



Surround your Baby with a Vaccinated Family

VACCINATE YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS AGAINST PERTUSSIS (*WHOOPING COUGH*)

What is Pertussis?

- ❖ Pertussis is a serious disease. Symptoms can include: a runny nose, mild fever and a cough. The cough then turns into severe coughing fits and can last six or more weeks.
- ❖ Did you know that pertussis is especially dangerous in newborns because they are too young to receive the pertussis vaccine?
- ❖ The disease causes infants to cough so much that some have trouble breathing, leading to hospitalization and potentially death.

Not Just Kids are at Risk

- ❖ Pertussis easily spreads from person to person, family member to family member.
- ❖ Family members can unknowingly spread pertussis to the most vulnerable, your own babies.
- ❖ Anyone that has not been vaccinated against pertussis (*Tdap vaccine*) is at a higher risk of getting pertussis and passing it on to an infant or child.

Protect your Family

- ❖ Vaccinate family members with a Tdap vaccine to protect against pertussis.
- ❖ Don't forget that this includes your teens, grandparents and close family friends.
- ❖ Talk to your doctor or call your health plan for Tdap vaccine information.



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