

Protect your baby from whooping cough.

GET YOUR PERTUSSIS VACCINATION.



Whooping cough (also called pertussis) is a contagious disease that can be spread easily from person to person through coughing. More teens and adults are getting pertussis.

It's very serious for babies. Whooping cough can cause babies to stop breathing or to cough so much that they can't breathe.

Protect your baby by getting yourself vaccinated or by getting a booster shot. The vaccine is safe and well-tolerated by most teens and adults. Visit our Injection Clinic today to get yourself vaccinated against whooping cough.

Who Should Get Vaccinated

- Most infants with pertussis get the infection from household members.
- All adults who come into close contact with infants younger than 12 months of age should get the Tdap booster shot, which also protects against tetanus and diphtheria, as well as pertussis. This includes parents, grandparents (younger than 65 years), teen siblings, and day care workers.
- The Tdap booster is not recommended for women during pregnancy. If you are pregnant, get the Tdap booster soon after your baby is born.
- Your preteen needs a booster shot to stay protected against tetanus and pertussis. Your child should receive this vaccine at their 10 to 12 year-old well check visit. One third of all infants infected with pertussis are infected by teen siblings.
- Remind others to cover their mouths when coughing and to wash their hands often.

Ask your doctor or visit our Injection Clinic today to get yourself vaccinated so you can protect your baby against whooping cough (pertussis).