

Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Whooping cough is a serious bacterial infection of the lining of the breathing passages. It is spread from person to person through close contact with someone who is coughing and sneezing.

Know the Symptoms!

Early symptoms can look like a common cold. Symptoms in the early stage can include:

- runny nose
- congestion
- fever
- cough

After two weeks, prolonged cough can occur. Coughing can end with a high pitched “whoop” sound and may cause vomiting and extreme tiredness.

Get Vaccinated!

Getting vaccinated is the best way to help protect yourself against pertussis. Preventing whooping cough also means reducing your risk of hospitalization and death for high-risk people.



Speak with your health care provider for more information about pertussis or if you're eligible for a vaccine.

