# WHOOPING COUGH (PERTUSSIS)

A contagious disease that can be deadly for babies

## WHOOPING COUGH CAN BE DANGEROUS

*Especially for newborns and babies* 

Whooping cough can lead to...

**PNEUMONIA** (A SERIOUS LUNG INFECTION)

CONVULSIONS BRAIN DAMAGE APNEA DEATH About half of babies younger than 1 year old who get whooping cough are hospitalized.

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#### SYMPTOMS OF WHOOPING COUGH

LOW-GRADE FEVER

VOMITING

AFTER COUGHING FITS RUNNY

DURING OR AFTER COUGHING FITS

> APNEA BABIES MAY HAVE A PAUSE IN BREATHING

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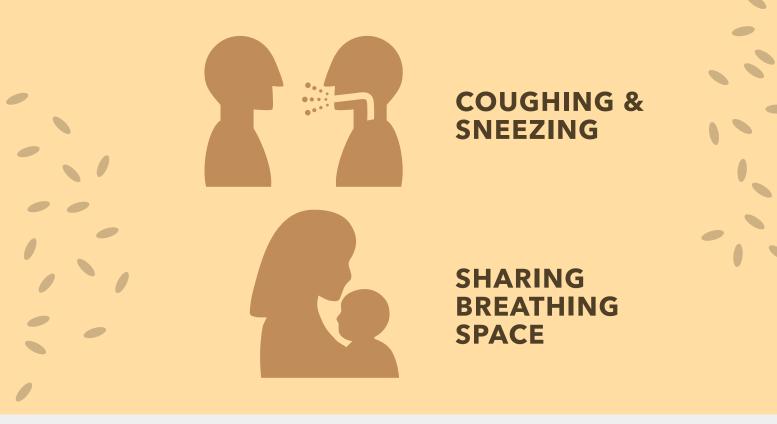
PAROXYSMS COUGHING FITS FOLLOWED BY A HIGH-PITCHED "WHOOP"

EXHAUSTION

BABIES MAY HAVE LITTLE OR NO COUGH

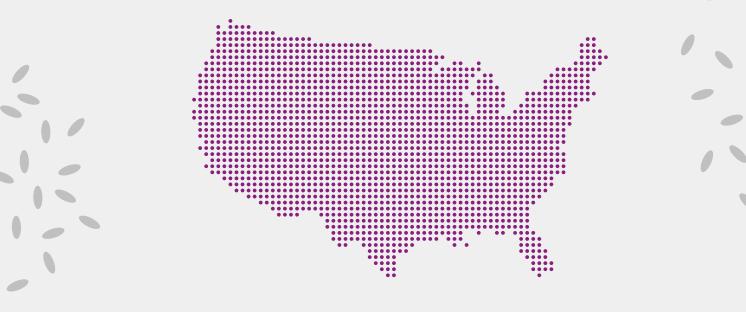
#### WHOOPING COUGH IS HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS

Here's how it's spread...



#### WHOOPING COUGH IN THE UNITED STATES

Since 2010, we see between 10,000 and 50,000 cases of whooping cough each year in the United States. Cases, which include people of all ages, are reported in every state.



## **PROTECT YOUR CHILD**

Make sure your child gets all 5 doses of the DTaP vaccine to help protect him against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus...

•	<b>DOSE #1</b> 2 months	DOSE 4 month		<b>DOSE #3</b> 6 months
		SE #4 DOS 8 months 4–6 ye		<b>5E #5</b> ears
Pregnant women should get the whooping				

cough vaccine during each pregnancy to help protect their newborns until they get DTaP vaccine at 2 months old.

### IMMUNIZATION. POWER TO PROTECT.

#### Learn more at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents



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