

More than a dozen cases of whooping cough in La Crosse County just this month is a cause for concern among nurses and doctors...

Health professionals recommend a vaccine for those who are not sick, and anti-biotics for people who are infected. Bridget Pfaff , an infection specialist from Gundersen Lutheran, says people with pertussis might not know it right away, because symptoms are similar to allergies. But once you have it, you can feel effects of the illness for weeks.

Infants up to six months old can have the most severe reaction to pertussis, getting pneumonia or even dying.