Pertussis Surveillance 2020 Yearly Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic affected health care seeking behavior, which may be impacting the diagnosis and reporting of pertussis that are shown in this report. For more information on the COVID-19 pandemic in Florida, please visit FloridaHealthCOVID-19.gov.



In 2020, **215 pertussis cases were reported in 38 counties.** Compared to 2019, this was a 45% decrease in reported pertussis cases



Pertussis rates were highest among infants <1 year old at 18.1 cases per 100,000 population in 2020.



An average of 3 contacts per case in 2020 was reported. Contacts are classified as people whom antibiotics were recommended to prevent illness.

Thirty percent of reported cases were up-to-date on their vaccinations. The current pertussis childhood immunization recommendation would not have been implemented for people born before November 1, 1982. Based on age, 47 cases would not have been vaccinated under the current childhood immunization recommendation.



In 2020, Northwest Florida reported less pertussis cases than other regions, while Central Florida had the highest cumulative incidence rates overall.



No outbreak-associated cases and 56 householdassociated cases were identified in 2020. Transmission

setting was unknown for the majority of cases (n=149). Household-associated Outbreak-associated Total cases

