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Dear Parent or Guardian:

With the holiday season here, we wanted to provide an update from the Warren County Health District, as well as the current status on the cases of whooping cough around the district. Out of the total number of confirmed cases within the district, nearly 90% have been treated, remained home for the recommended five (5) days, and have been confirmed to return to school. The remaining confirmed cases, which currently stands at six (6) students, are actively being treated and remain home until a full-recovery.

Below is a letter from the Warren County Health District, we wanted to share with you -

Since October 2019 the Warren County Health District has seen an increased number of whooping cough cases in Springboro Schools and the City of Springboro. Whooping cough is an infection that affects the airways. The bacteria that cause whooping cough can easily spread from person to person by coughing or sneezing. Whooping cough can cause a severe cough that lasts for weeks or months, sometimes leading to coughing fits or vomiting. Anyone can get whooping cough, but it can be very dangerous for babies and people with certain health conditions that may be worsen with whooping cough. Family members with whooping cough, especially siblings and parents, can spread pertussis to babies.

In cooperation with Springboro Schools, the Warren County Health District is giving these recommendations:

1. If your child has a cough:
  - Keep your child home from school and activities, such as sports or play groups. See items 4 and 5 about when your child can return to these activities.
  - Make an appointment with your child's doctor as soon as possible and tell the doctor that your child may have been exposed to whooping cough.
2. If your child has a health condition that may be worse with whooping cough, such as asthma, ask your child's doctor if antibiotics would be beneficial to your child to prevent whooping cough. Doctors should give antibiotics to a child with certain health conditions if they may have been exposed to whooping cough, even if he or she is not coughing.
3. If your child lives with any of the following people, ask your child's doctor to prescribe antibiotics as soon as possible to your child, even if he or she is not coughing:
  - A woman who is pregnant
  - A baby younger than 12 months old

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- Anyone with health conditions that may be worse with whooping cough, such as asthma
4. If your child has been diagnosed with whooping cough by his or her doctor:
    - Tell the school that a doctor diagnosed your child with whooping cough.
    - School officials may request that you keep your child home from school and activities, such as sports or play groups, until your child has been on appropriate antibiotics for five days to treat whooping cough.
    - Ask your child's doctor for a note that states your child has whooping cough.
  5. If your child's doctor says your child does NOT have whooping cough:
    - Ask for a note from the doctor telling the school that your child's cough is NOT whooping cough and that your child can return to school and other activities at any time.

Please make sure your family's whooping cough vaccinations are up to date. Protection against whooping cough from the childhood vaccine, DTaP, decreases over time. Older children and adults, including pregnant women, should get a whooping cough booster shot called "Tdap" to help protect themselves and babies. If you need Tdap, contact your doctor or call the Warren County Health District.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 513-695-2097.

Thank you,

Duane Stansbury, R.S., M.P.H.  
Health Commissioner, Warren County Health District

Below is a link for parents to additional resources/previous parent letters from Springboro Schools' Student Health Services Department -

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

