

The Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics at KDHE will be providing a webinar on pertussis and varicella case investigations specifically for school nurses. The webinar will be offered on two different days to accommodate as many school nurses as possible. Detailed information about the webinar can be found below:

**Title:** Pertussis and Varicella Investigations – The Role of a School Nurse

**Dates and Time:** Tuesday, September 19 from 12-1pm **OR** Wednesday, September 20 from 3-4pm

**Description:** This course is an update to the presentation that was provided last year in November 2016. New information includes case counts and outbreaks of varicella and pertussis in 2016. This course will also serve as a refresher on case and contact investigation for varicella and pertussis. This presentation will provide a brief overview of infectious disease reporting in Kansas and the role a school nurse plays in pertussis and varicella case and contact investigations. The epidemiology of pertussis and varicella will be discussed as well as the current regulations and recommendations surrounding each disease. The session will depict specific pertussis and varicella scenarios school nurses are likely to encounter and highlight valuable resources regarding infectious disease investigations.

**Objectives:**

1. Locate list of Kansas reportable diseases and communicable disease handbook
2. Describe signs/symptoms and transmission of pertussis and varicella
3. Conduct prevention and control measures for pertussis and varicella case investigations

\*Information needed to complete the Kansas State Board of Nursing individual offering approval form is available by attending this webinar and completing a short evaluation. To receive credit for completing this webinar training, you must register for this course individually. DO NOT register as a group.

**Registration Information:** If you do not already have an account with KansasTrain at <http://ks.train.org>, please follow the instructions attached in this email labeled “Create an Account on KS-Train 1-2017.pdf”. Once signed in, you can locate the webinar by typing in the name of the course “KDHE: Pertussis and Varicella Investigations – The Role of a School Nurse” or typing in the Course ID # “1072739” in the upper right search box. Once located, click on the “Registration” tab and choose a day that works best for you. When you select the “Go to Step 2 of Registration” button you will be able to access the webinar link.

For any questions regarding content of this webinar, please don't hesitate to call or email myself. For questions about registration, please call Michelle Cooper at 785-296-1059 or email at [michelle.cooper@ks.gov](mailto:michelle.cooper@ks.gov).