



Vaccine Tips

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Pertussis (whooping cough), a very serious disease in babies, is epidemic in California.

Your practice can prevent additional cases.

- Close contacts of babies, especially parents and older siblings, should be vaccinated with Tdap or DTaP, as age appropriate.
- Make sure all infants and adolescents in your practice are up to date with their shots and everyone on your staff is vaccinated against pertussis.
- Check your VFC and private vaccine inventories to ensure your clinic has sufficient doses of DTaP and Tdap on hand to meet increased demand. VFC vaccines may only be used on VFC-eligible patients.
- Report suspected and confirmed pertussis cases. Contact your local health dept or VFC Rep for info.



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Visit www.eziz.org for pertussis materials and information for your staff and patients.