



Medical Update
from
the Orange County Health Department

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We have had 3 cases of pertussis diagnosed within the last week. All are related, 2 are siblings and the other is a close friend. Two attend Gravelly Hills Middle School and one attends Orange High School. All 3 had been coughing 2+ weeks before they were diagnosed.

Close contacts have/are being notified and are being provided with the attached letter. They've been asked to take the letter with them if they seek medical care...but, we all know that folks forget sometimes.

Please remember, if you suspect pertussis:

- have them remain at home if they have been coughing less than 3 weeks or until they complete 5 days of antibiotic therapy
- call the local health department to report the suspected case
- continue to promote Tdaps and DTaPs for those needing one

All 3 of these kids are fully vaccinated.

As always, thank you for your assistance.