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Greetings Redford Union Parents!

We are seeing a rise in communicable conditions. Whooping cough cases are on the rise, especially in Southeast Michigan. Whooping cough or Pertussis is a respiratory illness that is easily spread by coughing and sneezing. The disease starts like the common cold with symptoms such as:

- Runny nose or congestion; Sneezing; Mild cough; Possible fever
- After 1-2 weeks, severe coughing begins.

Michigan is also seeing an increase (4-fold over 2023) in diagnosed Pneumonia, and specifically, *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* or walking pneumonia in young children. These infections are more common in summer and early fall and will have symptoms such as:

- Pharyngitis – Sore throat, an inflammation of the pharynx or back of the throat. Caused by a bacterial or viral infection, but can also be caused by allergies, trauma, or other factors.
 - Sore throat; Fever; Runny nose; Cough; Headache; Difficulty swallowing; Swollen lymph nodes; Hoarse voice.
- Tracheobronchitis – A respiratory infection that causes inflammation of the trachea and bronchi.
 - A cough (loud, dry, and hacking, or productive); Fever; Yellow-Green Sputum; Gagging or retching; Lack of appetite; Depression
- Other symptoms
 - Cough; Fever; Headache; General feeling of discomfort (Malaise); Mild trouble with breathing.

If your child is exhibiting any of these symptoms, please consider a visit to an Urgent Care Center or Emergency Department. If you have questions or concerns that are not emergent or need to ensure that your child's Pertussis vaccine (DTP or DTaP) was completed, please reach out to your primary care providers.

Thank you for taking the time to raise your awareness about current respiratory concerns that may interfere with your child's learning and the upcoming holiday season.

Respectfully,

Nurse Jerry

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Minimize Your Risk for Illness

TIPS FOR A HEALTHY CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL



RECEIVE YOUR ANNUAL
FLU VACCINE



WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN
WITH SOAP & WARM WATER



COVER YOUR NOSE & MOUTH
WHEN YOU COUGH OR SNEEZE

Reasons You Should Stay Home:

If you're sick, stay home.

If you have a fever – should not return until 24 hours of no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications

Diarrhea

Vomiting

Abdominal pain – lasting longer than 2 hours.

Rash – until the rash goes away or until a healthcare provider has determined it is not infectious.