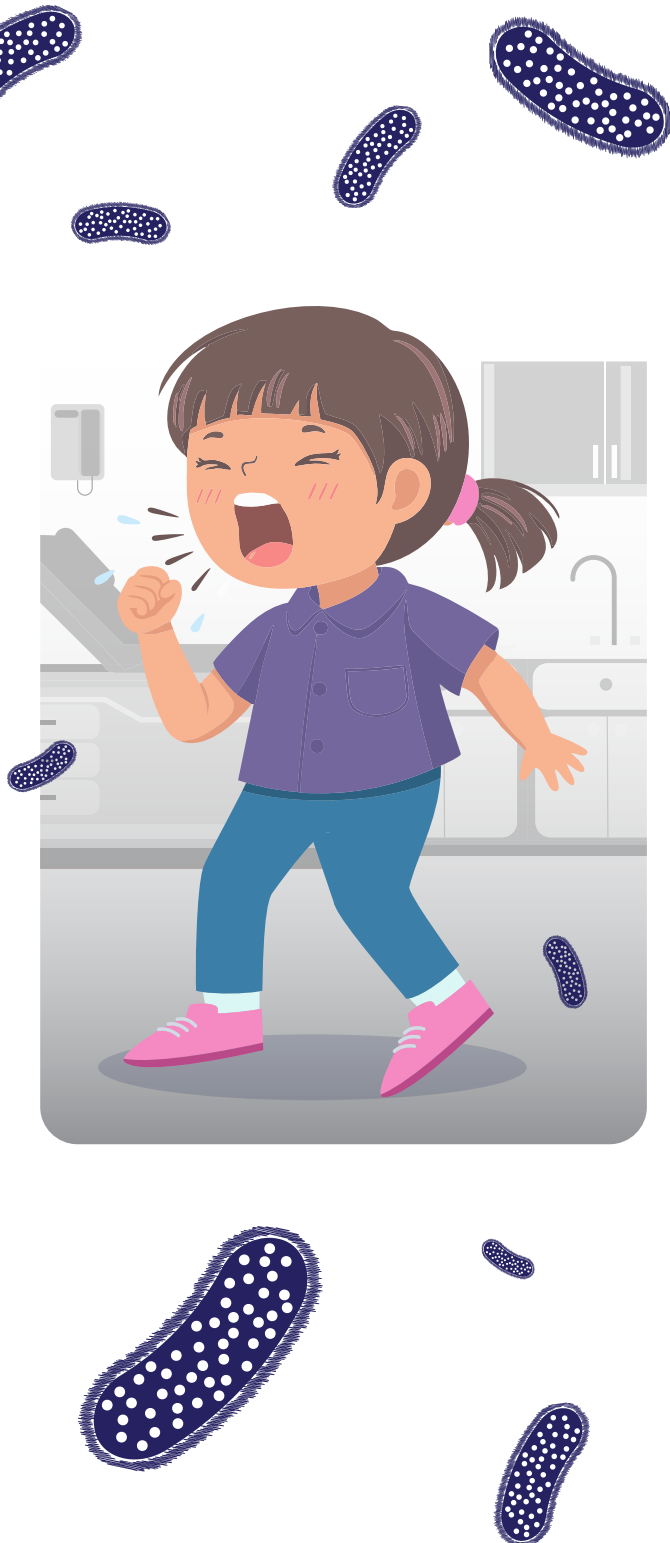


Stop the Spread of Pertussis in Health Care



Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a very contagious respiratory illness that can lead to severe illness and even death.



Identify the Risk of Pertussis

- Watch for people who have symptoms like:
 - coughing fits that cause vomiting
 - a high-pitched whooping sound when breathing in
 - struggling to breathe
 - in infants, pauses in breathing or skin turning blue

Stop the Spread of Pertussis

- Provide patients who have symptoms of a respiratory infection with a facemask and separate them from others when possible.
- Put on a facemask before entering the room of a patient with suspected pertussis.
- Use additional personal protective equipment (PPE) if you think you might come in contact with blood or body fluids.
- Continue the infection control actions you use for every patient such as cleaning your hands and cleaning and disinfecting surfaces.
- Talk to your doctor about getting vaccinated against pertussis if you are not up to date on your pertussis vaccine.
- Tell your care team or supervisor if you notice someone at work with pertussis symptoms.
- Talk to your Occupational Health Team if you think you were exposed to pertussis.