



Moore Epi - Notes

A quarterly newsletter for healthcare providers in Moore County

Pertussis in Moore County

Moore County continues to be in the top 10 percent of counties with the most confirmed or probable cases of pertussis per 100,00 people.

These numbers underscore the importance of the Tdap booster before entering the 6th grade and the continuation of offering a Tdap booster to older adults that may be around children 12 months and younger, pregnant women, severe asthmatics and immunocompromised individuals.

If pertussis is suspected in a patient **please** test by naso-pharyngeal swab with PCR and CULTURE and call Kim Duffy (947-4526) at the Moore county Health Department to inform that a PCR has been done.

If suspicions are high enough that an N/P swab is performed **please** tell the patient to stay home from school, work, and any other activities until lab results are back and / or antibiotics are completed.

Thanks to all of you that have been and are continuing to do this!

Chikungunya Reportable in NC

Chikungunya was made reportable in North Carolina effective June 23, 2014.

Chikungunya virus is transmitted by mosquitoes and the most common symptoms are fever and joint pain. Chikungunya should be considered in patients who develop acute onset fever and polyarthralgia within two weeks of returning from the Caribbean or other endemic areas.

The incubation period is typically 3-7 days (range, 1-12 days). If Chikungunya is suspected, patients should be encouraged to stay indoors or use mosquito repellent consistently during the first 5 days of illness to reduce the risk of local transmission.

Resources include: www.cdc.gov/chikungunya/ and NC DPH Epi on-Call: 919-733-3419 (24/7)

Confirmed / Probable Cases

The following confirmed/probable cases of disease were reported by Moore during the 3rd quarter of 2014:

- Chlamydia— 71 RMSF- 5 probable
- Gonorrhea— 26 TB—no active cases
- Pertussis— 5 confirmed and 5 probable
- Campylobacter— 4 Strep Invasive—1
- Hepatitis B—1

Confidential fax: 910-947-1663

**Moore County Health Department:
910-947-3300**

**Communicable Disease Nurse fax:
910-947-2480**

**After Hours/Weekend Reporting
910-947-2911 (Ask to have the Health
Director or his designee paged.)**

Please remember to report communicable diseases to the Health Department. Accurate reporting helps to stop the spread of disease and helps us to gain knowledge about the health of our community. Moore County Health Department is committed to ensuring county healthcare providers access to countywide disease data summaries to inform patient care.