

Pertussis or Whooping Cough

**Your High School Student
May Not Be Protected!**

In Escambia County, 300 students in five schools
were affected last school year!

Symptoms

Whooping cough initially resembles an ordinary cold with a bad cough, but can turn deadly, especially in exposed infants.

Transmission

Unprotected teens and adults may unknowingly spread whooping cough to others, especially young babies.

Protection

Protection from immunizations given in childhood for whooping cough wears off by the teen years.

Prevention

A new booster vaccine called **Tdap** is available to protect teens and adults against whooping cough.

If it has been 2 or more years since you or your teen received a **Td** shot, it may be appropriate for you to receive the Tdap shot.

Check with your healthcare provider or the Escambia County Health Department to see if Tdap vaccine is needed!

Escambia County Health Department Immunization Clinics:

Main Clinic	1295 W. Fairfield Dr	595-6662	8 - 4
Molino Clinic	3740 Hwy 29 North	587-5280	8-11 & 1-4 Wednesday
Northside Clinic	8390 N. Palafox St	484-5155	8-11 & 1-4
Century Clinic	501 Church St	587-5007	10-3, 3rd Tuesday

Coming Soon: Information about seasonal flu and H1N1 flu shots