



HEALTH ALERT: Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

A bacterial infection that causes severe coughing fits that can last for weeks.

SYMPTOMS: *First, it's like a common cold- runny nose-fever-mild cough. After a week severe coughing fit/hacking can begin and last a few minutes- more common at night. May have a high-pitched "woop" sound after coughing. May be accompanied by vomiting- difficulty sleeping.*

TRANSMISSION: *Spreads through droplets from the coughs or sneezes of an infected person.*

TREATMENT: Treated with antibiotics- but most effective when taken early in illness. So, it is very important to monitor your child for any symptoms.

EXCLUSION: *May return after completing five days of antibiotics with a doctor's note.*

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