

OUR MISSION: TO LEAD CHANGE BY PROVIDING SERVICES AND BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS THAT STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE DIVISION

Fast Facts About Pertussis

- Also known as whooping cough due to the "whoop" sound that occurs after coughing
- Vaccination is the best protection against pertussis
- Vaccination is especially important for pregnant women and caregivers of young children
- Before the vaccine was developed, 200,000 children had pertussis each year
- Now 10,000-40,000 cases among people of all ages are reported each year in the US
- It is a very contagious disease that is spread through coughing, sneezing, and sharing breathing space with an infected person



