



Community & Public Health

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Public Health Alert

22 May 2024

Pertussis (whooping cough) in Canterbury

There have been a number of cases of pertussis in Christchurch, including community transmission in an early childhood education centre.

Please ensure those eligible for vaccination are up to date, particularly pregnant people and infants under 12 months old.

Pertussis is a notifiable disease.

Refer to pertussis patient management information on Community Health

Pathways: <https://canterbury.communityhealthpathways.org/13614.htm>.

If a patient is not being admitted and is in the infectious stage, prescribe antibiotics on suspicion of pertussis without waiting for test results.

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