

# Public Health Update from Southwestern Public Health



For Health Care Providers in Oxford County, Elgin County, and the City of St. Thomas

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**An Update from Dr. Ninh Tran, Medical Officer of Health at Southwestern Public Health**

## Public Health: Pertussis Community Update

Southwestern Public Health [issued a news release](#) to the community today regarding a dramatic rise in pertussis cases.

A call-to-action was included to advise parents and guardians to keep themselves and their children up to date with the pertussis vaccine. This may result in increased patient calls to your primary care clinic about obtaining this vaccination or about vaccination status.

In addition to vaccination in your own clinical setting, public health is offering vaccination clinics by appointment for residents of Elgin County, Oxford County, and the City of St. Thomas.

Clinic appointments can be booked online at [www.swpublichealth.ca/booking](http://www.swpublichealth.ca/booking) at a location nearest to them.

For patients inquiring about vaccination history or where to update their immunization record, refer them to [www.swpublichealth.ca/vaccineswork](http://www.swpublichealth.ca/vaccineswork). It is a patient's responsibility to keep these records up to date.

### Resources

- For patients: listen to this [audio of a child with whooping cough](#)
- For patients: learn about pertussis at [www.swpublichealth.ca/whoopingcough](http://www.swpublichealth.ca/whoopingcough)
- For providers: refer to the [Health Advisory issued January 18](#) for clinical and testing guidance
- For providers: hang this [Bad Cough? It Could be Whooping Cough](#) poster in your office or share on your social media channels

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