

Good evening, this is John Mankowich from the Sachem Office of Health and Physical Education, Health Services and Athletics. I am calling you this evening to alert you that there is a diagnosed case of Pertussis, otherwise known as Whooping Cough, at Sequoya Middle School. Pertussis is a contagious disease that is spread through the air by coughing. This child also has siblings who attend Sachem High School East and Merrimac Elementary schools. These children show no signs of the disease and have a clean bill of health.

We are providing a letter that will supply you with additional information from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services on our district website. You can view this letter by going to www.sachem.edu. This letter will be available for you to view starting tomorrow afternoon. If you do not have internet access you may call the Main Office at these schools and request that a paper copy of this letter be sent home with your child. If you have any additional questions you may contact the Suffolk County Division of Disease Control at 631-853-3055.

Thank you and have a pleasant evening.