

DID YOU KNOW

Without boards of health, we would not be able to prevent or slow the spread of disease.

Public Health Excellence funds have brought together scientists who look for patterns in community data for signs of health threats, study how diseases spread from person to person, and identify best practices and interventions to reduce the spread of disease in their communities.

Your Community Disease Detectives

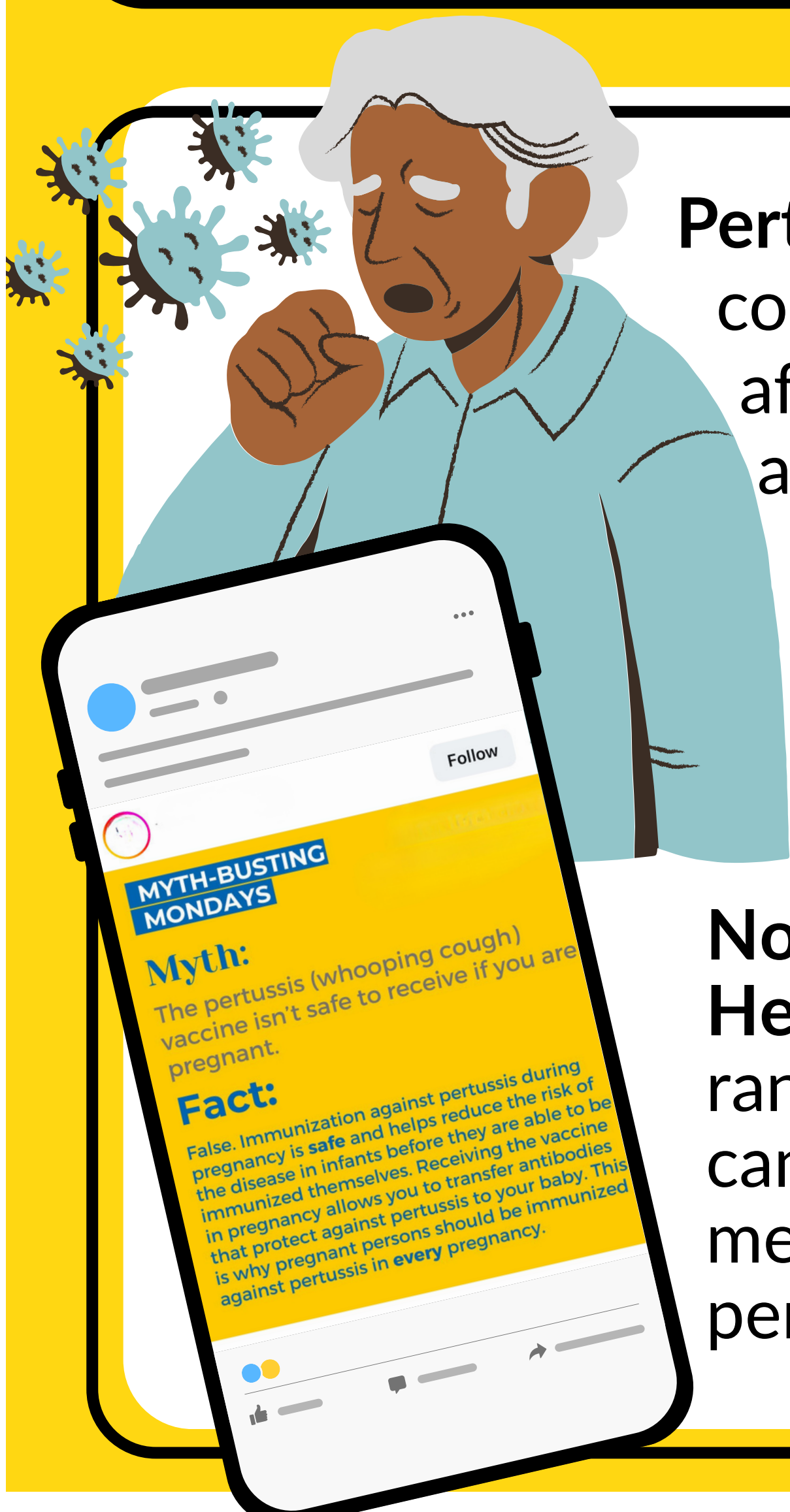
The Massachusetts Epidemiology Collaborative, representing over 150 municipalities across 20+ Public Health Excellence Collaboratives statewide, informed responses to two major health threats:

- A pertussis or, whooping cough, outbreak on the North Shore
- Alpha-gal Syndrome on Martha's Vineyard, a tick-borne condition causing dangerous meat allergies



Pertussis is a highly contagious disease that affects the lungs and airways, and is especially dangerous for young children and older adults.

North Shore Public Health Collaborative ran a public education campaign on social media about the pertusis vaccine.



Alpha-gal syndrome is a type of food allergy that begins with the bite of the Lone Star tick, making people allergic to red meat and mammal products.



Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative ran a multi-lingual public education campaign about tick prevention.

