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
- DEATH

Whooping cough can lead to...
- PNEUMONIA (A SERIOUS LUNG INFECTION)
- CONVULSIONS
- BRAIN DAMAGE
- DEATH

About half of babies younger than 1 year old who get whooping cough are hospitalized.

SYMPTOMS OF WHOOPING COUGH

LOW-GRADE FEVER
VOMITING DURING OR AFTER COUGHING FITS
APNEA
BABIES MAY HAVE A PAUSE IN BREATHING
EXHAUSTION AFTER COUGHING FITS
RUNNY NOSE
PAROXYSMS (COUGHING FITS FOLLOWED BY A HIGH-Pitched "WHOOP")
BABIES MAY HAVE LITTLE OR NO COUGH

WHOOPING COUGH IS HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS
Here’s how it’s spread...

COUGHING & SNEEZING
SHARING BREATHING SPACE

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...

DOSE #1
2 months

DOSE #2
4 months

DOSE #3
6 months

DOSE #4
15–18 months

DOSE #5
4–6 years

Pregnant women should get the whooping cough vaccine during each pregnancy to help protect their newborns until they get the DTaP vaccine at 2 months old.

IMMUNIZATION. POWER TO PROTECT.
Learn more at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents

American Academy of Pediatrics
Revised August 2016

WHOOPING COUGH
A contagious disease that can be deadly for babies