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Public Health Advisory

Arctic Bay pertussis outbreak is ongoing

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The Department of Health is advising that the outbreak of pertussis (whooping cough) declared in Arctic Bay on July 25, 2025, is still ongoing.

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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