Preface and Acknowledgments

PREFACE
Pertussis is an endemic disease in the United States, with periodic epidemics every 3 to 4 years. Because outbreaks of pertussis are relatively common, this document was written to help guide public health officials and health care workers in their efforts to prevent the spread of pertussis. Please note that these are not recommendations, only guidelines. Additional or differing recommendations may be made by state or local public health officials. The primary goal of pertussis outbreak control efforts is to decrease morbidity and mortality among infants; a secondary goal is to decrease morbidity among persons of all ages.

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