health care personnel and anyone having close contact with babies younger than 12 months to receive the Tdap vaccine. This remains our best weapon in the prevention of pertussis."

The Tdap vaccine clinics will be held at the Manchester Health Department on Tuesday, July 9th from 3:00-6:30 pm and Tuesday, July 16th from 3:00-6:30 pm. Please call 624-6466 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins will also be welcome.