

*****Bordetella pertussis* (whooping cough) antibodies in oral fluid for notified cases aged 2 to <17 years of age**

Respiratory and Vaccine Preventable Bacteria Reference Unit

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**Please complete and return this form with the sample**.

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| GP surgery information | | | |
| Surgery name and full address including postcode | | | Health Protection Team:  Click or tap here to enter text.  **CIMS** identifier:  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Patient information** | | | |
| Surname: Click or tap here to enter text.  Forename: Click or tap here to enter text.  Date of birth: Enter as dd/mm/yyyy  Age: Click or tap here to enter text.  NHS number: Enter as nnn nnn nnnn  Sex: Choose an item. | | Patient/guardian/parent address including postcode: | |
| **Patient / parent please complete sections below:** | | | |
| **Sample information:** | Date sample taken (dd/mm/yyyy): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |
| **Clinical information:** | | | |
| Date of onset of cough: Enter date as dd/mm/yyyy \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  What was the date of the above patient’s last whooping cough vaccine?\*: Enter date as dd/mm/yyyy  \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \*also known as the 5-in-1, 6-in-1, DTP, DTaP, pertussis, Pediacel, Infanrix-hexa, Infanrix-IPV, Vaxelis or Repevax | | | |
| Has the patient been at nursery or school since their cough started? Yes  No  If yes, please provide nursey or school name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | |
| **Please wait until the patient has been coughing for at least 14 days before taking this oral fluid sample.** | | | |
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Dear Parent/Guardian of XXX

Your doctor thinks your child might have whooping cough (pertussis).

We send a simple swab test kit to everyone who might have whooping cough to check if there has been an infection. It doesn’t hurt and can be done even if your child is now better

The results help us know how many people get whooping cough and if there has more of this illness in your area and across the country. This helps us to plan future prevention programmes.

The sample is taken by rubbing a sponge swab for about 1 to 2 minutes along the gums, until the swab is wet. It is easy and painless – even in young children. The sample can be taken by the patient, a parent or guardian, or by a doctor or nurse.

**It is important that this sample is taken at least 14 days after the cough started.**

We have enclosed a special kit with instructions which are easy to follow. Once you have taken the sample using the instructions provided, this can then be posted to the laboratory using the pre-paid addressed box. **Please complete the laboratory request form and return with the sample.**

Your result will go to your local health protection team and doctor within a few weeks. Most people are fine sending us samples, but it’s okay if you don’t want to – your doctor will still take good care of you.

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Description automatically generatedThank you for your help with this important programme, which aims to help protect children better in the future. If you would like to learn more about this disease, please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/whooping-cough/> or scan the QR code below.

Kind regards,

Health Protection Team