

Reference <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/pink/pert.pdf>

| <b>Stage</b>           | <b>Timing</b>   | <b>Features</b>   |
|------------------------|---|---|
| Incubation             | 7 to 10 days<br>Range 4 to 21 days<br>Maximum 42 days | Person is exposed to <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> .  |
| Catarrhal Stage        | 1 to 2 weeks duration                                 | Onset insidious, similar to mild upper respiratory infection * <i>Most contagious stage</i>                               |
| Paroxysmal Cough Stage | 1 to 6 weeks duration                                 | Bursts of numerous rapid coughs followed by inspiratory whoop * <i>May manifest as apnea in infants without the whoop</i> |
| Convalescent Stage     | Weeks to Months                                       | Gradual recovery, may have recurrent respiratory tract infections   |