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Dear Parents;

We have been notified by the Onondaga County Health Department that we have a confirmed case of pertussis (whooping cough) at the Marcellus Senior HS. The Onondaga County Health Department and our school Medical Director, Dr. Edinger, are closely monitoring the situation, providing guidance and are in contact with the HS office.

The vast majority of children at the Marcellus Central Schools have already been vaccinated against pertussis. The vaccination decreases the risk of your child contracting the disease. Unfortunately, since no vaccine is 100% effective, it does not guarantee that you or your child will be immune. Adults are also at risk for contracting Pertussis.

Pertussis, or whooping cough, is a highly contagious bacterial infection. If you have any reason to suspect that your child may have pertussis, please do not send them to school until you have discussed the matter with your private physician.

For more information on pertussis and immunizations, you may check out the following website: www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable . If you have any questions on this disease, please contact the Onondaga County Communicable Disease Nurse at 435-3236. The office hours are M-F 8:30-4:00.

Thank you for your help and support in keeping our students healthy and ready to learn. If you have any questions on how the district is responding to this case, please contact Trish McCarron at 673-6006 or pmccarron@marcellusschools.org.

Sincerely;

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