



Wood County

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HEALTH
DEPARTMENT

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Health Alert: Pertussis

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Please distribute to all appropriate personnel in your organization

Initial information about this alert:

- **Health issue of concern**

- *Potential outbreak: Person-to-person
- *Communicable Disease: Pertussis

- **Location**

- *School
- *General Community – initially cases were in the Marshfield area but are now spreading to the outlying communities of Pittsville and Auburndale

- **Clinical information**

- *Number affected: 18 confirmed, probable and suspect cases
- *Number who could potentially be affected: Community Wide
- *Incident onset: April 1, 2017 and still ongoing
- *Symptoms/case definition: Cough, rhinorrhea, sore throat, vomiting

- **Recommended actions**

- *Increase surveillance
- *Collect lab samples/conduct testing, treat with appropriate antibiotic, **isolate** at home until antibiotic is complete
- *Notify local public health agency about positive cases and a contact investigation will be initiated
- * Ensure immunizations are up-to-date

- **Background or Comments**

Pertussis remains a health risk to the entire community but most importantly to children <1 year of age, pregnant women in their third trimester and individuals with pre-existing health conditions i.e people who are immunocompromised and people with moderate to severe asthma.

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