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Bordetella parapertussis Reporting

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Summary

Parapertussis has been a reportable disease in Wisconsin since 2011, which was prompted by an increase in incidence of parapertussis. Parapertussis is caused by *Bordetella parapertussis*, which is a bacterium that is similar to *B. pertussis* and causes a pertussis-like illness, but does not produce pertussis toxin. Vaccination using DTaP does not prevent parapertussis.

Most other states do not consider parapertussis a reportable disease. Due to this, and the fact that parapertussis incidence has declined in our state, parapertussis will no longer be a reportable disease in Wisconsin, effective immediately. These lab reports will no longer be sent to the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS), and follow-up will no longer be done by local health departments. Pertussis will remain a category 1 reportable disease.

If there are any questions, please contact the Immunization Program at 608-267-9959.