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Provider News

Pertussis Epidemic and Prenatal Tdap Resources

As you may be aware, a pertussis epidemic is on the horizon. The Alliance is working hard to support prenatal care providers interested in stocking the prenatal Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine to immunize pregnant women at the earliest opportunity between 27 and 36 weeks gestation. Don't forget to utilize your electronic health record system to flag your clinic's providers when a prenatal patient reaches this vital Tdap window. This national recommendation is the best strategy to protect newborns until they can receive their own dose of pertussis-containing vaccine at 6-8 weeks of age. Please watch for your clinic's Prenatal Tdap Resources letter from Dr. Dale Bishop, Alliance Chief Medical Officer, which details resources and how patients can receive a free Tdap vaccine if you do not already stock the vaccine.

Please contact an Alliance Provider Services Representative at (800) 700-3874 ext. 5504 if you have questions or if you have not received a Prenatal Tdap Resources Provider Letter.