

PERTUSSIS



Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Resources for Schools

The following information has been compiled to assist school division personnel in identifying, referring, and communicating to the public.

School divisions should contact their local health department if a case of pertussis has been reported. The local health director will assist the school division in determining the appropriate response and customizing communication(s) to parents/guardians specific to the outbreak and community resources.

A listing of local health departments may be found at:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/LHD/index.htm>

A list of local health directors may be found at:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/lhd/District%20Directors.pdf>

General information about pertussis provided by the Virginia Department of Health:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/Epidemiology/factsheets/pdf/Pertussis.pdf>

General information about pertussis provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/index.html>

Pertussis prevention in Virginia:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/Epidemiology/Immunization/Pertussis/index.htm>

Information about the Pertussis vaccine:

<http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/about/faqs.html>.

Question #4 specifically addresses immunization immunity and the “waning” effect.

What the “whoop” sounds like:

<http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/materials/everyone.html#pertussis-sounds>