

Parents & Caregivers Of Infants

Whooping Cough On the Rise in Washtenaw County

Pertussis (whooping cough) Facts

Increasing Cases

- There is a pertussis outbreak in Washtenaw County—with 127 cases as of September 22, 2010 (compared to 23 in 2008 and 81 in 2009).
- Pertussis is a very contagious disease of the respiratory tract. Babies are most at risk due to incomplete DTaP vaccine series and their still developing respiratory system.
- Infants get Pertussis most often from others in the household who are ill with Pertussis.

Hospitalizations

- One of five babies with Pertussis will get pneumonia.
- Many babies who contract Pertussis will be hospitalized.

Deaths

One infant, 3 months old, died from Pertussis this spring in Michigan and California is having an epidemic and with 7 infant deaths due to Pertussis this year.

How to protect infants

Get vaccinated

Circle the baby with protection. New moms and all household contacts 10 - 64 years of age should receive the Tdap vaccine. This also includes anyone who will be caring for the infant.

Call your Healthcare Provider if:

- Your baby has **any** of the following:
 - cough with whoop
 - vomiting after cough
 - difficulty breathing or any unusual cough
- Your cough lasts longer than two weeks and you have vomiting after coughing, respiratory problems or any unusual cough.