

Whooping cough numbers low in El Dorado, Placer

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Pertussis is continuing to spread across California, public health officials said Friday.

However, in El Dorado and Placer counties it's not so bad.

El Dorado County has reported only two cases so far this year, compared with last year's total of four. And Placer County has confirmed 37 cases, less than half of the 85 cases reported in 2013.

Sacramento County so far this year has seen nearly double the cases it did for all of 2013.

Health officials say whooping cough is a cyclical disease that peaks every three or four years and then settles down. It was so widespread in California in 2010 that officials made vaccinations mandatory before a child could attend public school – except in cases when parents opted not to get their kids immunized.

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