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Pertussis: What to Know

Understanding Pertussis and the vaccine that protects against it

The Vaccine Against Whooping Cough

DTaP is the childhood vaccine that protects against diptheria, tetanus and pertussis. You may know pertussis better by it's other name - whooping cough. Whooping cough is very contagious and can be passed on for weeks. Plus, it can cause weeks or months of coughing. Antiobiotic treatment needs to be started as soon as possible.

Pertussis is NOT a Common Cold

Early symptoms can last 1-2 weeks. These usually include:

Runny or stuffed up nose

Low-grade fever (less than 100.4°F)

Mild, occasional cough

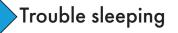
Pauses in breathing or struggles breathing (babies can experience this **INSTEAD** of coughing)

1-2 weeks after early symptoms start, you may start having coughing fits that can cause:

A high-pitched "whoop" when inhaling

Vomiting during or after coughing fits

Tiredness after coughing fits



Struggling to breathe

Broken rib

Questions? Ask a health care provider! And If you suspect whooping cough, visit a health care provider!







