

PHU Checklist for pertussis cases notified with 5 weeks of date of onset who are:

- <5 years of age or
- of any age who are nucleic acid test (NAT) or culture confirmed
- reported to have close contacts who may be at high risk for pertussis

Patient ID number: _____

Contact the patient's doctor to:

- Obtain patient's history
- Confirm results of relevant pathology tests

Contact the patient's care giver to:

- Identify likely source of infection
- Review vaccination status
- Confirm onset date and symptoms of the illness
- Recommend exclusions and restrictions
- Identify contacts and obtain contact details
- Complete *Pertussis Investigation Form*
- Provide with *Pertussis Factsheet*

Contact ACIR to:

- Verify immunisation status

Confirm case

- Assess information against case definition

Contact patient's contacts to:

- Assess risk of pertussis (susceptibility, exposure history)
- Determine current symptoms
- Recommend antibiotics or not
- Explain symptoms and restrictions (child care)
- Provide with *Pertussis Factsheet*

Other issues:

- For a death, report details to state/territory CDB
- Assess and arrange best method for delivering intervention to contacts
- Where defined groups of people have been exposed (eg, schools, childcare), contact the person in charge to explain the situation and to provide letters to exposed people
- Enter case data onto notifiable diseases database