

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. About half of infants who get the disease are hospitalized.

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

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