



NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION

MEDIA ADVISORY UPDATE

Carson City- There is an increase of whooping cough (pertussis) in residents of Ely, Nevada. The Ely Community Health Nursing program will be providing two whooping cough (pertussis) vaccination clinics for children and adults. **Adults 65 years and over cannot receive this vaccine as this vaccine is approved for adults 64 years and younger.**

- **WHAT:** Whooping Cough (Pertussis) Vaccination Clinics
- **WHERE:** Ely Fire Station, 1780 Great Basin Blvd, Ely, Nevada
- **WHEN:** Wednesday, June 27: 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Thursday, June 28: 8:30 am – 11:30 am
- **COST:** Low or no cost

You do not need to make an appointment. If you have a Medicaid/Medicare or Nevada Check Up card please bring the card with you at the time of your immunization. **We encourage you to bring your child's immunization record at the time of vaccination.**

For more information, contact: Ely Community Health Office: (775) 289-2107

NOTE: Pertussis is a contagious respiratory disease caused by bacteria. Symptoms of the disease usually occur in stages. The first stage may begin with a runny nose, sneezing, low-grade fever and cough. The cough lasts one to two weeks and then becomes worse. The second stage of pertussis includes uncontrolled coughing spells, followed by a whooping noise when a person breathes in. During these severe coughing spells, a person may vomit, or their lips or face may look blue from lack of oxygen. This stage may last four to six weeks. It is important to note infants may not exhibit all symptoms, including the characteristic whooping cough, and still be seriously ill.

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