Public Health Advisory

Pertussis outbreak declared over in Igloolik

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The Department of Health is advising that the outbreak of pertussis (whooping cough) declared in Igloolik on December 16, 2024, has ended.

Since November 2024 to present, there have been 7 confirmed cases reported during this period. No hospitalizations or deaths were reported. Reported cases were among children under 15 years old.

Residents should be aware of symptoms as early diagnosis and treatment are important. Call your health centre if anyone in your household has any of these symptoms:

- A cough that lasts longer than a week.
- A cough followed by an unusual sound like “whoop”.
- Trouble breathing.
- Vomiting after coughing.
- Coughing that is worse at night.
- A high fever (39°C and above) that lasts more than three days.

You can prevent spreading whooping cough by getting vaccinated. Check and keep your vaccines up to date. You can help prevent the spread by:

- Washing hands frequently.
- Coughing into your sleeve or tissue.
- Not sharing food, drinks, utensils or toothbrushes.

Learn more about whooping cough by reading the pertussis factsheet available on the Department of Health webpage.

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