

Evening Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) Vaccination Clinic for Individuals Engaged in Flood Clean-Up

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The Broome County Health Department will hold a tetanus and diphtheria (Td) vaccination clinic for individuals involved in flood clean-up on **Monday, July 24, 2006, from 4:00 pm. to 6:00 p.m. at the Broome Count Health Department, 225 Front Street, Binghamton.** The clinic is open to:

- Adults only (children and teenagers should be referred to their own physician)
- Those who have not received a Td vaccination within the past 10 years

Td vaccine provides long-term protection, so it is not necessary to have a booster if you have had one within the last ten years. In fact more frequent boosters could increase the occurrence of adverse reactions. Anyone sustaining deep cuts or injuries should see their medical doctor for evaluation and to have a Td booster if they have not had one within the last 5 years.

Tetanus spores are found throughout the environment, usually in soil, dust, and animal waste. People get tetanus when spores of the tetanus bacteria enter the body through an open wound and produce a powerful nerve poison.

Tetanus vaccine prevents infection known as (lockjaw), which causes painful tightening of the muscles, usually all over the body. It can lead to “locking” of the jaw so the victim cannot open his or her mouth to swallow.

For more information call the Broome County Health Department information line at 778-3911, option 1.