



Dutchess County Department of Health Public Health Advisory*

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DCDOH Posts Pertusis "Dear Parent" Letter on Website

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Please Distribute to Healthcare Providers, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, Primary Care, Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, Critical Care, Nursing Homes, and Infection Control staff.

- Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) regularly posts correspondence that may impact healthcare providers in Dutchess County on their website, and archives these items after ten days.
- A "Dear Parent" letter regarding a Pertusis case has been updated to the Healthcare Providers page: <http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/Health/16586.htm>
- This letter promotes DPT and Tdap vaccination.
- Questions regarding this information should be directed to the DCDOH's Communicable Disease Division at 845.486.3401.

Recently, there have been cases of Pertusis reported in Dutchess County school-age children. As part of the Department's response, a "Dear Parent" letter was distributed containing information and treatment/vaccination recommendations. Patients may refer to this letter during office visits and a copy has been posted on our website as a courtesy to the healthcare community.

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