

DIPHTHERIA

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

DIPHTHERIA IS A SERIOUS DISEASE CAUSED BY A TOXIN PRODUCED BY THE BACTERIUM *CORYNEBACTERIUM DIPHTHERIAE*.

DIPHTHERIA IS SPREAD BY DIRECT CONTACT OR THROUGH THE AIR. OUTBREAKS ARE RARE BUT STILL OCCUR AMONG UNVACCINATED POPULATIONS.



SYMPTOMS

- NASAL DISCHARGE
- SORE THROAT
- WEAKNESS
- FEVER
- HEADACHE
- BLuish SKIN
- SWOLLEN NECK
- "BARKING" COUGH
- PAINFUL SWALLOWING
- DIFFICULTY BREATHING

SCAN ME



VACCINATION PROVIDES PROTECTION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA AND IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO PREVENT SERIOUS ILLNESS AT ANY AGE.



- ROUTINE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION (DTAP)
 - 2, 4, 6, 12-23 MONTHS AND 4-6 YEARS
- ADOLESCENT BOOSTER (TDAP)
 - AT 11-12 YEARS
- ADULT BOOSTER (TDAP OR TD)
 - EVERY 10 YEARS
- WITH EVERY PREGNANCY



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.CDC.GOV/DIPHTHERIA