

Information for Providers and Parents about Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Whooping cough is a contagious and fairly common bacterial infection that causes a range of illnesses, from mild cough to severe disease. Tdap is a booster to the DTaP vaccine. It protects against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough). Because this vaccine protects against pertussis, the following people should make sure they are up-to-date with their Tdap immunization:

Adults who are in contact with infants under 12 months.

New mothers who have never received Tdap.

Health care workers who are in direct contact with patients.

For additional information see, <http://www.umm.edu/ency/article/007334.htm>