

PERTUSSIS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH) IS AN UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTION THAT IS CAUSED BY THE BACTERIA BORDETELLA PERTUSSIS.

ANYONE WHO SUSPECTS THEY MAY HAVE PERTUSSIS SHOULD ISOLATE THEMSELVES AND SEEK MEDICAL CARE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



SYMPTOMS

- **RUNNY OR STUFFED-UP NOSE**
- **FITS OF COUGHING THAT MAY BE VIOLENT OR UNCONTROLLED AND RESULT IN VOMITING**
- **LOW-GRADE FEVER (LESS THAN 100.4F) OR NO FEVER**
- **APNEA (LIFE-THREATENING PAUSES IN BREATHING) AND CYANOSIS (TURNING BLUE OR PURPLE) IN BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN**

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VACCINATION PROVIDES PROTECTION AGAINST PERTUSSIS 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/PERTUSSIS