Public Health Advisory

Whooping cough outbreak declared in Arctic Bay

July 25, 2025
Arctic Bay, Nunavut **90 secs**

The Acting Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Andre Corriveau, has declared an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in Arctic Bay.

The Department of Health advises Nunavummiut, especially parents of babies and young children, that anyone can get whooping cough, but the most severe cases are in children under the age of one.

Whooping cough is a respiratory disease of the throat and lungs that spreads very easily from person to person, but it is preventable with immunization. If you or your child are mildly ill, stay home and avoid gatherings and contact with others until your symptoms are gone. This will prevent the spread of illness.

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

- Frequent handwashing.
- 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.

Thank you for doing your part to help protect our community.

###

Media Contact:

Charmaine Deogracias
Manager, Communications
Department of Health
867-975-5712
cdeogracias@gov.nu.ca

ᐋᓐᓂᐊᖃᕐᓇᖕᒋᑦᑐᓕᕆᓂᕐᒧᑦ ᑐᓴᖅᑎᑦᓯᔾᔪᑏᑦ ᐊᑐᐃᓐᓇᐃᑦ ᐃᓄᒃᑎᑐᑦ, ᖃᓪᓗᓈᑎᑐᑦ ᐃᓄᐃᓐᓇᖅᑐᓐ ᐅᐃᕕᑎᑐᓪᓗ ᐅᕙᓂ *www.gov.nu.ca.*
Public Health Advisories are available in Inuktitut, English, Inuinnaqtun and French on *www.gov.nu.ca.*
Inungnun Aanniaqtailinikkut Unniudjutit hailihimajun Inuktitut, Qablunaatun, Inuinnaqtun Uiuitullu uvani *www.gov.nu.ca.*
Les avis de santé publique sont disponibles en inuktitut, en anglais, en inuinnaqtun et en français au *www.gov.nu.ca.*