



Alaska Division of Public Health

Prevention Promotion Protection

Pertussis: Recommendations for Exclusion of Children and Staff from School, Camps and Team Sports, and other Organized Activities

Pertussis is infectious during the first three weeks of coughing. Treatment and exclusion from school are NOT recommended after that time, although the cough can persist longer.

Symptoms	Exclusions
No symptoms	No exclusion
Upper respiratory symptoms- no cough	No exclusion
Suspected pertussis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough <7 days in a close contact of a pertussis case • Cough ≥ 7 days in person with low grade fever, vomiting after coughing, paroxysms, or whooping sound with coughing • Cough ≥ 14 days with low grade or no fever, and no alternative diagnosis 	Recommend evaluation by health care provider
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Lab confirmed pertussis by PCR or culture, and/or</u> • <u>Cough and suspected pertussis diagnosis by health care provider</u> 	<u>Exclude from attendance until:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>5 days antibiotics are completed</u> or • <u>If no antibiotics given, 21 days have passed since onset of cough, or cough has completely resolved</u>
Cough ≤ 7 days in persons at higher risk of transmitting pertussis to infants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close contact to infants or pregnant women • Pregnant women in third trimester 	Recommend evaluation by health care provider.

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