

Keep mob safe

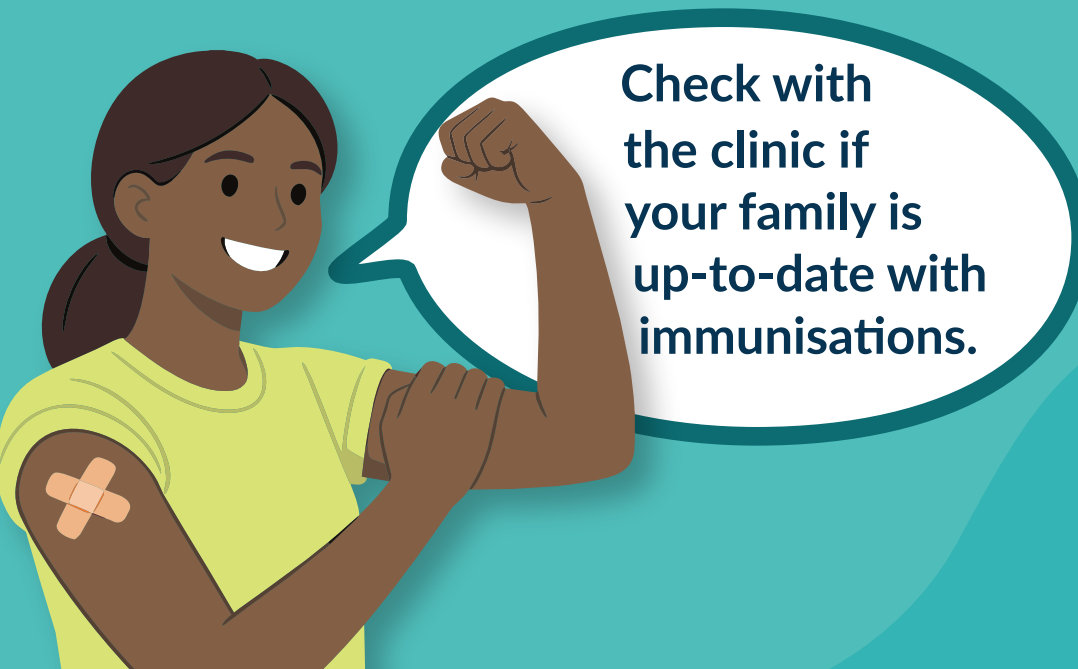
It's up to you to stop the spread of diphtheria!

- Go see the clinic if you have a skin sore or a sore throat.
- Take all your antibiotics.
- Keep your sores covered.
- If you have a sore throat avoid contact with others. No kissing until you are better.
- Keep an eye on your mob at home. Check their skin for sores and get them to come see the clinic.

The clinic will check for diphtheria by taking a swab from the infected throat or skin sores.

Vaccination is the best protection against diphtheria.

It is safe and free for everyone!



Check with the clinic if your family is up-to-date with immunisations.

Get DIPHTHERIA Outta Here!



**Skin sores or sore throat?
See your clinic.**



If you need an interpreter we can book one for you.

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DIPHTHERIA

Diphtheria is a skin or throat infection, caused by a nasty bacteria (germ) that can make you very sick and spread to other people.

There are two types of diphtheria:

Skin (cutaneous) diphtheria

This is the most common type and affects the skin.

Symptoms:

- Skin sores and ulcers, mainly on the legs, that won't heal.



Throat (respiratory) diphtheria

The most severe type of diphtheria infection is in the throat.

Symptoms:

- Sore throat, fever and chills.
- Hard to swallow and breathe.
- Grey-white coating on the throat and tonsils.
- Swollen, painful glands in neck.
- Tiredness, not feeling hungry.



How is diphtheria spread?

Diphtheria is spread by infected droplets from coughs or sneezes.



COUGH AND SNEEZE INTO YOUR ELBOW



Diphtheria can be spread skin to skin, from contact with an infected ulcer or sore.



KEEP WOUNDS CLEAN AND COVERED



You can get sick by touching dirty sheets, towels, clothes, or household items.



CLEAN HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND SURFACES



Treatment

- Diphtheria is treated with antibiotics.
- If you have a throat infection you might need special medicine.
- People with severe throat infections may need treatment in hospital.

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