

## Infectious Disease Bulletin Re-design

The Infectious Disease Bulletin is undergoing a transformation starting in February 2013. We are creating a webpage called **Infectious Disease News** -- an online feature at the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) website.

### What's new?

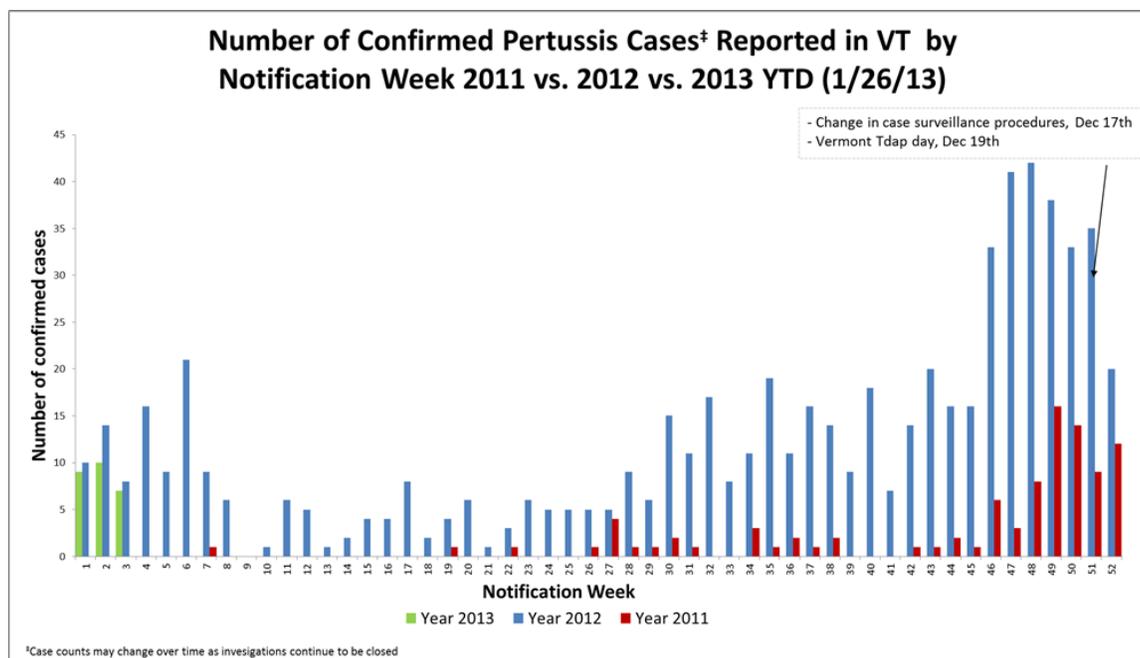
- Content updates will be added as news emerges.
- Numbers of reportable diseases will continue to be updated monthly and posted on this website.
- You will receive a message by email or fax when the page has a significant update.  
*Note:* If you have been receiving health alerts by fax, but would prefer to receive by email, please send a message with your email address to [brett.larose@state.vt.us](mailto:brett.larose@state.vt.us).
- Previously posted articles will be readily accessible.

We want your feedback. Please let us know what information related to infectious disease epidemiology would be most helpful in your clinical practice. Email [shari.levine@state.vt.us](mailto:shari.levine@state.vt.us) or call 802-863-7240. You can also help us to spread the word by sharing this resource with your colleagues.

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## Pertussis Update

Vermont, like many other states, has been experiencing an outbreak of pertussis that started around the end of 2011. While it's hard to know when the number of cases will return to pre-outbreak levels, the number of cases has been decreasing in recent weeks.



The *Infectious Disease Bulletin* can be viewed at: <http://healthvermont.gov/pubs/IDB/index.aspx>  
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