Doctors should promptly notify SOE of any suspected cases of tetanus by calling 907-269-8000 during work hours, or 800-478-0084 after hours.

The ACIP recommends that adolescents/adults have a tetanus-containing vaccine at least every 10 years. Adults with an incomplete or unexpected history of a 3-dose primary vaccination series with Td-containing vaccines should begin or complete a primary vaccination series including a Tdap dose. The routine adult immunization schedule is available at: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html

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*Preferred formulation will depend on patient’s age: TDaP for 0-7 years old, Td for 7-9 years old, and Tdap for >10 years old.
×Yes, if 10 years or longer since last dose.
×Yes, if 5 years or longer since last dose.

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