"The whooping cough vaccine I got during my 3rd trimester will help protect my baby starting at her first breath."

Whooping cough can make your baby very sick with coughing fits and gasping for air. It can even be deadly, and there are outbreaks happening across the United States. When you get the whooping cough vaccine (also called Tdap) during the third trimester of your pregnancy, you'll pass antibodies to your baby that will help protect her from this disease from the time she's born. These antibodies will last for the first few months of her life, when she is most vulnerable to serious disease and complications.

Talk to your doctor or midwife about the whooping cough vaccine.