

Evaluation of Pertussis Contacts in an Outbreak Setting

The following flowchart provides a brief guide for screening and evaluation of contacts to a pertussis case during an outbreak. The incubation period for pertussis is typically 7-10 days, with a range of 5-21 days. Contact investigations should proceed for all cases of pertussis. Attempts to identify and provide prophylaxis to high-risk close contacts should proceed without waiting for laboratory confirmation. Prophylaxis of infants and their household contacts should not be delayed because pertussis can be severe and life-threatening to infants.

Flow Chart

