



SPRINGBORO SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We wanted to provide an update on our previous letter sent last week, regarding Pertussis (Whooping Cough). Our district has learned of three (3) additional cases of Pertussis (Whooping Cough) identified at Springboro High School. This letter is to inform all of Springboro Schools, however, these particular cases have only been identified at Springboro High School, no other school buildings within the district.

For this reason, and the fact that surrounding areas in the county are seeing similar cases, the Warren County Health Department has recommended that parents continue to monitor their children for signs of prolonged coughing or paroxysmal coughing, as evaluated by their physician. This intervention is necessary to help curb the number of illnesses from growing even further.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) is a highly contagious respiratory infection caused by bacteria. Pertussis is spread by direct contact with fluids from the nose or throat of the infected individuals. The illness begins with cold symptoms (runny nose, mild cough, low grade fever, sneezing). Within several days, the cough becomes more severe and can be characterized by episodes of numerous rapid coughs, followed by a crowing or high pitched “whoop.”

If your child has a persistent cough or if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s health, please contact your child’s physician. If you or your doctor have further questions, please contact the Warren County Health Department at 513-695-2097.

Springboro Schools is monitoring these reported illnesses. Based on the time of year, students have been encouraged to practice good health hygiene, which includes hand-washing, staying at home if ill, and keeping common surfaces regularly cleaned. The district will continue to follow protocol, working with the Warren County Health Dept., and take all the necessary precautions at Springboro High School, as well as throughout the district.

For more detailed information, please refer to the following resources and guidance information:

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) - Guidance For Parents

http://www.springboro.org/Downloads/Whooping_Cough_Guidance.pdf

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) - What To Do If Your Child Has Symptoms

http://www.springboro.org/Downloads/Whooping_Cough_Exposed_Steps2.pdf

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Pertussis (Whooping Cough) – Questions & Answers

http://www.springboro.org/Downloads/Whooping_Cough_QA.pdf

Springboro Schools - Student Health Services

<http://www.springboro.org/StudentHealth.aspx>

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