

Pregnant Women:



**Pertussis is
on the Rise.
Get Vaccinated
with Every
Pregnancy**

Babies Are Most At Risk

Whooping cough (also known as pertussis) causes coughing fits so bad that it is hard to breathe.

Each year in the U.S., hundreds of babies are hospitalized for whooping cough and some die.

Babies, who are too young to get the shot, most often catch whooping cough from a family member.

Pregnant Women Need Tdap Protection

As an adult you can catch whooping cough because the vaccine you received as a child may have worn off. Whooping cough shots safely prevent the disease.

You should get a pertussis booster shot (Tdap) with every pregnancy regardless of receiving a previous vaccine Tdap.

By protecting yourself from the disease, you also protect your baby.

Ask your doctor for a Tdap shot. You can receive a Tdap vaccine between 27 and 36 weeks pregnant (late 2nd or 3rd trimester).

Circle Your Baby with Protection

To protect your baby, make sure that you and these people are up-to-date on their whooping cough shots:

- anyone who lives with your baby, or
- anyone who takes care of your baby
- keep your baby away from sick people

Treat Whooping Cough Early

Call your doctor or your baby's doctor if:

- you become sick. Early signs of whooping cough can look like a mild cold and get worse fast; or
- you are around someone with whooping cough or a bad cough

**Protect yourself. Protect your family.
Get Vaccinated!**



Have questions?

Talk with your Doctor.

www.dph.ga.gov/pertussis/