

Your child may have been exposed to:

Parapertussis

Quick Help

If you think your child has Parapertussis

Tell your childcare provider or call the school.

Need to stay home?

No, if the child is healthy enough for routine activities.

Prevention

- Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. Use a tissue or your sleeve. Dispose of used tissues.
- Wash hands after touching anything that could be contaminated with secretions from the nose or mouth. Your child may need help with handwashing.
- Clean and disinfect anything that comes in contact with secretions from the nose or mouth. Use a product that kills germs.

Parapertussis is a bacterial illness similar to pertussis (whooping cough) but it tends to be

Symptoms:

Your child may have a runny nose, sneezing or mild coughing. Your child may have cough in sudden, uncontrollable bursts. The cough may end with whooping sounds and/or vomiting. If your child has been infected, it takes 6 to 21 days (usually 7 to 10) for symptoms to start.

Spread

By sneezing or coughing.

Contagious Period

Unknown, but likely to be most contagious at the time of early cold-like symptoms.

Call your Healthcare Provider

- If anyone in your home is coughing for more than 7 days. Your doctor may want to test for the bacteria. Antibiotics may be given.

For more information, please visit or call:
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