PERTUSSIS: (Whooping Cough) Disease Progression

WEEKS

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Early Symptoms: Stage 1
May last 1 to 2 weeks
- Highly contagious
- Runny nose
- Low grade or no fever
- Mild, occasional cough

Later Symptoms: Stage 2
Lasts from 1 to 6 weeks; May extend to 10 weeks
- Contagious
- Fits of rapid coughing that may be followed by “whoop” sound or vomiting

Recovery: Stage 3
Lasts about 2 to 3 weeks; cough may return with other respiratory infections for many months
- Recovery is gradual. Cough lessens but may return

For More Information Visit: cdc.gov/whoopingcough