## NMDOH encourages vaccination for vulnerable residents

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Department of Health reported additional cases of whooping cough May 2 in an ongoing community-wide outbreak in McKinley County. The DOH urges New Mexico residents in at-risk groups to protect themselves by getting vaccinated.

As of May 1, there are 26 laboratory-confirmed cases of whooping cough and an additional 39 probable cases. When NMDOH first announced this outbreak on March 14, there were eight laboratory-confirmed cases of whooping cough, with 15 probable cases. These cases continue to be primarily occurring in school-aged children and their close household contacts.

Whooping cough, also called pertussis, is a highly contagious respiratory illness that spreads by coughing and sneezing while in close contact with others. Left untreated, it can spread from a single infected person for several weeks, with people in the early stage of illness being the most contagious.

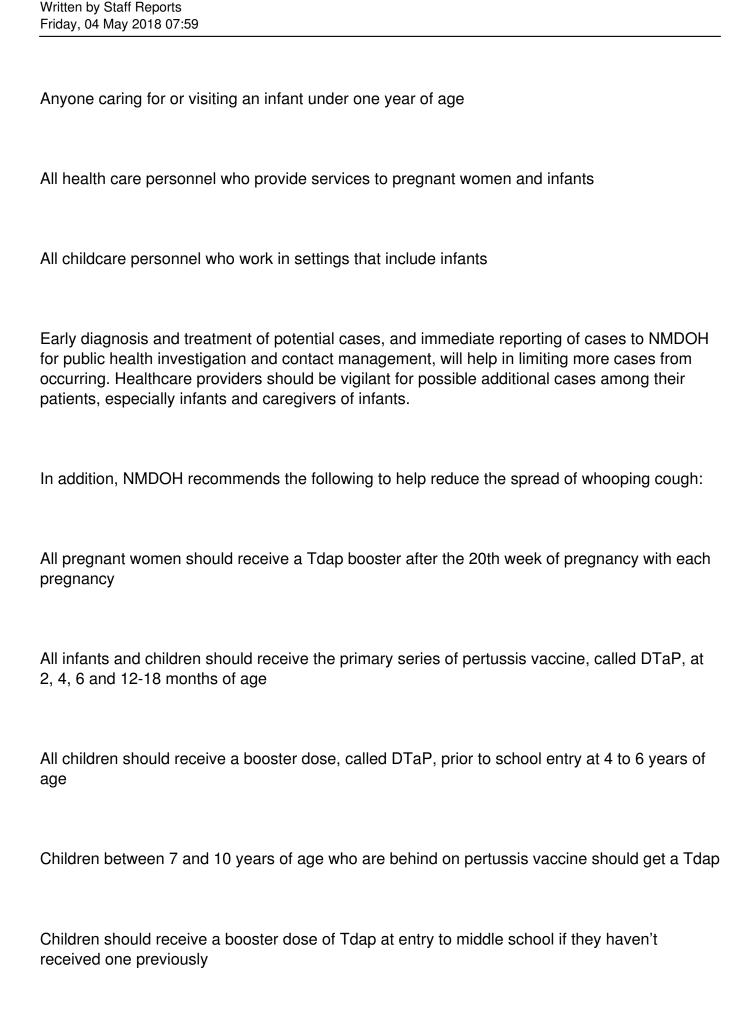
Whooping cough can be a serious illness. Symptoms usually begin appearing as cold symptoms such as a cough, runny nose, sore throat, and usually little or no fever. After several days, the cough may become more severe; it may come in spasms or as a series of coughs without a chance to breathe between coughs. There may be a gasp or "whoop" and/or gagging or vomiting at the end of the coughing spasm.

Infants, particularly those less than six months of age, who contract whooping cough are at increased risk of complications, hospitalization, and death.

The following groups should be prioritized for immediate vaccination with an age-appropriate pertussis-containing vaccine:

All pregnant women during each pregnancy between the 27th and 36th weeks of pregnancy

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All teens or adults should receive a Tdap booster if one was not given at entry to middle school

Anyone caring for or spending time with an infant should receive a Tdap booster if they have not received one in the past, including people 65 and older

All healthcare personnel should receive a Tdap booster, as soon as possible, if they have not received or are unsure if they have previously received a dose of Tdap

You can find more information about whooping cough at: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/index.html</a>.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Jail Authority Board has scheduled their meeting for Monday, May 07, 2018 at 2:30 pm.

This meeting will be held in the Commissioner Chambers, Third Floor of the McKinley County Courthouse, 207 West Hill, Gallup, New Mexico. A copy of the agenda will be available 72 hours prior to the meeting in the Manager's Office and the County Clerk's Office.

Auxiliary aides for the disabled are available upon request; please contact Elvera Grey at (505) 726-8962 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Done this 3rd day of May, 2018

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/S/ Carol Bowman-Muskett, Chairperson

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