



Midland Independent School District

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

615 W. Missouri Ave.

Midland, TX 79701

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

MISD has been notified of two cases of pertussis within our district. Students who attended Henderson Child Care Center or Rusk Right at School camp during the week of August 2nd may have been exposed.

Nationwide, pertussis cases have increased over the past several years. Parents should review their child's immunization status to help keep them healthy and safe while at school.

Please see the recommendations below.

1. Parents/Guardians should review each child's health record to make sure vaccinations are current.
2. If your student is not fully vaccinated or has a weakened immune system, please notify your healthcare provider regarding possible exposure to pertussis. Immunization is the best way to prevent pertussis and other preventable illnesses.
3. If your child has symptoms over the next two weeks such as a runny nose, low grade fever, or sudden, uncontrollable fits of coughing that persist and sometimes cause vomiting:
 - Contact your health provider immediately.
 - Let them know your child may have been exposed to pertussis.
 - Keep your child home from school and activities if they have coughing fits or fever.
4. If your child has been diagnosed with pertussis by his or her health care provider:
 - Tell the school that your child was diagnosed with pertussis.
 - Keep your child home from school so they can be treated with antibiotics for five days.
 - Ask your child's provider for a note that states your child has pertussis.

More information can be found on the Health Services page at midlandisd.net.

Please make sure your family's vaccinations are up-to-date. Protection against pertussis from the childhood vaccine, DTaP, decreases over time. Older children and adults, including pregnant women, should get the pertussis booster shot called "Tdap" to help protect themselves and babies around them. If you need Tdap, contact your health care provider.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelly Moore, Henderson Child Care Supervisor, or Imo Jean Douglas, BSN, RN, CPN, NCSN, Director of Health Services.

Sincerely,

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