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The Illinois Dept. of Public Health has recently reported a number of cases of Pertussis in the state of Illinois—it are not a thing of the past!

- What is Pertussis? A highly infectious illness transmitted through coughing and sneezing
- Symptoms are similar to the common cold but with a severe cough that has a distinctive whooping sound.
- Cough spasms severe enough to cause vomiting

Although, most children are immunized by their DTP vaccine, this protection can lessen, as the child gets older.

Actions to take if you suspect your child has these symptoms:
- Please visit your doctor immediately for proper treatment.
- If diagnosed with Pertussis, your student MUST stay home for 5 days after the start of the antibiotic.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions you can visit the website [www.idph.state.il.us/](http://www.idph.state.il.us/)

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