What is UNEX?

The **CASE DEFINITION** is met if a case meets at least one of the following criteria:

1. Hospital/facility-based death with no known cause AND history of fever (>100.4°F) OR a temperature of <96.8°F within 48 hours of death.
2. Patient-reported history of fever within 48 hours of death.
3. Clinical suspicion of infectious etiology by a health care provider or medical examiner.

**UNEX in Arizona**

- Unexplained deaths with a history of fever (UNEX) have been reportable in Arizona since 2004.
- Health care providers are required to report UNEX to their local health department within 24 hours of detection (A.A.C. R9-6-202)

**Purpose of UNEX Investigations**

To identify infectious disease deaths that might be:

- Transmitted person-to-person
- Require a public health intervention
- Represent a new or emerging infection
- Due to an act of terrorism

**What to do if I have a Case?**

If you identify a UNEX at your health care facility, please contact your local health agency for further assistance.

**Where can I learn more about UNEX Investigations?**

Please visit the Arizona Department Health Services website at [http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/epi/unex/](http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/epi/unex/)