



## Extra Edition Moore Epi Notes

### Important Pertussis Update !

#### Moore County Ranking

In a recent report published by the North Carolina Division of Public Health, Moore County ranks number 5 among all NC counties in the number of confirmed/probable cases per 100,000 people. There have been 22 cases reported since January of this year. The cases are equally dispersed across the county with no concentration in one particular area at this time. The oldest case patient was 66 years old and the youngest was 12 months but most cases were 9 to 16 year olds. These numbers underscore the importance of the Tdap booster before entering the 6th grade and the continuation of offering a Tdap to older adults that may be around children 12 months and younger, pregnant women, severe asthmatics and immunocompromised individuals.

#### Testing by Naso-pharyngeal

If pertussis is suspected in a patient **please** test by naso-pharyngeal swab with PCR and CULTURE and call Kim Duffy (947-4526) at the Moore County Health Department to inform that a PCR has been done.

If suspicions are high enough that an N/P swab is performed **please** inform the patient to stay home from school ,work and any other activities until lab results are back and/or antibiotics are completed.

Thank you for your continued effort to prevent the spread of disease in Moore County.

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