**Pertussis: CDPH Case Definition**

**Clinical Case Definition:**
In the absence of a more likely diagnosis, a cough illness lasting ≥2 weeks with at least one of the following:
- Paroxysms of coughing; or
- Inspiratory "whoop"; or
- Post-tussive vomiting; or
- Apnea (with or without cyanosis)

**Laboratory Criteria for Diagnosis:**
- Isolation of *B. pertussis* from a clinical specimen; OR
- Positive polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for *B. pertussis*

**Epidemiologic Linkage:**
Contact with a laboratory-confirmed case of pertussis.

**Confirmed**
An acute cough illness of any duration with
- Isolation of *B. pertussis* from a clinical specimen; OR
- Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) positive for *B. pertussis*

**Probable**
- In the absence of a more likely diagnosis, illness meeting the clinical criteria; OR
- Illness with cough of any duration, with
  - At least one of the following signs or symptoms:
    - Paroxysms of coughing; or
    - Inspiratory whoop; or
    - Post-tussive vomiting; or
    - Apnea (with or without cyanosis); AND
  - Contact with a laboratory confirmed case (epidemiologic linkage)

There is no longer a suspect case category.

(For use by local health jurisdictions in California)

**Please report all confirmed and probable cases to CDPH**