

Protect Your Entire Family Against Pertussis

New Vaccine Now Available for Children 10 to 18 and Adults

School is back in session and your kids could be bringing home more than just homework.



Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious disease spread through coughing. In 2005 there were more than 2,000 pertussis cases in Texas, and eight babies died from the disease.

The good news is pertussis can be prevented by a vaccine. And there is a

new vaccine available for older children, teens, and adults.

Symptoms of Pertussis:

- **Runny nose, sneezing & cough (similar to a cold)**
- **Severe coughing fits**
- **Coughing spells lasting for more than six weeks**

Make sure children, teens, and adults receive the complete series of vaccines at the recommended ages. Ask your doctor or health care provider if your child is up to date with his/her vaccinations. It can help keep your kids in school – and out of the doctor's office.



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