

Dear Parents,

Our community is seeing an increased number of pertussis or whooping cough cases. Pertussis is an infection that begins with mild, cold-like symptoms including cough and runny nose. The cough typically worsens over the following weeks and becomes spasmodic. The cough may be followed by a “whooping” sound. It is spread through coughing and sneezing. Some persons with pertussis may have very mild symptoms and may not realize they have pertussis. Pertussis is most severe and dangerous in infants and people with weakened immune systems.

Please watch your child for any symptoms of pertussis (cold-like symptoms, cough) over the next several weeks. If your child has these symptoms, please contact your child’s doctor.

If your child is treated or being tested for suspected pertussis (It is treated with antibiotic):

- Notify your school nurse.
- Ask the doctor for a note stating the details (being treated or being tested). If being tested student must remain home until test results and school nurse is notified.
- Keep your child home from school and activities during treatment. Your child may return to school & activities following the 5th day of treatment.

If your child’s doctor says that your child does NOT have pertussis:

- Ask the doctor for a note that states your child’s cough is not pertussis and that your child can return to school and other activities at any time.

Please make sure you and your family’s vaccinations are up-to-date. If you have questions regarding your child’s symptoms, please contact your child’s doctor.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the corporation school nurse at 574-753-0441 ext. 4228.

Sincerely,

Logansport School Corporation Nurses