

Pertussis {Whooping Cough} can cause serious and sometimes life-threatening complications in infants, especially in the first 6 months of life. The best way to protect infants against pertussis is through "cocooning."

"Cocooning" refers to the strategy of immunizing all those who will be in close contact with an infant in their first 6 months of life with the pertussis {Tdap} vaccine. The vaccine — officially known as tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis — is recommended for pregnant mothers, fathers, adoptive families, grandparents, caregivers, and other close relatives and friends.

The Connecticut Vaccine Program provides RVNAhealth with free vaccine, for which we charge a **\$21 administration fee.**RVNAhealth accepts checks and credit cards.

To make an appointment, please contact us at 203.438.5555 or BeWELL@RVNAhealth.org. RVNAhealth has locations at 27 Governor Street in Ridgefield, CT and 68 Park Lane Road in New Milford, CT.

When temperatures allow, RVNAhealth offers vaccines and immunizations 'curbside,' allowing us to serve our patients safely and swiftly. If you have any questions regarding this practice, we are happy to answer them when we schedule your appointment.

