

PERTUSSIS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) is an upper respiratory infection that is caused by a bacteria.

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



Anyone who suspects they may have Pertussis (Whooping Cough) should isolate themselves and seek medical care as soon as possible.

You Have the Power to Protect Yourself and the Ones you Love!

Vaccination provides protection against pertussis and is the most effective way to prevent serious illness at any age.



For more information visit:
www.cdc.gov/pertussis



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