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**Show Your Love This Valentine's Day:**

**Protect the Infants in Your Life—Get Vaccinated against Whooping Cough**

Brewster, NY—Before babies receive their three doses of Tdap by six months of age, they are at risk of catching the serious childhood illness whooping cough (pertussis), which is on the rise again.

To protect these vulnerable infants, the Putnam County Department of Health (PCDOH), along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, GA, recommends “cocoon vaccination,” or immunizing all adults who may have lost their childhood immunity and come in contact with these susceptible children.

Show you care this Valentine's Day and take advantage of one of two FREE Tdap Vaccine Clinics held by the Putnam County Department of Health. On Tuesday, February 14, 2012 from 10 am to 2 pm, clinics will be located at the Health Department, 1 Geneva Road, and at WIC, 121 Main Street in the Village of Brewster. Prescriptions are not required; no appointments are necessary.

All infant caregivers, 20 years of age and older, including parents, grandparents, babysitters and siblings are eligible. Vaccine information sheets and consent forms are available online at [www.putnamcountyny.com/health](http://www.putnamcountyny.com/health). To save time, download and bring completed forms with you to the clinic. Forms will also be available at the clinic if you are unable to download them.

Visit the Health Department's website at: [www.putnamcountyny.com/health](http://www.putnamcountyny.com/health) for more information about vaccinations, or follow the Health Department on Facebook.