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Orland Township Offers Whooping Cough Vaccine

(Orland Township, IL – Jan. 14, 2020) – Neighboring counties have seen an increase in the incidence of pertussis, or whooping cough, over the last two years, according to published reports.

Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady would like to remind residents that the Township's Health Services department has the whooping cough vaccine available for residents in need of it.

Whooping cough is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis*, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It is characterized by a severe, hacking cough followed by a high-pitched intake of breath that makes a "whooping" sound. Pertussis can affect people of all ages, but can be very serious, even deadly, for babies younger than a year old.

Adults, especially those who are in regular contact with young children and babies, should check with their health care provider to find out if they need a whooping cough vaccine. The Orland Township Health Services department has the Tdap vaccine, a tetanus booster that includes protection against pertussis (whooping cough) for \$55 (\$60 for non-residents). Residents in need of this vaccine, or other vaccines including flu shots, can make an appointment with the Wellness Wednesday nurse by calling (708) 403-4222.

"With cold and flu season in full swing, it can be difficult to avoid getting sick this time of year," said Supervisor O'Grady. "I urge residents in need of the whooping cough vaccine or any other vaccine to make an appointment with our Wellness Wednesday nurse to do their best to stay well this winter."

Individuals should contact their healthcare provider to find out which vaccines they may need prior to making an appointment.

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