



Department of Health
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*****NOTICE TO PARENTS*****

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to advise you that there has been a probable case of *Pertussis (whooping cough)* reported in your child's school.

Public Health recommends to ensure that your child's immunizations are up to date and monitor your child for symptoms.

For more information on Pertussis please see the Fact Sheets found at:

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/en/CDC/FactSheets/Pertussisfactsheet.pdf>

If you or your child develops symptoms like those described in the fact sheet, please see your family physician and inform him/her that you or your child may have come in contact with whooping cough. Whooping cough is spread by coughing or contact with saliva and may cause severe disease in infants.

If your physician suspects that you or your child has whooping cough, appropriate **testing** should be done to confirm the diagnosis. A positive result will allow Public Health to do further follow up to protect others who may be at risk for this disease.

If you have any questions, please contact Public Health at 658-5188.

Sincerely,

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