

Dear Health Care Provider

Re: _____

Date of Birth: _____
(yyyy/mm/dd)

Contact to Pertussis

The above-named patient has been exposed to a case of pertussis. Chemoprophylaxis is recommended for this person. When chemoprophylaxis is indicated it is the same antibiotic regime as treatment. Refer to the Manitoba Health Pertussis protocol:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/pertussis.pdf>

- Consider pertussis in the differential diagnosis should they develop symptoms of early pertussis (coryza, mild cough, sneeze, and other cold-like symptoms). Later symptoms of pertussis include prolonged cough or cough with paroxysms, whoop, or post-tussive gagging/vomiting.
- Perform a nasopharyngeal swab and submit it for culture or PCR test for pertussis.
- Confirmed and probable cases of pertussis are reportable. If this patient is diagnosed with pertussis, please notify Manitoba Health @ 204-788-6737 or submit the Manitoba Health Clinical Notification of Reportable Diseases or Conditions form. http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/mhsu_0013.pdf
- Review and update your patient's immunization status

Please contact me should you have any further questions.

Public Health Nurse: _____

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