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### **Whooping Cough Cases Rising in Tuscarawas County**


DOVER—The Tuscarawas County Health Department (TCHD) has seen an increase in reported Pertussis (Whooping Cough) cases from April 1, 2025, through September 11, 2025, with 20 suspected Pertussis cases among Tuscarawas County residents, compared to 1 suspected case during this same time period in 2024. Further, 7 of the 20 cases this year were reported in the six weeks between August 1 and September 11, 2025. As a result of this recent rise in cases, TCHD officials are encouraging community members to take precautions and to consider getting an updated Pertussis vaccine to protect against whooping cough.



“Pertussis, more commonly known as whooping cough, is a very contagious respiratory illness that can last for weeks or months,” explained Erica Schreckengost, TCHD Epidemiologist. “Symptoms can include coughing, struggling to breathe, having difficulty sleeping at night, and vomiting during or after coughing fits. The best way to prevent whooping cough is to get vaccinated. Adults who have already had the pertussis vaccine as children should talk with a health care provider to see if a booster is recommended since immunity can wear off over time. Other protective steps like washing your hands regularly and avoiding large crowds can also help prevent the spread of whooping cough.”


“It is very important to see your health care provider if you experience whooping cough symptoms in order to receive the appropriate treatment,” noted Schreckengost. “Typically, whooping cough can be treated with a course of antibiotics; however, hospitalization is sometimes necessary in more severe cases.”

To make an appointment for the Pertussis vaccine to protect against whooping cough, call TCHD at 330-343-5555, ext. 1810. The vaccine is covered by most insurance plans, and reduced-cost vaccines are available for those who are income-eligible.

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