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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Bon Homme School District has not had any cases of Pertussis but wanted to be informative because of the increase in cases state-wide. Pertussis is a contagious disease that is spread through the air by respiratory droplets. It can be a very serious disease especially for infants, children, and the elderly. Pertussis begins with cold symptoms and a cough which becomes much worse over 1-2 weeks. The disease can spread through the air from a sick person during talking, singing, sneezing, or coughing. Pertussis can occur at any age, even in adults and teenagers who are often carriers of the disease. Pertussis vaccine is usually given to children under age 7 years with a booster dose administered after age 10.

Most children will not be affected by this exposure. However, even some adults and children who have been fully immunized for pertussis and people who have a history of pertussis disease may have waning immunity and therefore become infected if exposed to a case of pertussis.

Please consider seeing your health care provider for testing if your child develops cough illness, especially if cough is paroxysmal (sudden spasms of intensified cough). Case finding is important to be able to identify and treat cases and contacts to stop the spread of this illness.

Sincerely,

Dr. George Seiler
Superintendent/Special Services Director
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