

Booster vaccine for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis

Dear parent/guardian,
Dear student,

The Flemish government offers a free booster vaccine as protection for diphtheria, tetanus and Pertussis/whooping cough for:

1. Pupils in the 3rd year of secondary education
2. Pupils in special education, in the year they turn 14

Protection against 3 diseases

Diphtheria (croup) can cause severe inflammation of the throat and airways with a risk of suffocation. Heart and nerves are also sometimes affected.

Tetanus (clamp) causes stimulation of the nerve cells, leading to severe and painful muscle cramps, and potentially making breathing impossible.

Pertussis (whooping cough) causes severe coughing fits and wheezing. It is a serious disease, especially for babies. Adolescents and adults are the main source of infection for young babies who have not yet been sufficiently vaccinated.

Vaccination is the best protection against these diseases. This booster vaccine is needed for long-term protection. A booster vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough is recommended every 10 years.

Vaccination

1 injection in the upper arm.

Reactions after the vaccinations

After the vaccination, you may suffer from:

- a red swelling at the site of the injection, sometimes swelling of the upper arm;
- a painful spot at the site of the injection;
- a flu-like feeling or a slight fever;
- vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain
- joint pain and red rash

These reactions are normal and disappear on their own after a few days.

Contact your doctor if the symptoms persist for a longer period of time or are more severe.

A vaccine, like any medicine, can have side effects. The chance that a vaccine will cause a serious side effect is very small.

Who vaccinates

The doctor or nurse of the CLB vaccinates. The vaccination is free. CLB only vaccinates if there is valid (verbal or written) consent and there are no indications to the contrary for vaccination.

The vaccine is also free at the family doctor (GP), but the consultation must be paid for.

Consent for vaccination

Not only the opinion and choice of the parents but also that of the student is important. Therefore, discuss this permission with your child. Hand in the completed permission letter at school.

Vaccinnet

The CLB registers the vaccines it administers in Vaccinnet. This way the doctor can also see which vaccine your child received. Via www.mijngezondheid.be you can also check this yourself.

Vaccines not offered by CLB

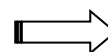
The Flemish vaccination schedule is offered free of charge to school-age children via the CLB. There are other vaccines. For more information about this, please contact your doctor.

Questions

If you have any questions, call the CLB: 02 479 25 05.

Or surf to www.allesovervaccineren.be, the website of the Flemish government about vaccinations.

Thank you for your cooperation,
doctor and nurse from the CLB



CONSENT LETTER diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (Boostrix®)

Student's name + first name:

Date of birth (day/month/year):/...../.....

School + Classroom:

Telephone number where you (parent/guardian) can be reached during the day: ☎

Do you agree with vaccination? Check the desired selection (x)

- ☐ **Yes, CLB** can vaccinate my child against diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis at the CLB.
- ☐ I want to have my child vaccinated by the **family doctor (GP) or pediatrician**. (Make an appointment with your doctor yourself, so they can order the vaccine in advance.).
- ☐ **No**, my child has already received these vaccines (fill in the dates):/...../.....
- ☐ **No**, I don't want to have my child vaccinated.

Please note! The following questions will help us to detect a possible contraindication for vaccination. **Tick the correct answer.**

Has your child had a serious reaction after a vaccination in the past? **Y yes Y no**

Does your child suffer from an uncontrolled brain disease? **Y yes Y no**

Date:



Name and signature of the legal parent or guardian*:



* Consent for vaccination can be given by an adult student, a legal parent or a legal guardian. If the CPG assesses that the minor pupil is competent, he/she can also give permission for vaccination.