

WEST VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

VIA EMAIL

January 15, 2026

West Virginia Department of Health
One Davis Square, Suite 100, East
Charleston, West Virginia 25301
DHFOIA@wv.gov

Re: *Vaccination Status of West Virginia Pertussis Cases (IR#1244C)*

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If you would like to discuss our request or any issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact us at (240) 732-6737 or foia@sirillp.com during normal business hours. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Aaron Siri

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¹ W. Va. Code § 29B-1-3(4).

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| 2019 Cases By Age Group and Vaccination Status | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | UTD | NUTD | Unknown | Total |
| < 1 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 10 |
| 1 to 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| 7 to 10 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| 11 to 19 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| 20+ | 2 | 8 | 0 | 10 |
| Total | 18 | 19 | 3 | 40 |

| 2020 Cases By Age Group and Vaccination Status | | | | |
|---|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | UTD | NUTD | Unknown | Total |
| < 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| 1 to 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 7 to 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 11 to 19 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| 20+ | 1 | 3 | 6 | 10 |
| Total | 15 | 7 | 6 | 28 |

| 2021 Cases By Age Group and Vaccination Status | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | UTD | NUTD | Unknown | Total |
| < 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 1 to 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 to 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 to 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20+ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |

| 2022 Cases By Age Group and Vaccination Status | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | UTD | NUTD | Unknown | Total |
| < 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 to 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 to 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 11 to 19 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| 20+ | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Total | 7 | 7 | 0 | 14 |

| 2023 Cases By Age Group and Vaccination Status | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | UTD | NUTD | Unknown | Total |
| < 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 1 to 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 7 to 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 11 to 19 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| 20+ | 4 | 9 | 5 | 18 |
| Total | 16 | 11 | 5 | 32 |

| 2024 Cases By Age Group and Vaccination Status | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | UTD | NUTD | Unknown | Total |
| < 1 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 10 |
| 1 to 6 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| 7 to 10 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 11 to 19 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| 20+ | 7 | 13 | 1 | 21 |
| Total | 21 | 24 | 2 | 47 |

| 2025 Cases By Age Group and Vaccination Status | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | UTD | NUTD | Unknown | Total |
| < 1 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 10 |
| 1 to 6 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| 7 to 10 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 11 to 19 | 27 | 2 | 1 | 30 |
| 20+ | 6 | 15 | 5 | 26 |
| Total | 49 | 25 | 6 | 80 |

| Illness Onset Date | Date of Last Dtap/Tdap | Hib | MMR |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 03/06/19 | 02/21/18 | Yes | Yes |
| 04/26/19 | 08/28/14 | Yes | Yes |
| 04/28/19 | 06/16/17 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/07/19 | 09/10/13 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/25/19 | 08/19/13 | Yes | Yes |
| 06/16/19 | 08/19/13 | No | Yes |
| 06/20/19 | 08/14/14 | Yes | Yes |
| 07/04/19 | 03/14/16 | Yes | Yes |
| 07/05/19 | 06/29/12 | Yes | Yes |
| 07/08/19 | 03/15/19 | Yes | Yes |
| 08/06/19 | 12/19/13 | No | No |
| 11/20/19 | 10/23/19 | Yes | No |
| 12/04/19 | 12/21/17 | Yes | Yes |
| 12/06/19 | 05/01/17 | No | No |
| 12/14/19 | 08/12/15 | Yes | Yes |
| 12/20/19 | 03/07/14 | Yes | Yes |
| 12/22/19 | 05/28/15 | Yes | Yes |
| 12/27/19 | 12/14/19 | Yes | No |
| 01/05/20 | 07/25/12 | No | No |
| 01/08/20 | 08/27/18 | Yes | Yes |
| 01/10/20 | 08/15/17 | Yes | Yes |
| 01/20/20 | 08/15/14 | Yes | Yes |
| 02/11/20 | 03/06/18 | Yes | Yes |
| 02/13/20 | 07/08/16 | Yes | Yes |
| 02/20/20 | 02/14/20 | Yes | No |
| 02/28/20 | 12/09/19 | Yes | No |
| 03/03/20 | 08/13/15 | Yes | Yes |
| 03/07/20 | 10/04/16 | Yes | Yes |
| 04/07/20 | 12/27/17 | Yes | Yes |
| 04/16/20 | 12/12/17 | Yes | Yes |
| 06/30/20 | 03/08/18 | Yes | Yes |
| 07/10/20 | 08/14/14 | Yes | Yes |
| 09/25/20 | 08/03/20 | Yes | No |
| 10/31/21 | 07/11/05 | Yes | Yes |
| 11/23/21 | 11/23/21 | No | No |
| 01/04/22 | 12/05/18 | No | No |
| 09/27/22 | 03/01/17 | No | No |
| 10/05/22 | 02/15/16 | No | No |
| 10/09/22 | 07/20/20 | Yes | Yes |
| 10/27/22 | 09/12/22 | Yes | No |
| 11/06/22 | 04/07/22 | No | No |
| 11/08/22 | 05/06/22 | No | No |

| Illness Onset Date | Date of Last Dtap/Tdap | Hib | MMR |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 02/01/23 | 01/14/19 | Yes | No |
| 05/02/23 | 09/13/16 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/08/23 | 08/23/18 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/15/23 | 03/03/23 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/17/23 | 01/03/20 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/31/23 | 03/20/19 | Yes | Yes |
| 06/01/23 | 05/31/23 | No | Yes |
| 06/05/23 | 07/31/18 | No | Yes |
| 06/08/23 | 07/24/19 | Yes | Yes |
| 06/28/23 | 05/18/22 | Yes | Yes |
| 08/23/23 | 10/21/21 | Yes | Yes |
| 10/17/23 | 10/10/17 | No | No |
| 11/07/23 | 02/26/14 | Yes | Yes |
| 11/11/23 | 05/22/19 | No | No |
| 11/27/23 | 09/21/22 | No | No |
| 12/18/23 | 11/13/23 | Yes | No |
| 01/02/24 | 07/01/20 | No | No |
| 02/14/24 | 05/14/15 | No | No |
| 03/17/24 | 01/23/24 | Yes | No |
| 06/07/24 | 04/29/22 | Yes | Yes |
| 06/16/24 | 06/29/21 | No | No |
| 06/17/24 | 09/15/22 | Yes | Yes |
| 08/22/24 | 08/05/24 | Yes | No |
| 08/29/24 | 08/27/19 | No | No |
| 09/13/24 | 06/22/17 | Yes | Yes |
| 09/13/24 | 08/03/18 | No | No |
| 10/09/24 | 11/08/23 | No | No |
| 10/23/24 | 01/05/22 | Yes | Yes |
| 10/25/24 | 08/06/15 | Yes | Yes |
| 11/06/24 | 09/02/20 | Yes | Yes |
| 11/12/24 | 04/04/19 | Yes | Yes |
| 11/18/24 | 11/14/24 | Yes | No |
| 12/03/24 | 06/04/24 | No | No |
| 12/08/24 | 09/24/24 | Yes | No |
| 12/08/24 | 09/17/20 | Yes | Yes |
| 12/23/24 | 08/01/19 | Yes | Yes |
| 12/25/24 | 03/15/23 | Yes | Yes |
| 12/30/24 | 12/01/15 | Yes | Yes |
| 01/11/25 | 06/04/19 | Yes | Yes |
| 01/15/25 | 10/04/21 | Yes | Yes |
| 01/17/25 | 06/12/20 | Yes | Yes |
| 01/22/25 | 07/24/19 | Yes | Yes |

| Illness Onset Date | Date of Last Dtap/Tdap | Hib | MMR |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 01/23/25 | 09/03/24 | No | No |
| 02/04/25 | 07/13/22 | Yes | Yes |
| 02/05/25 | 04/04/22 | Yes | Yes |
| 02/10/25 | 04/07/17 | Yes | Yes |
| 02/15/25 | 06/23/22 | Yes | Yes |
| 02/18/25 | 08/04/21 | No | No |
| 02/24/25 | 09/02/20 | Yes | Yes |
| 02/24/25 | 03/12/19 | Yes | Yes |
| 03/01/25 | 10/23/18 | Yes | Yes |
| 03/02/25 | 11/23/23 | Yes | Yes |
| 03/12/25 | 08/04/21 | Yes | Yes |
| 03/19/25 | 09/06/20 | Yes | Yes |
| 04/18/25 | 02/19/25 | Yes | No |
| 04/25/25 | 11/28/23 | Yes | Yes |
| 04/28/25 | 10/07/24 | Yes | No |
| 05/05/25 | 10/15/24 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/05/25 | 05/22/23 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/06/25 | 01/09/22 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/07/25 | 03/12/20 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/13/25 | 01/20/20 | No | No |
| 05/14/25 | 04/18/25 | No | No |
| 05/14/25 | 08/27/24 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/15/25 | 08/17/17 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/17/25 | 03/06/24 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/21/25 | 02/06/19 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/25/25 | 09/12/18 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/29/25 | 02/24/23 | Yes | Yes |
| 05/30/25 | 10/27/22 | Yes | No |
| 06/06/25 | 08/10/23 | Yes | Yes |
| 06/10/25 | 11/05/19 | Yes | Yes |
| 06/12/25 | 04/11/18 | Yes | Yes |
| 06/15/25 | 11/23/22 | Yes | Yes |
| 06/19/25 | 07/18/24 | Yes | Yes |
| 06/19/25 | 06/06/16 | No | No |
| 06/20/25 | 10/30/23 | Yes | No |
| 06/24/25 | 11/21/22 | Yes | Yes |
| 06/25/25 | 11/12/24 | No | No |
| 07/01/25 | 06/16/25 | Yes | No |
| 07/03/25 | 08/29/17 | Yes | Yes |
| 07/05/25 | 06/03/16 | Yes | Yes |
| 07/08/25 | 01/10/19 | No | No |
| 07/10/25 | 04/11/25 | Yes | No |

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 07/16/25 | 11/30/20 | Yes | Yes |
| 07/19/25 | 02/26/24 | No | No |

| County of Residence | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 (1/1/25 - 1/31/25) | Grand Total |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Cabell | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 1 | 24 |
| Kanawha | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 23 |
| Lincoln | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Putnam | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 10 |
| Wayne | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Grand Total | 6 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 22 | 7 | 62 |

| Confirmed Pertussis Cases by Select Counties by Quarter, WV, 1/1/2019 - 1/31/2025 N = 28 | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Quarter | Onset Date | | | | | | | Grand Total |
| | 2024 | | | | 2024 Total | 2025 Qtr 1 | 2025 Total (1/1/25 - 1/31/25) | |
| | Qtr 1 | Qtr 2 | Qtr 3 | Qtr 4 | | | | |
| Cabell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Kanawha | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Lincoln | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Putnam | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Wayne | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Grand Total | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 21 |

Recent Pertussis Outbreaks

In West Virginia, a pertussis outbreak is defined as two or more epi-linked cases from different households that develop symptoms within 42 days of each other.

Putnam County Outbreak (Hurricane High School)

| Total Cases | Age Range | Median Age | UTD | NUTD |
|-------------|-------------|------------|-----|------|
| 6 | 14-18 years | 16 | 5 | 1 |

Cabell County Outbreak

| Total Cases | Age Range | Median Age | UTD | NUTD |
|-------------|-------------------|------------|-----|------|
| 5 | 6 months-42 years | 15 | 5 | 0 |

* Up to Date (UTD) defined by age group: Children having received pertussis containing vaccine as recommended by age group and older individuals receiving Tdap.

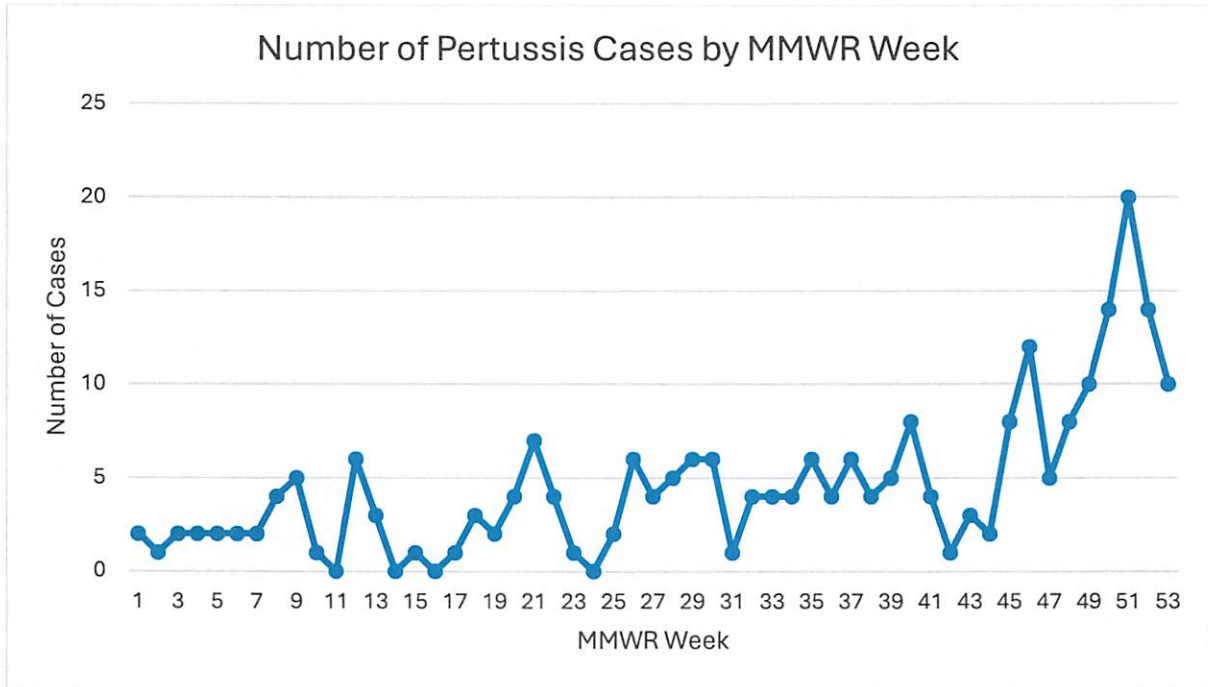
** Not Up to Date (NUTD): missing one or more doses to complete a series of Pertussis containing vaccine for children under the age of 11 and/or those 11 and over who have not received Tdap vaccine.

| Confirmed Pertussis Cases and Vaccine Status, WV 1/1/2019-9/30/25 | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Year of Onset | Total Cases | Cases UTD | Cases NUTD | Unknown |
| 2019 | 27 | 16 | 9 | 2 |
| 2020 | 25 | 17 | 4 | 4 |
| 2021 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 2022 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| 2023 | 20 | 14 | 2 | 4 |
| 2024 | 30 | 18 | 10 | 2 |
| 2025 | 107 | 76 | 27 | 4 |
| Grand Total | 219 | 148 | 54 | 17 |

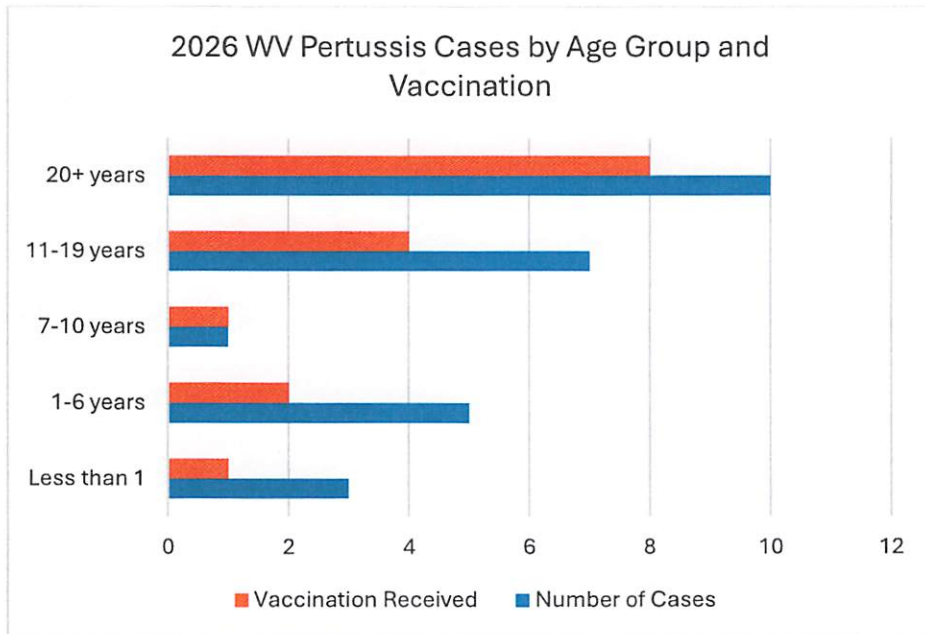
| Confirmed and Probable Pertussis Cases, WV, 1/1/2019-9/30/2025 N=287 | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| | Year of Onset | | | | | | | |
| Quarter | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | Grand Total |
| Qtr1 | 2 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 32 | 70 |
| Qtr2 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 8 | 32 | 67 |
| Qtr3 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 62 | 94 |
| Qtr4 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 10 | 17 | | 56 |
| Grand Total | 37 | 32 | 4 | 14 | 28 | 46 | 126 | 287 |

Pertussis Cases 2025

| Age Groups | Number of Cases | Vaccinated |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Less than 1 year | 30 | 14 |
| 1-6 years | 29 | 22 |
| 7-10 years | 22 | 21 |
| 11-19 years | 107 | 101 |
| 20+ years | 53 | 32 |
| Total | 241 | 190 |



| Age Group | Number of Cases | Vaccination Received |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Less than 1 | 3 | 1 |
| 1-6 years | 5 | 2 |
| 7-10 years | 1 | 1 |
| 11-19 years | 7 | 4 |
| 20+ years | 10 | 8 |
| Total | 26 | 16 |



| MMWR Week | Number of Cases |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 10 |
| 2 | 5 |
| 3 | 7 |
| 4 | 1 |
| 5 | 3 |
| Total | 26 |

State Epidemiologist Update

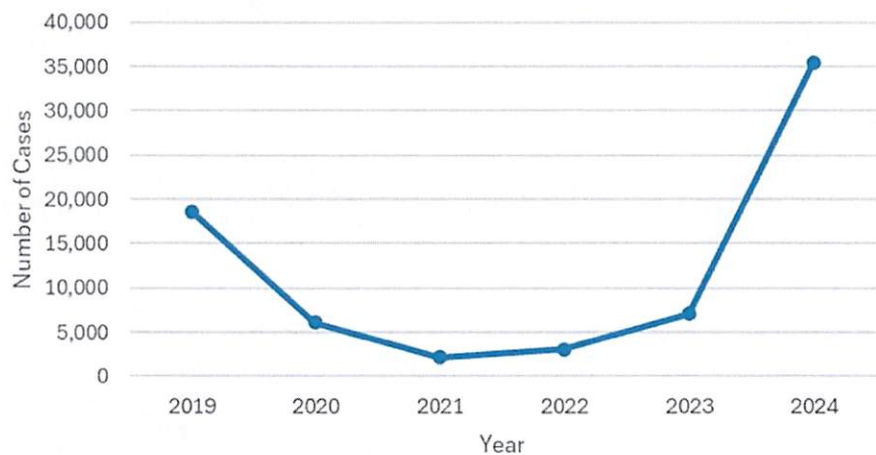
State Health Officer Quarterly Meeting

January 2026
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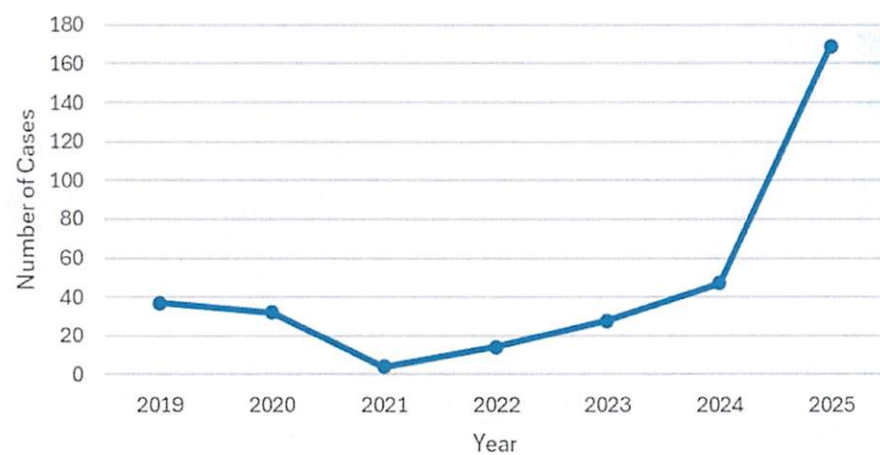


Nationwide vs Statewide Pertussis Cases

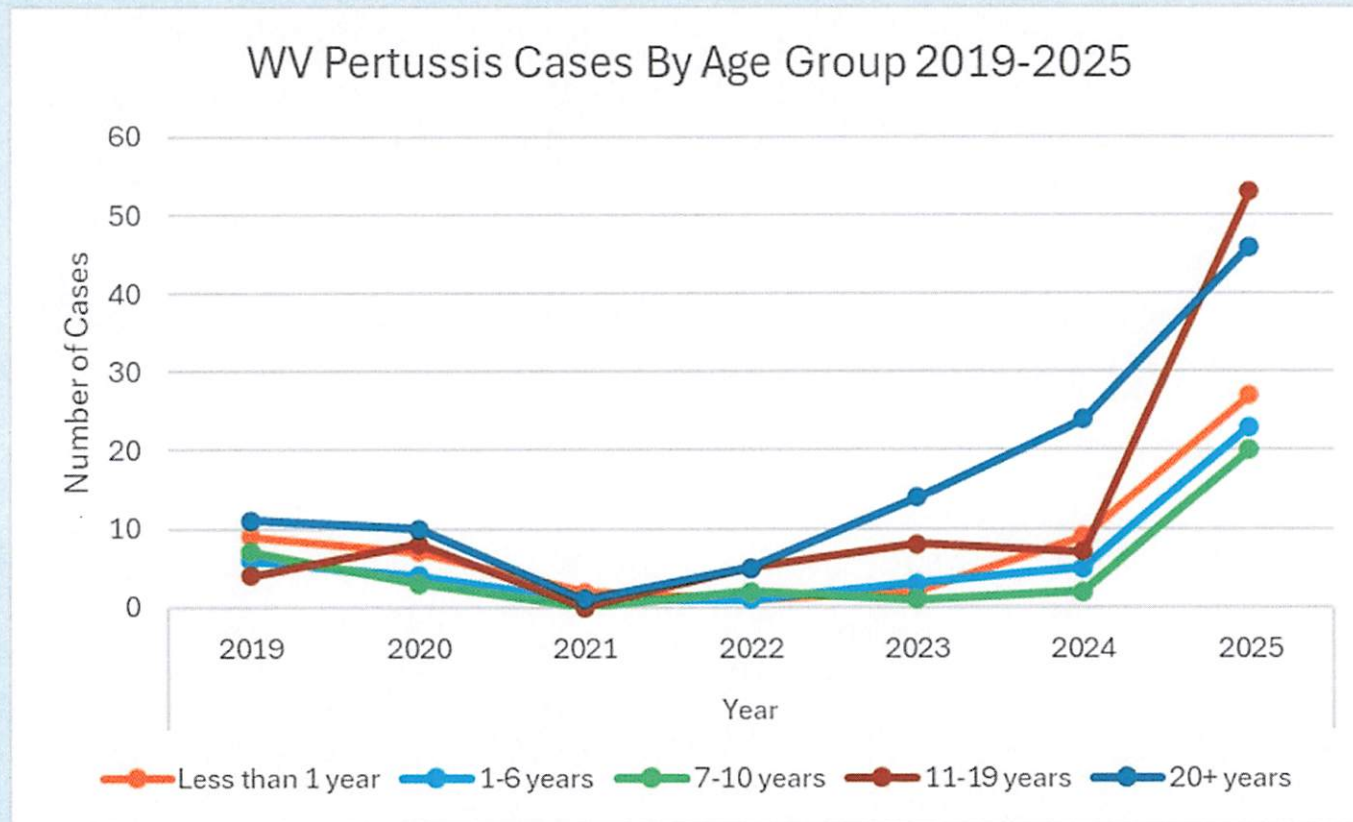
US Pertussis Cases 2019-2024



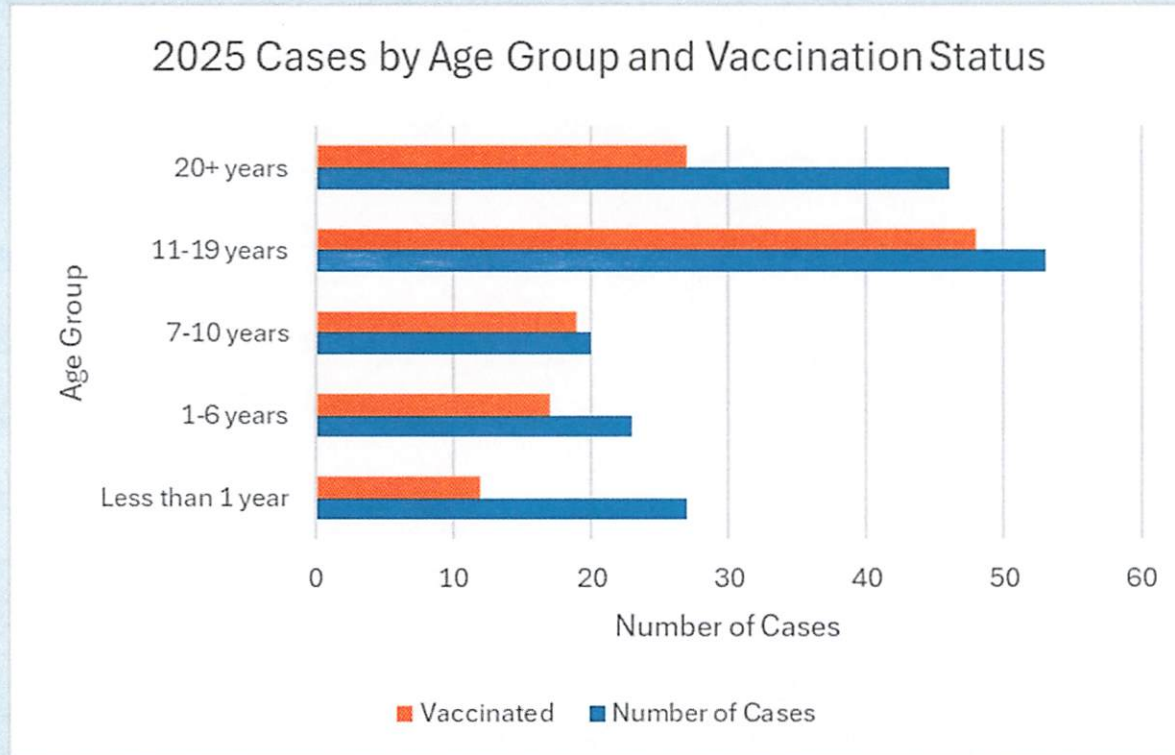
WV Pertussis Cases 2019-2025



Statewide Pertussis Cases by Age Group

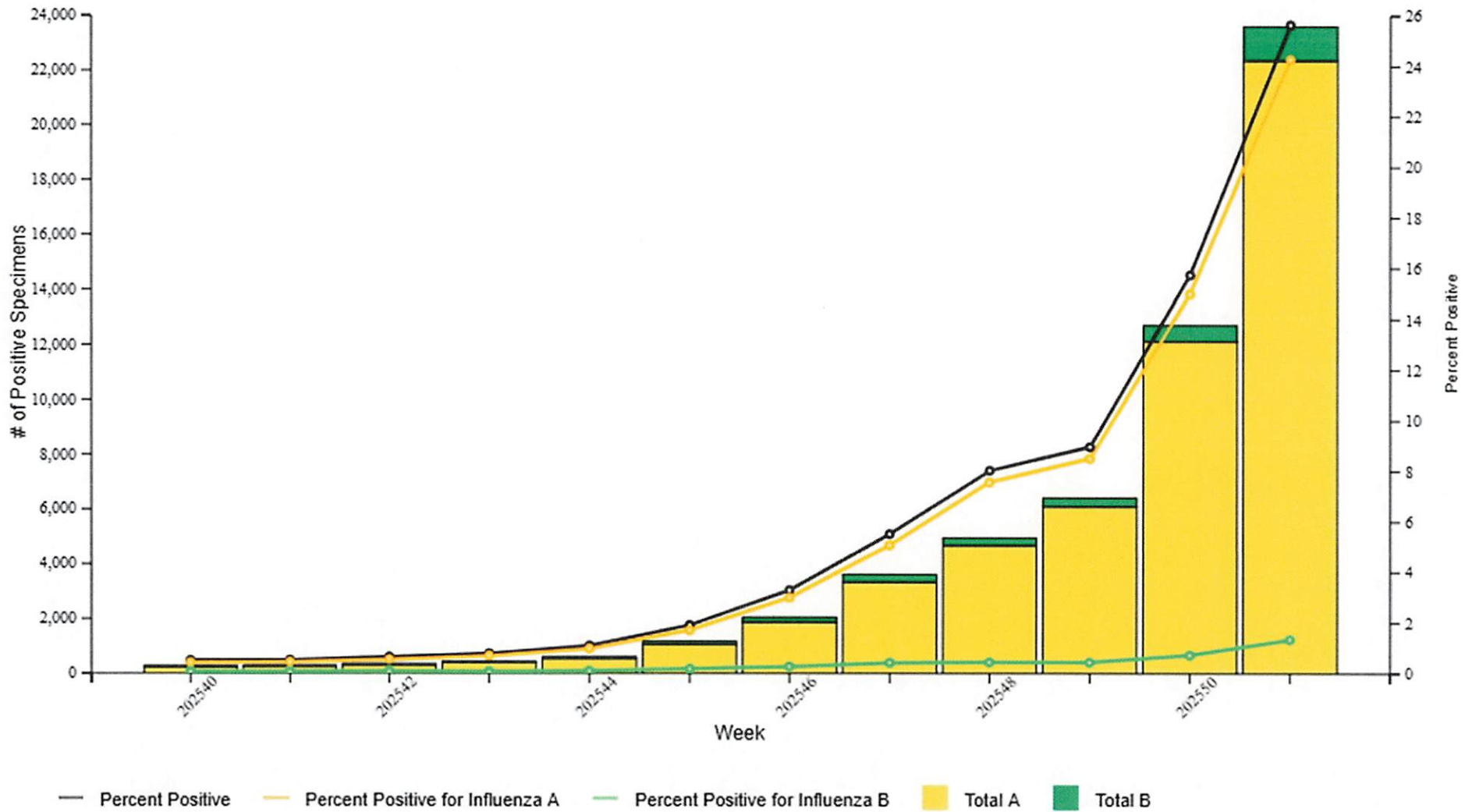


2025 Pertussis Cases By Age and Vaccination

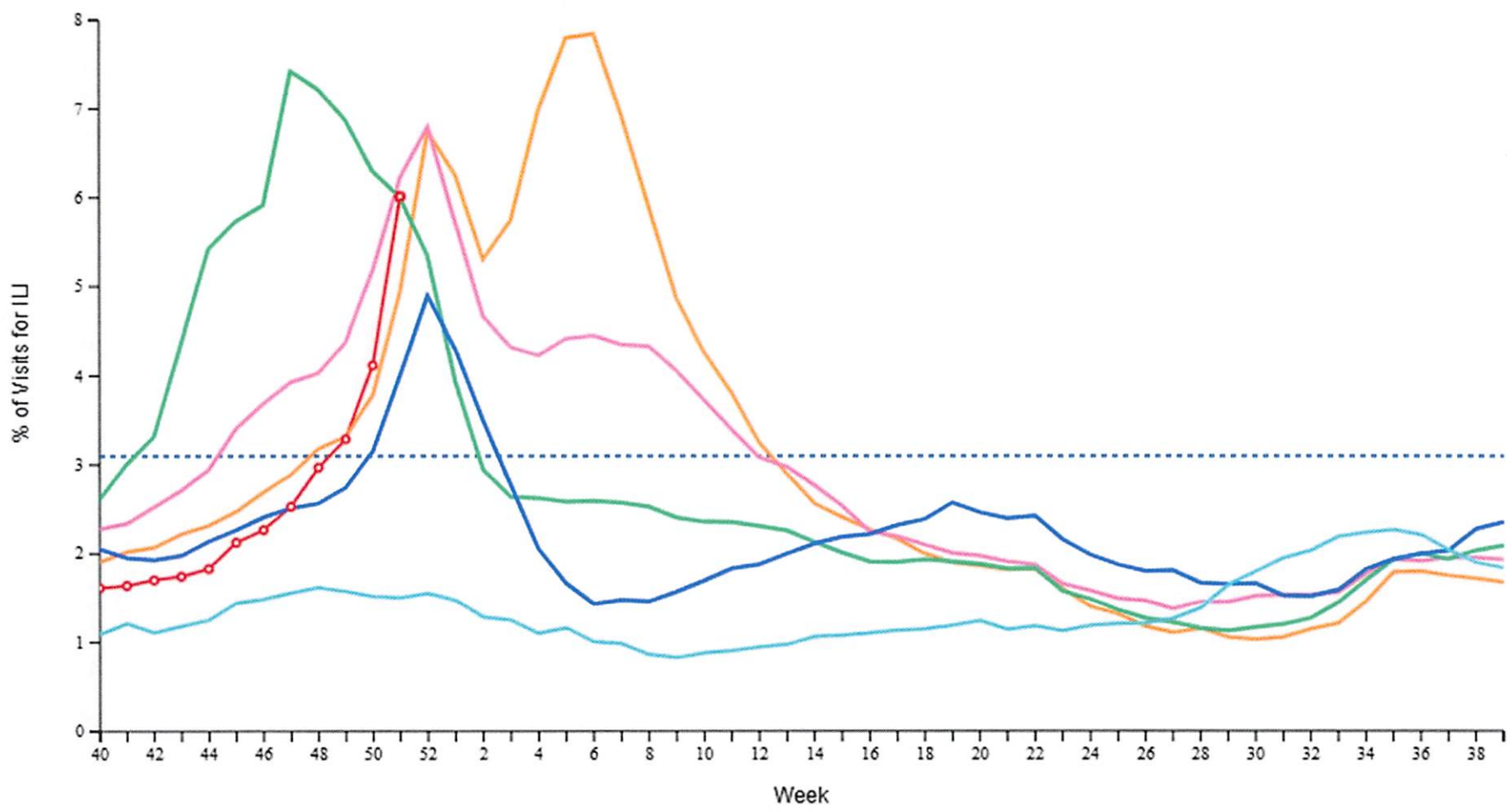


1. Individuals with pertussis are contagious for the first 21 days of cough or until five days of appropriate antibiotics therapy have been completed.
2. Post exposure prophylaxis (PEP): anyone who has had direct face-to-face contact within three feet of a symptomatic case-patient for a period (one hour or more) regardless of vaccination status.
3. Symptomatic contacts should be evaluated for pertussis; asymptomatic contacts receiving PEP do not need to be excluded from school or work and asymptomatic contacts who refuse PEP do not need to be excluded from school or work unless they are likely to interact with persons at increased risk for severe pertussis (e.g. healthcare personnel).
4. Reportable condition within 24 hours. Outbreak defined as two or more epi-linked cases from different households with symptom onset within 42 days of one another
5. Under-immunized contacts should be brought up to date with vaccinations.

Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by Clinical Laboratories, National Summary, 2025-26 Season, week ending Dec 20, 2025



Percentage of Outpatient Visits for Respiratory Illness Reported by The U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), Weekly National Summary, 2025-26 Season and Selected Previous Seasons



..... 2025-26 National Baseline
 — 2025-26 Season — 2024-25 Season — 2023-24 Season
 — 2022-23 Season — 2021-22 Season — 2020-21 Season

Influenza in West Virginia



Overview | Outbreaks | Laboratory Trends | Early Warning Indicators | Severity Indicators | ILINET

West Virginia Pan Respiratory Dashboard



Influenza Indicators

Weekly Influenza Activity Indicator

Outpatient Visits for Influenza-like Illness Symptoms

Emergency Room Visits for Influenza Symptoms

Low

2.80%



3.35%



COVID-19 Indicators

COVID-19 Weekly Hospitalization Rate

Emergency Room Visits for COVID Symptoms

1.51



2.59%



The next update to the dashboard will be on Jan 5, 2026

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Vaccination Coverage in WV



West Virginia Vaccination Coverage Dashboard



Vaccination Year

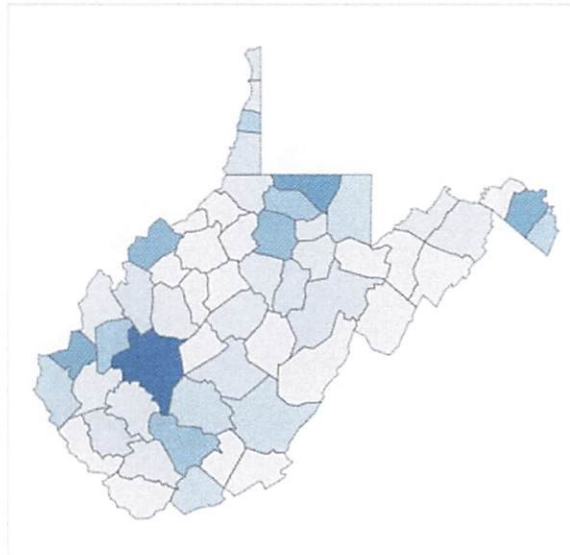
Current Age

County of Residence

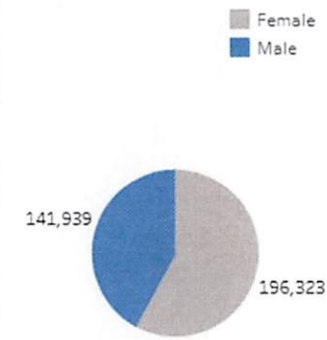
Vaccine Family

Vaccination Series

Vaccination Season



Doses Administered by Gender



| | < 1 year old | 1-2 years old | 3-5 years old | 6-12 years old | 13-18 years old | 19-29 years old | 30-39 years old | 40-49 years old | 50-59 years old | 60-69 years old | 70-79 years old | 80+ years old |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Number of People Vaccinated | 879 | 2,655 | 4,221 | 13,700 | 12,206 | 25,389 | 24,492 | 29,039 | 38,410 | 65,469 | 77,866 | 38,573 |
| Doses Administered | 1,691 | 3,138 | 4,342 | 13,933 | 12,349 | 25,771 | 24,843 | 29,427 | 38,955 | 66,395 | 78,862 | 39,075 |
| Percentage | 0.26% | 0.80% | 1.27% | 4.12% | 3.67% | 7.63% | 7.36% | 8.73% | 11.54% | 19.67% | 23.40% | 11.59% |
| Rate per 1,000 | 0.49 | 1.49 | 2.36 | 7.68 | 6.84 | 14.23 | 13.72 | 16.27 | 21.52 | 36.68 | 43.63 | 21.61 |

* Population estimates data source: 2024 US Census data. More information about population estimates can be found at this link - <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs>

*Data regarding case counts of vaccine preventable disease - <https://oeps.wv.gov/vpd/Documents/Data/VPD%20Ca>

*Data Source: The West Virginia Immunization Information System (WVSIIS). Data is preliminary and subject to change.

<https://oeps.wv.gov/immunizations>