

# PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH)

## IS SPREADING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

To protect yourself  
and your baby,  
get vaccinated against  
**pertussis.**

Pertussis (whooping cough) is a serious disease for babies. Adults and older children can spread pertussis to babies.

Pertussis is very contagious. It can cause serious illness and even death. Most infants who get the disease must be hospitalized.

Find out about the booster shot (Tdap) that's recommended for yourself, older children, and other adults, including grandparents and babysitters.

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/pertussis>



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