



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**
WA Country Health Service

PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH)

A case of whooping cough (pertussis) has been recently reported in a student at Beverley DHS. Whooping cough affects people of all ages, but it is most serious in infants, especially those under 6 months of age who are too young to be fully vaccinated. Please read the attached information provided by the Public Health Department of WA.

Any person displaying symptoms needs to see their local general practitioner to be tested. If your child is not up to date with the Australian Immunisation Schedule, now is the time to ensure they are fully protected against infectious diseases.

If you have any concerns or questions, please ring Anne or Susie – Wheatbelt Public Health Nurses – on 9622 4320.

Yours sincerely,

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