Parapertussis is a bacterial illness similar to pertussis (whooping cough) but it tends to be

**Quick Help**

*If you think your child has Parapertussis*

Tell your childcare provider or call the school.

*Need to stay home?*

**No,** if the child is healthy enough for routine activities.

**Prevention**

- Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. Use a tissue or your sleeve. Dispose of used tissues.
- Wash hands after touching anything that could be contaminated with secretions from the nose or mouth. Your child may need help with handwashing.
- Clean and disinfect anything that comes in contact with secretions from the nose or mouth. Use a product that kills germs.

**Symptoms:**

Your child may have a runny nose, sneezing or mild coughing. Your child may have cough in sudden, uncontrollable bursts. The cough may end with whooping sounds and/or vomiting. If your child has been infected, it takes 6 to 21 days (usually 7 to 10) for symptoms to start.

**Spread**

By sneezing or coughing.

**Contagious Period**

Unknown, but likely to be most contagious at the time of early cold-like symptoms.

**Call your Healthcare Provider**

- If anyone in your home is coughing for more than 7 days. Your doctor may want to test for the bacteria. Antibiotics may be given.

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