

Do to the current community outbreak of Pertussis (whooping cough) in St. Marys; we will be adhering to the guidelines from the Center of Disease Control, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and Pottawatomie County Health Department. These guidelines will affect the staff and students in the following manner;

-Classroom teachers will be aware of any student in their classroom who is coughing so significantly and frequently as to disrupt the class within an hour's time frame. The teacher will report this child's name to Kyra Stromgren (stromgrk@kawvalley.k12.ks.us) or Donna Perry (perryd@kawvalley.k12.ks.us) as soon as possible.

-If there is a confirmed case of Pertussis in the school building or bus, any unimmunized person (student or staff) who cannot prove their immunity against Pertussis, will be excluded from school until;

- 1) They receive a Tdap booster within 24 hours of notification.
- 2) They receive a 5 day course of antibiotic (for every separate exposure)
- 3) They are excluded for 21 days from the last case of pertussis in their building.

Pottawatomie County Health Department is offering a free Tdap clinic on Monday, August 18th from 9:00-12:00 at SMG to vaccinate any 9-12 year old student who attends SMG/SMJSH, any unimmunized student who attends SMG/SMJSH, and any staff member who works in USD 321.

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