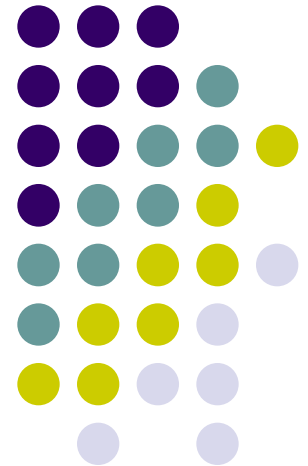
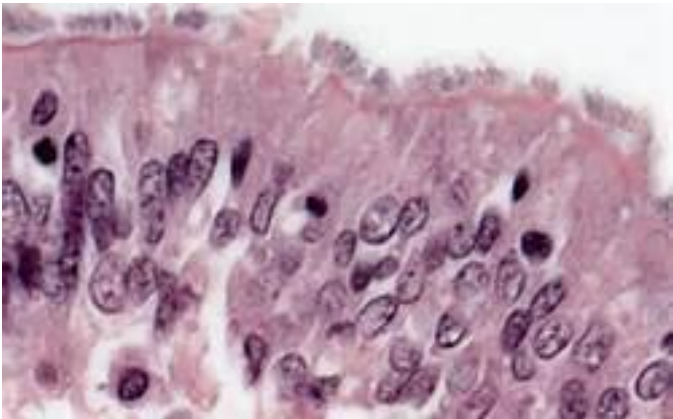


Preventing Pertussis

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What is Pertussis?

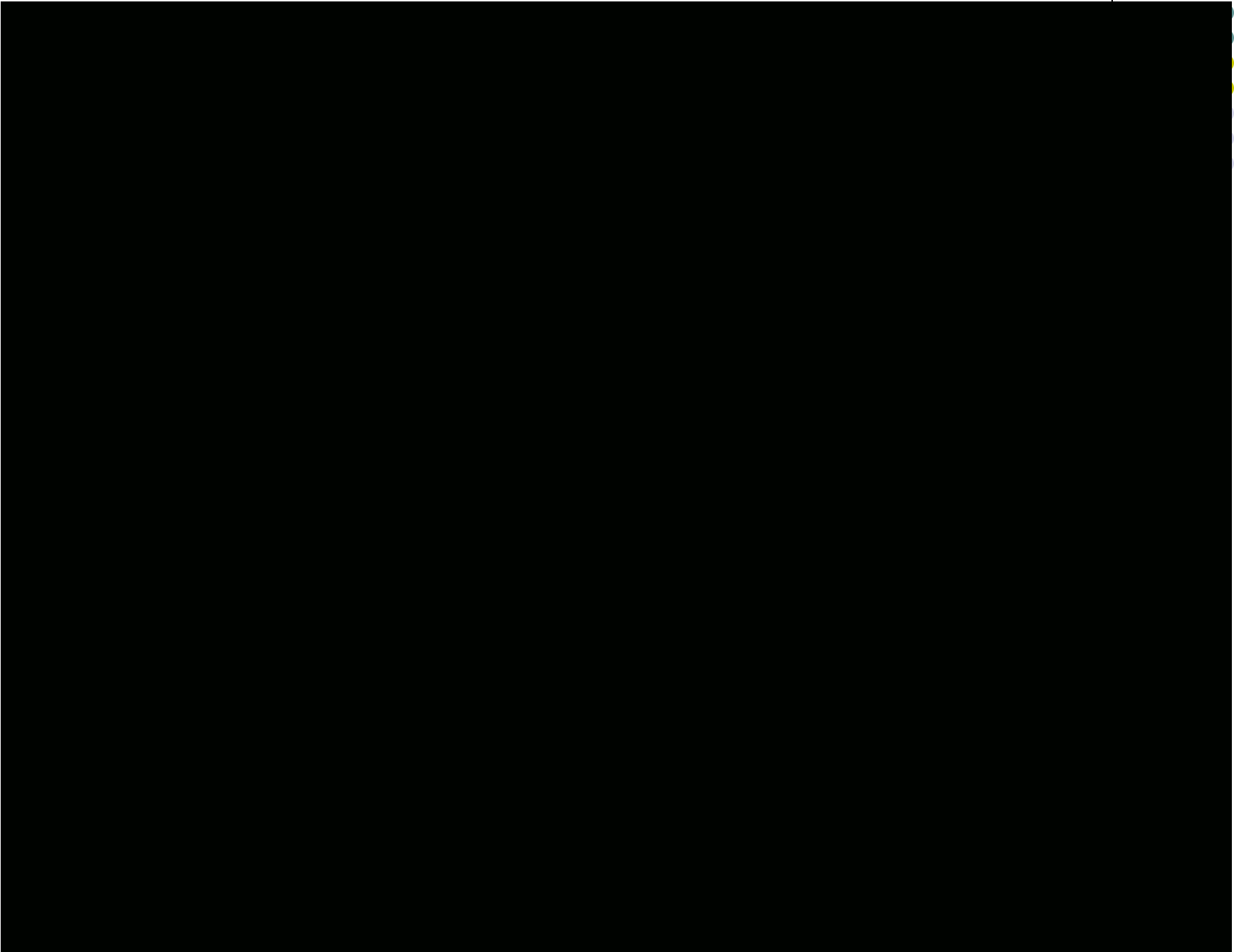


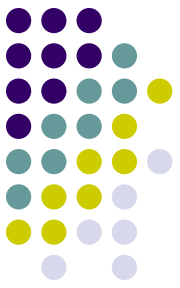
- Also known as **Whooping Cough**
- Highly infectious bacterial illness caused by the bacterium, **Bordetella Pertussis**
- Spread through contact with infectious droplets of the nose and throat
- Incubation period is commonly 7 – 10 days, with a range of 4 - 21 days

Signs & Symptoms of Pertussis



- Runny nose
- Red watery eyes
- Mild fever
- Paroxysmal cough characterized by a high pitched “whoop”
- Cyanotic episodes in children
- Complications include: Pneumonia, rib fractures, hernias, urinary incontinence, angina, seizures, encephalopathy, dehydration, bacterial infection and **death**





Who's at Risk of Pertussis?

- Infants and children who have not completed their primary series of vaccination
- Adolescents who have not received their booster dose
- Health care workers who may be exposed



Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine

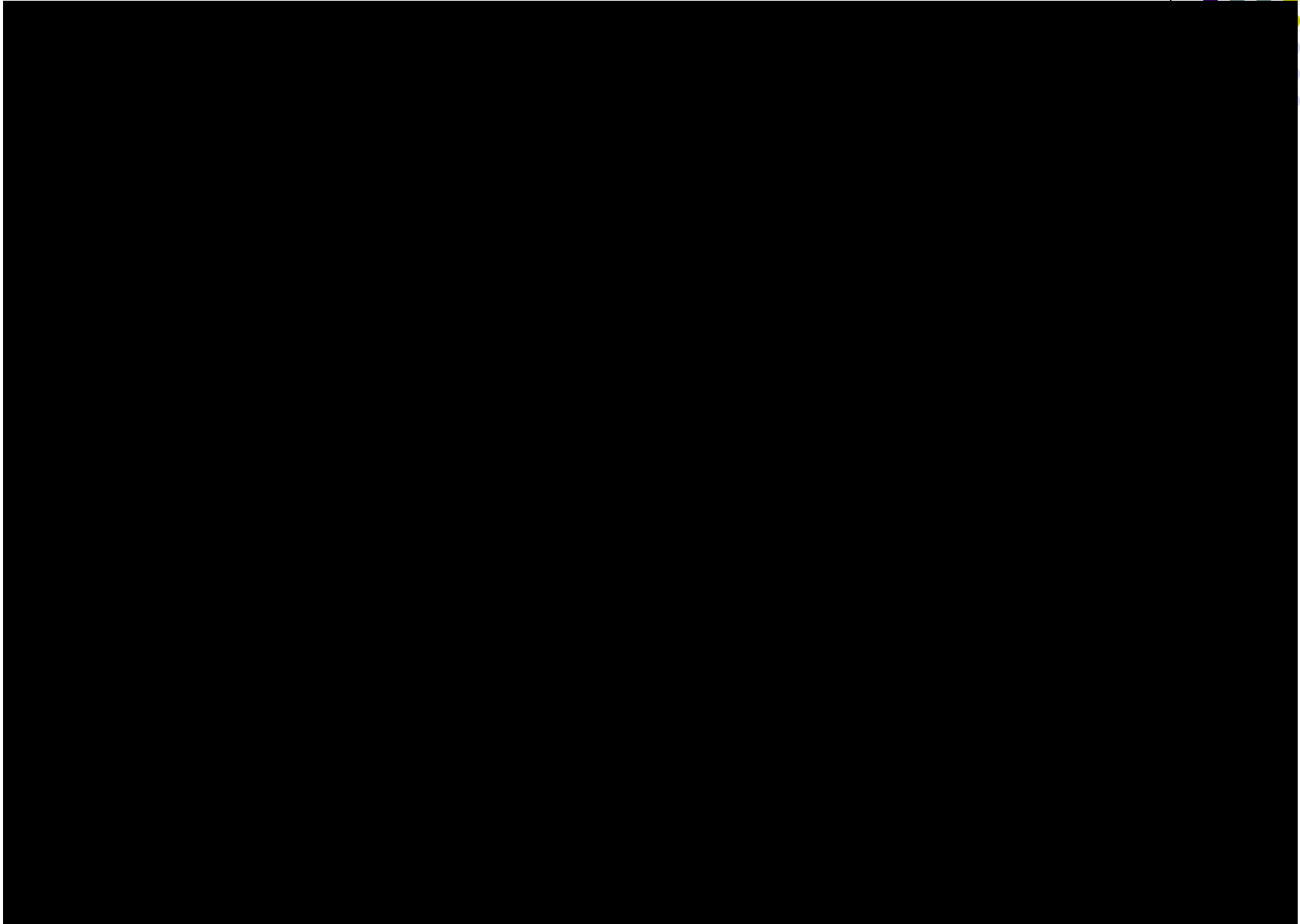


The department of Health and Community Services recommends:

- ❖ *Administer one dose of Tdap to new hires.*
- ❖ *Administer one dose of Tdap to all Health Care Workers who provide direct care to infants less than 1 year of age*



Surviving Whooping Cough – Michelle's Story





- To receive your Tdap vaccine please contact your Occupational Health Nurse:

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