



Case Definitions for Communicable Morbidities

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Introduction

In the United States, requirements for reporting diseases are mandated by state or local laws or regulations, and the list of reportable diseases in each state differs. The reporting requirements for Arizona are part of the Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), available at http://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_09/9-06.pdf. The A.A.C. stipulates what communicable diseases healthcare providers, laboratories, and other entities need to report to public health officials, who will then review reports, conduct a public health investigation if appropriate, and classify cases according to the current case definitions.

Since 1990, in collaboration with the [Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists](#) (CSTE), the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) has published case definitions for public health surveillance to provide uniform criteria for case classification to increase the specificity of reporting and improve the comparability of diseases reported from different geographic areas.

The CDC/CSTE surveillance case definitions included in this report differ in their use of clinical, laboratory, and epidemiologic criteria to define cases. Some clinical syndromes do not have confirmatory laboratory tests; however, laboratory evidence may be one component of a clinical definition (e.g., toxic-shock syndrome). Most case definitions include a brief clinical description; however, unless this description is explicitly cited in the case classification section, it is included only as background information. Some diseases require laboratory confirmation for diagnosis regardless of clinical symptoms, whereas others are diagnosed based on epidemiologic data. Many case definitions for the childhood vaccine-preventable diseases and foodborne diseases include epidemiologic criteria (e.g., exposure to probable or confirmed cases of disease or to a point source of infection [i.e., a single source of infection, such as an event resulting in a foodborne-disease outbreak, to which all confirmed case-patients were exposed]). In some instances, the anatomic site of infection may be important; for example, whether the organism was isolated from a normally sterile site (e.g., blood).

Since each state has the authority to make additional morbidities reportable, there are some morbidities reportable in Arizona that are not nationally notifiable. Case definitions for those morbidities are also included in this report to standardize surveillance within Arizona. Case definitions in this document for nationally notifiable conditions match the CDC case definitions for most morbidities, unless noted.

For more information see:

- ADHS's Summary and Overview for Case Definitions for Public Health Surveillance at <http://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-case-definition>;
- CDC's National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System at <http://www.cdc.gov/nndss/>; or
- the ADHS Infectious Disease Surveillance Overview posted at <http://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#data-home>

Definition of Terms Used in Case Classification

Confirmed case: A case that is classified as confirmed for reporting purposes.

Probable case: A case that is classified as probable for reporting purposes.

Suspected case: A case that is classified as suspected for reporting purposes.

Laboratory-confirmed case: A case that is confirmed by one or more of the laboratory methods listed in the case definition under Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance. Although other laboratory methods may be used in clinical diagnosis, if specific test methods are listed in a case definition, only those listed are accepted as laboratory confirmation for case-defining purposes.

Epidemiologically-linked case: A case in which a) the patient has had contact with one or more persons who either have/had the disease or have been exposed to a point source of infection (e.g., a single source of infection, such as an event leading to a foodborne-disease outbreak, to which all confirmed case-patients were exposed) and b) transmission of the agent by the usual modes of transmission for that agent is plausible. A case may be considered epidemiologically linked to a laboratory-confirmed case if at least one case in the chain of transmission is laboratory-confirmed.

Supportive or presumptive laboratory results: Specified laboratory results that are consistent with the illness, yet do not meet the criteria for laboratory confirmation.

Clinically compatible case: A clinical syndrome generally compatible with the disease, as described in the clinical description.

Normally sterile site: An anatomic location, or tissue or body fluid from an anatomic location, in which microorganisms are not found in the absence of disease. See [Appendix 1: Specimen types and Guidelines for determining “sterile” and “non-sterile” sites](#) for additional guidelines.

Definition of an Epidemiologic Investigation

Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-101.33 (http://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_09/9-06.pdf)

Epidemiologic investigation: The application of scientific methods to ascertain a diagnosis; identify risk factors for a disease; determine the potential for spreading a disease; institute control measures; and complete forms and reports such as communicable disease, case investigation, and outbreak reports.

Definition of Binational Case

A binational case refers to an individual with a confirmed, probable or suspect case of a reportable communicable disease, AND meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- Potentially exposed while in Mexico or Canada (travel to Mexico or Canada during the appropriate period when patient may have been infected)
- Potentially exposed by resident of Mexico or Canada
- Resident of Canada or Mexico
- Has case contacts in or from Mexico or Canada (e.g., potentially exposed by person who recently traveled to Mexico or Canada, epi-linked contact of a binational case).
- Exposure to suspected product from Canada or Mexico
- Other situations that may require binational notification or coordination of response (e.g., a measles outbreak without known cross-border contacts in a border community or state; exposure to an exported product from the U.S. to Canada or Mexico; sought medical attention and/or treatment in Canada or Mexico)

Arizona and Sonora will utilize Arizona's Medical Electronic Disease Intelligence System (MEDSIS) and/or secure email accounts to share all confidential information.

Cross-border investigations of binational cases will be determined on a case-by-case basis. During cross-border disease investigations of binational interest:

- Arizona health authorities will use Arizona's Communicable Disease Case Definition guide for epidemiologic investigations.
- Sonora health authorities will use Communicable Disease Case Definitions based on the Guidelines established by the [Mexican Official Norms for Epidemiologic Surveillance](http://www.cdc.gov/USMexicoHealth/pdf/us-mexico-guidelines.pdf) (<http://www.cdc.gov/USMexicoHealth/pdf/us-mexico-guidelines.pdf>).

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Case Definitions for Communicable Morbidities Reportable in Arizona

ACUTE FLACCID MYELITIS (AFM)

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS

Cases should be reported under the [emerging or exotic disease](#) requirement. Enter in MEDSIS as Acute Flaccid Myelitis.

CASE DEFINITION**Background**

Acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) is characterized by rapid onset of flaccid weakness in one or more limbs and distinct abnormalities of the spinal cord gray matter on magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). AFM is a subtype of acute flaccid paralysis (AFP), defined as acute onset of flaccid weakness absent features suggesting an upper motor neuron disorder. The term 'AFP' is a generalized 'umbrella' term, and includes multiple clinical entities including paralytic poliomyelitis, AFM, Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), acute transverse myelitis, toxic neuropathy, and muscle disorders.

Clinical Criteria

- An illness with onset of acute flaccid* weakness of one or more limbs, AND
- Absence of a clear alternative diagnosis attributable to a nationally notifiable condition**

Laboratory/Imaging Criteria for Surveillance***Confirmatory laboratory/imaging evidence***

- A magnetic resonance image (MRI) showing spinal cord lesion with predominant gray matter involvement[†] and spanning one or more vertebral segments, AND
- Excluding persons with gray matter lesions in the spinal cord resulting from physician diagnosed malignancy, vascular disease, or anatomic abnormalities.

Presumptive laboratory/imaging evidence

- MRI showing spinal cord lesion where gray matter involvement[†] is present but predominance cannot be determined, AND
- Excluding persons with gray matter lesions in the spinal cord resulting from physician diagnosed malignancy, vascular disease, or anatomic abnormalities.

Supportive laboratory/imaging evidence

- MRI showing a spinal cord lesion in at least some gray matter[†] and spanning one or more vertebral segments, AND
- Excluding persons with gray matter lesions in the spinal cord resulting from physician diagnosed malignancy, vascular disease, or anatomic abnormalities.

Other Classification Criteria

- Autopsy findings that include histopathologic evidence of inflammation largely involving the anterior horn of the spinal cord spanning one or more vertebral segments, AND

- Excluding persons with gray matter lesions in the spinal cord resulting from physician diagnosed malignancy, vascular disease, or anatomic abnormalities, AND
- Absence of a clear alternative diagnosis attributable to a nationally notifiable condition.**

* *Low muscle tone, limp, hanging loosely, not spastic or contracted.*

***Cases with a clear alternative diagnosis attributable to a nationally notifiable condition (NNC) should be reported only once using the event code for the NNC to avoid duplicate reporting.*

† *Terms in the spinal cord MRI report such as “affecting gray matter,” “affecting the anterior horn or anterior horn cells,” “affecting the central cord,” “anterior myelitis,” or “poliomyelitis” would all be consistent with this terminology.*

Note: The categorical labels used here to stratify laboratory/imaging evidence are intended to support the standardization of case classifications for public health surveillance. The categorical labels should not be used to interpret the utility or validity of any laboratory/imaging test methodology.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets clinical criteria with confirmatory laboratory/imaging evidence, OR
- Meets other classification criteria.

Probable

Meets clinical criteria with presumptive laboratory/imaging evidence.

Suspect

- Meets clinical criteria with supportive laboratory/imaging evidence, AND
- Available information is insufficient to classify case as probable or confirmed.

Comment

To provide consistency in case classification, review of case information and assignment of final case classification for all suspected AFM cases will be done by experts in national AFM surveillance. This is similar to the review required for final classification of paralytic polio cases.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-338](#) Emerging or Exotic Disease

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of an emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. In consultation with the Department, isolate an emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case as necessary to prevent transmission;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case; and

4. For each emerging or exotic disease case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency, in consultation with the Department,

1. Shall quarantine or exclude an emerging or exotic disease contact as necessary, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See the Acute Flaccid Myelitis: Patient Summary Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2022
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2022
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2022: Added other classification criteria; clarified clinical criteria absence of clear alternative diagnosis attributable to a national notifiable condition via footnote.</p> <p>2021: Updated clinical description, confirmatory and presumptive laboratory evidence, and confirmed, probable, and suspect case classifications. Added supportive laboratory evidence and other classification criteria.</p> <p>2020: Updated presumptive laboratory evidence and added a suspect case classification. Changes based on modifications to CDC/CSTE definition.</p> <p>2018: Updated clinical description. National experts in AFM surveillance will determine the final case classification.</p> <p>2016: CSTE approved a case definition for AFM in 2015 in order to standardize surveillance, although AFM is not nationally notifiable and is not explicitly reportable in Arizona at this time.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Background

Anaplasmosis is a tickborne disease caused by the bacterium *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*. *Ixodes scapularis*, or the blacklegged tick, is the primary vector in the northeastern and midwestern United States. The western blacklegged tick, *Ixodes pacificus*, is the principal vector along the West Coast. Anaplasmosis is not known to be endemic in Arizona.

Clinical Description

Anaplasmosis typically presents 5 to 14 days after a tick bite with a combination of nonspecific clinical symptoms, such as fever, fatigue, and headache. Illness is often accompanied by laboratory abnormalities including leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, and mildly elevated liver enzymes.

Clinical Criteria

- Objective clinical evidence: fever as reported by patient or healthcare provider, anemia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, any hepatic transaminase elevation, or elevated C-reactive protein
- Subjective clinical evidence: chills/sweats, headache, myalgia, or fatigue/malaise

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of *A. phagocytophilum* DNA in a clinical specimen via amplification of a specific target by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay, nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT), or other molecular testing; OR
- Serological evidence of a four-fold change¹ in IgG-specific antibody titer to *A. phagocytophilum* antigen by indirect immunofluorescence assay (IFA) in paired serum samples (one taken in the first two weeks after illness onset and a second taken two to ten weeks after acute specimen collection); OR
- Demonstration of anaplasma antigen in a biopsy or autopsy sample by immunohistochemical methods; OR
- Isolation of *A. phagocytophilum* from a clinical specimen in cell culture with molecular confirmation (e.g., PCR or sequencing).

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Serological evidence of elevated IgG antibody reactive with *A. phagocytophilum* antigen by IFA at a titer $\geq 1:128$ in a sample taken within 60 days of illness onset; OR
- Microscopic identification of intracytoplasmic morulae in leukocytes in a sample taken within 60 days of illness onset.

¹ A four-fold change in titer is equivalent to a change of two dilutions (e.g., 1:64 to 1:256).

² A four-fold rise in titer should not be excluded as confirmatory laboratory criteria if the acute and convalescent specimens are collected within two weeks of one another.

Case Classifications**

Confirmed

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence AND at least one of the objective or subjective clinical evidence criteria.

Probable

- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence with fever as reported by patient or healthcare provider AND at least one other objective or subjective clinical evidence criterion (excluding chills/sweats); OR
- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence without a reported fever but with chills/sweats AND:
 - at least one objective clinical evidence criterion; OR
 - two other subjective clinical evidence criteria.

Suspect

- Meets confirmatory or presumptive laboratory evidence with no or insufficient clinical information to classify as a confirmed or probable case (e.g., a laboratory report only).

** Patients should not be classified as cases for both anaplasmosis and [ehrlichiosis](#) based on serologic evidence alone.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A person previously reported as a probable or confirmed case may be counted as a new case when there is an episode of a new clinically compatible illness with confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Comment

Diagnostic testing for anaplasmosis is complicated by the close genetic relationship between *Anaplasma* and *Ehrlichia* species. Blood smears may reveal morulae within the cytoplasm of infected cells, and while they cannot always conclusively distinguish between *Anaplasma* and some *Ehrlichia* species, smears are the only rapid diagnostic available, and in combination with surveillance data, the results can be informative. Serologic testing is commonly used to diagnose anaplasmosis, but as with other closely related species, antibodies to *Anaplasma* and *Ehrlichia* can cross-react.

In addition to the relatively low specificity of single positive serologic assay results, antibodies can persist for months or years following infection and may be detected in individuals with no clinical evidence of disease; overall, a single, mildly elevated titer is a poor indicator of current infection. The presence of IgG antibodies may reflect past exposures, and data suggest that IgG antibodies reactive to *A. phagocytophilum* in asymptomatic individuals may be more common than previously thought. While accurately interpreting a single IgG test result is challenging, IgM antibodies have also proven to be unreliable indicators of infection. Organism-specific IgM tests are typically only reactive during the first 40 days after infection and are less sensitive than tests that detect IgG antibodies.

Some of the tests included in the previous case definition (specifically ELISA and dot ELISA) are no longer widely available and lack reliability, especially when compared to species-specific molecular methods. A national analysis of surveillance data for anaplasmosis from 2008-2017 shows a clear shift toward molecular testing in recent years. As of 2017, molecular methods were the diagnostic used in 75% of reported anaplasmosis cases. Other methods, such as antigen detection by immunohistochemistry, isolation in cell culture, or serological evidence of a four-fold change in IgG-specific antibody titer by indirect immunofluorescence assay (IFA) in paired serum samples, while definitive, are rarely reported. In addition, when acute and convalescent serum samples documenting a four-fold change in IgG-specific antibody titer are reported, many are rejected as laboratory evidence as samples were collected outside of the previous case definition's time parameters.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-307](#) Anaplasmosis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported anaplasmosis case or suspect case; and
2. For each anaplasmosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Tick-Borne Rickettsial Disease Case Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2024
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

<p>Description of changes</p>	<p>2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADHS case definition revised to match CDC/CSTE. • Removes 'Undetermined' option from case definition. • Added language to offer guidance on classifying cases with serology only reports for both <i>Ehrlichia</i> and <i>Anaplasma</i> spp. • Establish criteria for identifying new cases for surveillance purposes. <p>Clinical criteria changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separates clinical evidence criteria into objective and subjective categories. • Added fatigue/malaise as subjective clinical evidence. • Removes the requirement for fever as a clinical evidence criterion from confirmed cases. <p>Lab criteria changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes ELISA, dot-ELISA, and single IgM test results from laboratory evidence for case classification (alone these are unreliable indicators of infection). • Added language to specify that specimens for serology and microscopy be collected within 60 days of illness onset. • Extended window for collecting convalescent specimen to up to 10 weeks. • Raised actionable IgG titer level to $\geq 1:128$ from 1:64. <p>2018: Anaplasmosis split from ehrlichiosis, compatible with the listing in the reportable disease rules.</p> <p>ADHS case definitions revised in 2012 to match CDC/CSTE.</p>
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CASE DEFINITION**Clinical Description**

- **Cutaneous anthrax:** Typically begins as a small, painless, pruritic papule on an exposed surface. The lesion progresses through a vesicular stage to form a depressed black eschar. The eschar is often surrounded by edema or erythema and may be accompanied by lymphadenopathy. Fever is also a common symptom.
- **Ingestion anthrax:** presents as two subtypes:
 - Oropharyngeal: Anthrax spores germinating in the oropharynx may result in a mucosal lesion in the oral cavity or oropharynx. Symptoms include sore throat, difficulty swallowing, and neck swelling. Less specific symptoms include fever, fatigue, shortness of breath, abdominal pain, and nausea/vomiting. These symptoms may mimic a viral respiratory illness. Cervical lymphadenopathy, ascites, and altered mental status may also occur.
 - Gastrointestinal: Anthrax spores germinating in the lower gastrointestinal tract may cause symptoms such as abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea (either of which may contain blood), and abdominal swelling. Less specific symptoms such as fever, fatigue, and headache are also common. Altered mental status and ascites may also be observed.
- **Inhalation anthrax:** Often described as a biphasic illness. Early nonspecific symptoms include fever and fatigue. These are followed by localized thoracic symptoms such as cough, chest pain, and shortness of breath. Non-thoracic symptoms, including nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, headache, diaphoresis, and altered mental status, may also develop. Lung sounds are often abnormal, and imaging commonly shows pleural effusion or mediastinal widening.
- **Injection anthrax:** Presents as a severe soft tissue infection, characterized by significant edema or bruising after an injection. No eschar is apparent, and pain is often not described. Nonspecific symptoms such as fever, shortness of breath, or nausea are sometimes the first indication of illness. Occasionally, patients may present with meningeal or abdominal involvement. Coagulopathy is not unusual.
- **Welder's anthrax:** Usually presents as pneumonia, potentially accompanied by hemoptysis or pleural effusion. Unlike inhalation anthrax, mediastinal widening is uncommon. Nonspecific symptoms include fever or chills, cough, dyspnea, and hemoptysis. Lung sounds are often abnormal.

Additional considerations:

- 1) Signs of systemic involvement due to the dissemination of the bacteria and/or its toxins can occur with all types of anthrax. These signs include fever or hypothermia, tachycardia, tachypnea, hypotension, and leukocytosis. One or more of these signs are usually present in patients with ingestion anthrax, inhalation anthrax, and injection anthrax and may be present in up to a third of patients with cutaneous anthrax.
- 2) Anthrax meningitis: may complicate any form of anthrax, or present as a primary manifestation. Primary symptoms include fever, severe headache, nausea, vomiting, and fatigue. Meningeal

signs (e.g., meningismus), altered mental status, and other neurological signs such as seizures or focal signs are usually present. Most patients exhibit cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) abnormalities consistent with bacterial meningitis, with the CSF often described as hemorrhagic.

Clinical Criteria

- Death of an unknown cause with organ involvement consistent with anthrax; OR
- In the absence of another more likely etiology,
 - At least one of the following specific signs and symptoms:
 - Evidence of pleural effusion
 - Evidence of mediastinal widening or hemorrhagic mediastinal lymphadenopathy on imaging
 - Blood in the CSF
 - Painless or pruritic papular or vesicular lesion or eschar, may be surrounded by edema or erythema
 - Pneumonia; OR
 - At least two of the following non-specific signs and symptoms:
 - Abdominal pain
 - Abdominal swelling
 - Abnormal lung sounds
 - Altered mental status
 - Ascites
 - Cervical lymphadenopathy/Swelling of the neck
 - Coagulopathy
 - Cough
 - Diarrhea
 - Difficulty swallowing
 - Dyspnea
 - Edema
 - Fever
 - Headache
 - Hemoptysis
 - Hypotension
 - Lymphadenopathy
 - Meningeal signs
 - Nausea/vomiting
 - Sore throat
 - Tachycardia
 - Tachypnea

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence:

- Culture and identification of *B. anthracis* or *Bacillus* species expressing anthrax toxins from clinical specimens by an approved public health laboratory*; OR
- Evidence of a four-fold rise in antibodies to protective antigen (PA; one of the anthrax toxins) between acute and convalescent sera collected two to four weeks apart using quantitative anti-PA IgG ELISA testing in an unvaccinated person; OR

- Evidence of a four-fold change in antibodies to protective antigen (one of the anthrax toxins) in paired convalescent sera collected two-four weeks apart using quantitative anti-PA IgG ELISA testing in an unvaccinated person; OR
- Detection of *B. anthracis* or anthrax toxin genes by a public health laboratory*-validated polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and/or genomic sequencing in clinical specimens collected from a normally sterile site or lesion of other affected tissue (skin, pulmonary, reticuloendothelial, or gastrointestinal); OR
- Detection of lethal factor (LF) in clinical serum specimens by LF mass spectrometry.

Presumptive laboratory evidence:

- Demonstration of *B. anthracis* antigens in tissues by immunohistochemical staining; OR
- Gram stain demonstrating Gram-positive rods, square-ended, in pairs or short chains; OR
- Positive result on an anthrax test with established performance in a CLIA-accredited laboratory.

* State public health laboratories and other labs a part of the [Laboratory Response Network \(LRN\)](#)

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

- Exposure to environment, food, animal, materials, or objects that is/are suspected or confirmed to be contaminated with *B. anthracis* or anthrax toxin-producing *Bacillus* species; OR
- Exposure to the same environment, food, animal, materials, place of occupation, or objects as another person who has laboratory-confirmed anthrax.

Vital Records Criteria

- A person whose death certificate lists anthrax as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- A case that meets the clinical criteria AND meets the confirmatory laboratory evidence; OR
- A case that meets the vital records criteria AND meets the confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- A case that meets the clinical criteria AND meets the presumptive laboratory evidence; OR
- A case that meets the vital records criteria AND meets the presumptive laboratory evidence; OR
- A case that meets the clinical criteria AND meets the epidemiologic linkage criteria.

Suspect

- Meets vital records criteria only.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A person that was previously counted as a confirmed or probable case may be counted as a new case when they have newly met the confirmatory lab criteria after completing treatment for their previous infection and they had a new exposure to an anthrax-toxin producing *Bacillus* species.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-308](#) Anthrax

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of an anthrax case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported anthrax case or suspect case;
3. For each anthrax case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
4. In consultation with the Department, ensure that an isolate or a specimen, as available, from each anthrax case or suspect case is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Environmental Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Provide or arrange for disinfection of areas or objects contaminated by *Bacillus anthracis* through sterilization by dry heating, incineration of objects, or other appropriate means.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Anthrax Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2025: Welder's anthrax description added to clinical description. Clinical Criteria updated. Confirmatory and presumptive lab criteria updated, including the addition of <i>Bacillus</i> species producing anthrax toxins, other than anthracis. Vital records criteria added.</p> <p>Confirmed, probable, and suspect case definitions updated to include vital record criteria in addition to the lab criteria. Epidemiologic linkage criteria updated.</p> <p>2018: Updated clinical description, removed meningeal anthrax, added injection anthrax. Added clinical criteria for diagnosis and criteria for epidemiologic linkage. Updated lab testing.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Includes:

- California Serogroup Viruses (including California encephalitis, Jamestown Canyon, Keystone, La Crosse, Snowshoe hare, and Trivittatus viruses)
- [Chikungunya](#) (see Chikungunya page for Control Measures)
- Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus
- Powassan Virus
- [St. Louis Encephalitis Virus](#)
- [West Nile Virus](#) (see West Nile Virus page for Control Measures)
- Western Equine Encephalitis Virus

For [Dengue](#), [Oropouche](#), [Yellow Fever](#), or [Zika Virus](#), please see the separately listed case definitions.

Background

Arthropod-borne viruses (arboviruses) are transmitted to humans primarily through the bites of infected mosquitoes, ticks, sand flies, or midges. Other modes of transmission for some arboviruses include blood transfusion, organ transplantation, perinatal transmission, consumption of unpasteurized dairy products, breast feeding, and laboratory exposures.

More than 130 arboviruses are known to cause human disease. Most arboviruses of public health importance belong to one of three virus genera: Flavivirus, Alphavirus, and Bunyavirus.

Clinical Description

Most arboviral infections are asymptomatic. Clinical disease ranges from mild febrile illness to severe encephalitis. For the purposes of surveillance and reporting, based on their clinical presentation, arboviral disease cases are often categorized into two primary groups: neuroinvasive disease and non-neuroinvasive disease.

Neuroinvasive disease: Many arboviruses cause neuroinvasive disease such as aseptic meningitis, encephalitis, or acute flaccid paralysis (AFP). These illnesses are usually characterized by the acute onset of fever with stiff neck, altered mental status, seizures, limb weakness, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) pleocytosis, or abnormal neuroimaging. AFP may result from anterior ("polio") myelitis, peripheral neuritis, or post-infectious peripheral demyelinating neuropathy (i.e., Guillain-Barré syndrome). Less common neurological manifestations, such as cranial nerve palsies, also occur.

Non-neuroinvasive disease: Most arboviruses are capable of causing an acute systemic febrile illness (e.g., West Nile fever) that may include headache, myalgias, arthralgias, rash, or gastrointestinal symptoms. Some viruses also can cause more characteristic clinical manifestations, such as severe polyarthralgia or arthritis due to Chikungunya virus or other alphaviruses (e.g., Mayaro, Ross River, O'nyong-nyong).

Clinical Criteria

A clinically compatible case of arboviral disease is defined as follows:

Neuroinvasive disease

- Meningitis, encephalitis, acute flaccid paralysis, or other acute signs of central or peripheral neurologic dysfunction, as documented by a physician, AND
- Absence of a more likely clinical explanation. Other clinically compatible symptoms of arbovirus disease include: headache, myalgia, rash, arthralgia, vertigo, vomiting, paresis and/ or nuchal rigidity.

Non-neuroinvasive disease

- Fever or chills as reported by the patient or a health-care provider, AND
- Absence of neuroinvasive disease, AND
- Absence of a more likely clinical explanation. Other clinically compatible symptoms of arbovirus disease include: headache, myalgia, rash, arthralgia, vertigo, vomiting, paresis and/ or nuchal rigidity.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Isolation of virus from, or demonstration of specific viral antigen or nucleic acid in, tissue, blood, CSF, or other body fluid, OR
- Four-fold or greater change in virus-specific quantitative antibody titers in paired sera, OR
- Virus-specific IgM antibodies in serum with confirmatory virus-specific neutralizing antibodies in the same or a later specimen, OR
- Virus-specific IgM antibodies in CSF or serum.

Case Classification***Confirmed*****Neuroinvasive Disease**

A case that meets the above clinical criteria for neuroinvasive disease and one or more the following laboratory criteria for a confirmed case:

- Isolation of virus from, or demonstration of specific viral antigen or nucleic acid in, tissue, blood, CSF, or other body fluid, OR
- Four-fold or greater change in virus-specific quantitative antibody titers in paired sera, OR
- Virus-specific IgM antibodies in serum with confirmatory virus-specific neutralizing antibodies in the same or a later specimen, OR
- Virus-specific IgM antibodies in CSF, with or without a reported pleocytosis, and a negative result for other IgM antibodies in CSF for arboviruses endemic to the region where exposure occurred.

Non-neuroinvasive Disease

A case that meets the above clinical criteria for non-neuroinvasive disease and one or more of the following laboratory criteria for a confirmed case:

- Isolation of virus from, or demonstration of specific viral antigen or nucleic acid in, tissue, blood, CSF, or other body fluid, OR
- Four-fold or greater change in virus-specific quantitative antibody titers in paired sera, OR

- Virus-specific IgM antibodies in serum with confirmatory virus-specific neutralizing antibodies in the same or a later specimen.

Probable

Neuroinvasive Disease

A case that meets the above clinical criteria for neuroinvasive disease and the following laboratory criteria:

- Virus-specific IgM antibodies in CSF or serum but with no other testing.

Non-neuroinvasive Disease

A case that meets the above clinical criteria for non-neuroinvasive disease and the laboratory criteria for a probable case:

- Virus-specific IgM antibodies in serum but with no other testing.

Suspect

A case that meets the above clinical criteria for either neuroinvasive or non-neuroinvasive disease and the following laboratory criteria:

- Serologic (IgM) evidence of a flavivirus infection, but indistinguishable results by available testing.

Additional Guidance

Due to serologic cross-reactivity, differentiating between similar flaviviruses with positive results for virus-specific IgM antibodies can be challenging. In some instances, the ratio of serologic results can be used to assign a probable case classification. When testing cannot distinguish between specific viruses, the case should be classified as a probable case of unspecified flavivirus.

Refer to the Arizona [Case Classification Algorithm](#) for West Nile Virus & St. Louis Encephalitis Virus, or contact the vector-borne disease staff at 602-364-3676 for guidance on a case-specific basis.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 12 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Interpreting Arboviral Laboratory Results

- **Serologic cross-reactivity.** In some instances, arboviruses from the same genus produce cross-reactive antibodies. In geographic areas where two or more closely-related arboviruses occur, serologic testing for more than one virus may be needed and results compared to determine the specific causative virus. For example, such testing might be needed to distinguish antibodies resulting from infections within genera, e.g., flaviviruses such as West Nile, St. Louis encephalitis, Powassan, Dengue, or Japanese encephalitis viruses.
- **Rise and fall of IgM antibodies.** For most arboviral infections, IgM antibodies are generally first detectable at 3 to 8 days after onset of illness and persist for 30 to 90 days, but longer persistence has been documented (e.g., up to 500 days for West Nile virus). Serum collected

within 8 days of illness onset may not have detectable IgM and testing should be repeated on a convalescent-phase sample to rule out arboviral infection in those with a compatible clinical syndrome.

- **Persistence of IgM antibodies.** Arboviral IgM antibodies may be detected in some patients months or years after their acute infection. Therefore, the presence of these virus-specific IgM antibodies may signify a past infection and be unrelated to the current acute illness. Finding virus-specific IgM antibodies in CSF or a fourfold or greater change in virus-specific antibody titers between acute- and convalescent-phase serum specimens provides additional laboratory evidence that the arbovirus was the likely cause of the patient's recent illness. Clinical and epidemiologic history also should be carefully considered.
- **Persistence of IgG and neutralizing antibodies.** Arboviral IgG and neutralizing antibodies can persist for many years following a symptomatic or asymptomatic infection. Therefore, the presence of these antibodies alone is only evidence of previous infection and clinically compatible cases with the presence of IgG, but not IgM, should be evaluated for other etiologic agents.
- **Arboviral serologic assays.** Assays for the detection of IgM and IgG antibodies commonly include enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), microsphere immunoassay (MIA), or immunofluorescence assay (IFA). These assays provide a presumptive diagnosis and should have confirmatory testing performed. Confirmatory testing involves the detection of arboviral-specific neutralizing antibodies utilizing assays such as plaque reduction neutralization test (PRNT).
- **Other information to consider.** Vaccination history, detailed travel history, date of onset of symptoms, and knowledge of potentially cross-reactive arboviruses known to circulate in the geographic area should be considered when interpreting results.

Imported Arboviral Diseases

Human disease cases due to Dengue, Yellow fever, or Zika viruses are nationally notifiable to CDC using specific case definitions; many other nationally notifiable arboviruses are covered by this case definition. Many other exotic arboviruses (e.g., Chikungunya, Japanese encephalitis, Tick-borne encephalitis, Venezuelan equine encephalitis, and Rift Valley fever viruses) are important public health risks for the United States as competent vectors exist that could allow for sustained transmission upon establishment of imported arboviral pathogens. Health-care providers and public health officials should maintain a high index of clinical suspicion for cases of potentially exotic or unusual arboviral etiology, particularly in international travelers. If a suspected case occurs, it should be reported to the appropriate local/state health agencies and CDC.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-309](#) Arboviral Infection

Case Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported arboviral infection case or suspect case;
2. For each arboviral infection case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
3. Ensure that each arboviral infection case is provided with health education that includes measures to:
 - a. Avoid mosquito bites, and

- b. Reduce mosquito breeding sites.

Environmental Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an assessment of the environment surrounding each arboviral infection case or suspect case and implement vector control measures as necessary.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

For Dengue, Chikungunya, and Zika see the Dengue Case Investigation Form, Chikungunya Case Investigation Form, and Zika Case Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

For other Arboviral diseases see the Arboviral Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2017 (with 2020 addition of a hyperlink to the Case Classification Algorithm)
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2015
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2020: Added a hyperlink to the Case Classification Algorithm.</p> <p>2017: Zika virus was removed from the list of arboviruses for this case definition, because a separate Zika virus case definition was created. A comment regarding unspecified flavivirus was added to the Additional Guidance.</p> <p>2016: After the 2015 WNV/SLE outbreak in Arizona a suspect case definition and a note on additional guidance were added. These changes are not present in the CDC/CSTE case definitions. Zika virus was also added to the list of arboviruses.</p> <p>2015: Chikungunya virus was added to the list of arboviruses included in the case definition. The list of clinically compatible symptoms was expanded. Both changes match CDC/CSTE changes.</p> <p>2014: Clinical criteria revised to accept subjective fever or chills in place of measured temperature; modification of laboratory criteria to exclude "Virus-specific IgM antibodies in CSF and a negative result for other IgM antibodies in</p>

	<p>CSF for arboviruses endemic to the region where exposure occurred” from the confirmed non-neuroinvasive definition and elimination of “IgM antibodies in CSF” from the probable non-neuroinvasive definition; changes were made to match the 2014 CDC/CSTE case definitions.</p> <p>2013: Section moved from West Nile Virus to Arboviral Diseases. Material within the section is identical.</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Background and Clinical Description

Babesiosis is a parasitic disease caused by intraerythrocytic protozoa of the *Babesia* genus, including *Babesia microti* and other species. *Babesia* are transmitted in nature through the bites of infected ticks but can also be acquired through contaminated blood components from asymptomatic parasitemic donors or, more rarely, via transplacental transmission. *Babesia* infections can range from subclinical to life-threatening.

Clinical manifestations, if present, may include hemolytic anemia and nonspecific influenza-like signs and symptoms (e.g., fever, chills, sweats, headache, myalgia, arthralgia, malaise, fatigue, and generalized weakness). Splenomegaly, hepatomegaly, or jaundice may also be evident. In addition to signs of hemolytic anemia, laboratory findings may include thrombocytopenia, proteinuria, hemoglobinuria, and elevated levels of liver enzymes, blood urea nitrogen (BUN), and creatinine.

Risk factors for severe babesiosis include asplenia, advanced age, and other causes of impaired immune function (e.g., HIV, malignancy, or corticosteroid therapy). Some immunosuppressive therapies or conditions may mask or modulate the clinical manifestations (e.g., the patient may be afebrile). Severe cases can be associated with marked thrombocytopenia, disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC), hemodynamic instability, acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), myocardial infarction, renal failure, hepatic compromise, altered mental status, and death.

Clinical Criteria

- Objective: fever as reported by patient or healthcare provider, anemia, or thrombocytopenia.
- Subjective: chills, sweats, headache, myalgia, or arthralgia.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Identification of intraerythrocytic *Babesia* organisms by light microscopy in a Giemsa, Wright, or Wright-Giemsa–stained blood smear; OR
- Detection of *Babesia* species DNA in a whole blood specimen through nucleic acid testing such as polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay, nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT), or genomic sequencing that amplifies a specific target, in a sample taken within 60 days of illness onset; OR
- Serological evidence of a four-fold change¹ in IgG-specific antibody titer to *B. microti* antigen by indirect immunofluorescence assay (IFA) in paired serum samples (one taken within two weeks of illness onset and a second taken two to ten weeks after acute specimen collection)².

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Serologic evidence* of an elevated IgG** or total antibody reactive to *B. microti* antigen by IFA at a titer $\geq 1:256$ in a sample taken within 60 days of illness onset.

Supportive laboratory evidence

- Serologic evidence* of an elevated IgG** or total antibody reactive to *B. divergens* antigen by IFA at a titer $\geq 1:256$; OR
- Serologic evidence* of an elevated IgG** or total antibody reactive to *B. duncani* antigen by IFA at a titer $\geq 1:512$.

¹ A four-fold change in titer is equivalent to a change of two dilutions (e.g., 1:64 to 1:256).

² A four-fold rise in titer should be considered as confirmatory laboratory evidence even if the acute and convalescent specimens are collected within two weeks of one another.

* Antibodies can be indicative of active or previously resolved infections, so it is recommended that laboratory results be evaluated in conjunction with information on symptoms and exposure whenever possible. If symptom information is available, specimens meeting supportive laboratory criteria should be collected within 60 days of illness onset.

** While a single IgG serologic test is adequate for surveillance purposes, molecular testing or blood smear are recommended for clinical diagnosis, especially in cases where species other than *B. microti* are suspected.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the confirmatory laboratory evidence AND has at least one of the objective or subjective clinical criteria.

Probable

A case that meets the presumptive laboratory evidence AND meets at least one of the objective clinical criteria.

Suspect

Meets supportive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A new case is one that has not been previously counted within the same calendar year (January through December). Using calendar year allows case counting which more closely corresponds with the seasonality of babesiosis than using a number of months between case reports.

Comment

The validity of the diagnosis of babesiosis is highly dependent on the laboratory that performs the testing. For example, differentiation between *Plasmodium* and *Babesia* organisms on peripheral blood smears can be difficult. Confirmation of the diagnosis of babesiosis by a reference laboratory is strongly encouraged, especially for patients without residence in or travel to areas known to be endemic for babesiosis.

A positive *Babesia* serological result for immunoglobulin M (IgM) is insufficient for diagnosis and case classification of babesiosis in the absence of a positive serological result for IgG (or total Ig). If the IgM result is positive but the IgG result is negative, a follow-up blood specimen drawn at least one week after the first should be tested. If the IgG result remains negative in the second specimen, the IgM result likely was a false positive.

When interpreting serological IgG or total Ig results, it is helpful to consider factors that may influence the relative magnitude of *Babesia* titers (e.g., timing of specimen collection relative to exposure or illness onset, the patient's immune status, the presence of clinically manifest versus asymptomatic

infection). In immunocompetent persons, active or recent *Babesia* infections that are symptomatic are generally associated with relatively high titers (although antibody levels may be below the detection threshold early in the course of infection); titers can then persist at lower levels for more than a year. In persons who are immunosuppressed or who have asymptomatic *Babesia* infections, active infections can be associated with lower titers.

Babesia microti is the most frequently identified agent of human babesiosis in the United States; most reported tick-borne cases have been acquired in parts of northeastern and north-central regions. Sporadic U.S. cases caused by other *Babesia* agents include *B. duncani* (formerly the WA1 parasite) and related organisms (CA1-type parasites) in several western states as well as parasites characterized as "*B. divergens* like" (MO1 and others) in various states. Serologic and molecular tests available for *B. microti* infection do not typically detect these other *Babesia* agents.

Blood-borne transmission of *Babesia* is not restricted by geographic region or season. The epidemiologic linkage criteria for transfusion transmission that are described here provide a low threshold for asymptomatic donor or recipient cases to be considered probable cases for surveillance purposes and are not intended to be regulatory criteria. Transfusion investigations entail laboratory testing for evidence of *Babesia* infection in recipients and donors as well as epidemiologic assessments of the plausibility of blood- and tick-borne transmission.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-310](#) Babesiosis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported babesiosis case or suspect case; and
2. For each babesiosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Babesiosis Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

<p>Description of changes</p>	<p>2025: Clinical evidence updated to include “as reported by patient or healthcare provider”. Confirmatory lab criteria updated to include serological four-fold change in IgG and ‘serological’ testing (not just IFA) and timeframe for sample collection. Presumptive lab evidence added (B. microti only). Suspected laboratory evidence updated to include ‘serological’ testing (not just IFA). Confirmed, probable and suspect case definitions updated. Epidemiologic Evidence for Transfusion Transmission removed. Criteria to distinguish a new case added.</p> <p>2011: Newly Added</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

A disease consistent with clinical presentation and/or:

- Subcutaneous nodules that are firm and painful;
- Nodules that involve the muscle;
- Nodules or inflammatory mass that involves the gastrointestinal tract or other organs

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Biopsy with microscopic appearance consistent with *Basidiobolus ranarum* (septate hyphae with eosinophilic infiltration), OR
- Isolation of *B. ranarum* from culture of a mass, OR
- A positive serologic result for *Basidiobolus*

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible illness that is laboratory confirmed.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-311](#) Basidiobolomycosis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported basidiobolomycosis case or suspect case; and
2. For each basidiobolomycosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Basidiobolomycosis Questionnaire at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2006
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

CASE DEFINITION

Background

Blastomycosis is a systemic fungal infection caused by the dimorphic fungus *Blastomyces*, endemic to the midwestern, south-central, and southeastern United States. Existing as a mold in the environment, individuals may inhale dispersed conidia (fungal spores) which transform into pathogenic yeast in the host lungs. Blastomycosis exhibits similar clinical characteristics to other pneumonia-like conditions (e.g., tuberculosis or coccidioidomycosis), as well as the disease may lead to dissemination to extrapulmonary sites depending on host immune status.

Clinical Description

Clinical presentation should include:

- At least two of the following findings:
 - Cough
 - Fever, chills, or night sweats
 - Shortness of breath
 - Poor appetite or weight loss
 - Myalgia (muscle pain)
 - Arthralgia (joint pain) or bone pain
 - Fatigue

OR

- At least one of the following findings determined to be likely attributed to *Blastomyces*:
 - Abnormal lung findings on chest imaging (e.g., pulmonary infiltrates or nodules)
 - Single or multiple skin lesions (e.g., verrucous or ulcerated)
 - Bone or joint abnormality (e.g., osteomyelitis or pathologic fracture)
 - Meningitis, encephalitis, or focal brain lesion
 - Abscess, granuloma, or lesion in other body system (e.g., genitourinary, ocular)

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence:

- Culture of *Blastomyces spp.* from a clinical specimen
- Identification of *Blastomyces spp.* yeast in tissue or body fluid by histopathology
- Identification of *Blastomyces spp.* yeast in tissue or body fluid by cytopathology
- Demonstration of *Blastomyces*-specific nucleic acid or proteins in a clinical specimen or isolate using a validated molecular assay (e.g., PCR, DNA Probe, MALDI-TOF)

Presumptive laboratory evidence:

- Detection of *Blastomyces* antigen at or above the minimum level of quantification in serum, urine, or other body fluid by enzyme immunoassay (EIA) test*

- Detection in serum of antibodies against *Blastomyces* by immunodiffusion, complement fixation, or EIA

*Cross-reactivity is a known problem with the EIA antigen test, and cases known to be infected with another fungal infection (such as *Histoplasma* and *Paracoccidioides*) and meeting only non-confirmatory laboratory criteria should not be counted as a blastomycosis case.

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

Epidemiologically linked (e.g., common environmental exposure, which may be suspected among family members, coworkers, friends, etc.) with a confirmed case.

Case Classification

Confirmed:

- A clinically compatible case that meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable:

- A clinically compatible case that meets presumptive laboratory evidence, OR
- A clinically compatible case that does not meet either laboratory evidence but is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case, OR
- A case with confirmatory laboratory evidence but no clinical information available

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should never be counted as a new case despite repeat positive tests .

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-312](#) Blastomycosis Infection

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported blastomycosis case or suspect case; and
2. For each blastomycosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-206 (D).

Outbreak Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported outbreak of blastomycosis; and
2. For each outbreak of blastomycosis, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See the Blastomycosis Case Interview Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2019
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	June 2025 Newly Added Case Definition- Blastomycosis added to the reportable disease list for Arizona.

CASE DEFINITION

Subtypes

- Botulism, foodborne
- Botulism, wound
- Botulism, other

Botulism, Foodborne

Clinical Description

Ingestion of botulinum toxin results in an illness of variable severity. Common symptoms are diplopia, blurred vision, and bulbar weakness. Symmetric paralysis may progress rapidly.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Detection of botulinum toxin in serum, stool, or patient's food, OR
- Isolation of *Clostridium botulinum* from stool

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible case that is laboratory confirmed or that occurs among persons who ate the same food as persons with laboratory confirmed botulism.

Probable

A clinically compatible case with an epidemiologic link to a suspect food item (e.g. home-canned foods within the previous 48 hours)

Botulism, Wound

Clinical Description

An illness resulting from toxin produced by *Clostridium botulinum* that has infected a wound. Common symptoms are diplopia, blurred vision, and bulbar weakness. Symmetric paralysis may progress rapidly.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Detection of botulinum toxin in serum, OR
- Isolation of *Clostridium botulinum* from wound

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible illness that is laboratory confirmed in a patient who has no suspected exposure to contaminated food and who has either a history of a fresh, contaminated wound during the 2 weeks before onset of symptoms, or a history of injection drug use within the 2 weeks before onset of symptoms.

Probable

A clinically compatible case in a patient who has no suspected exposure to contaminated food and who has either a history of a fresh, contaminated wound during the 2 weeks before onset of symptoms, or a history of injection drug use within the 2 weeks before onset of symptoms.

Botulism, Other

Clinical Description

Common symptoms are diplopia, blurred vision, and bulbar weakness. Symmetric paralysis may progress rapidly.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Detection of botulinum toxin in clinical specimen, OR
- Isolation of *Clostridium botulinum* from clinical specimen

Case Classification

Confirmed

An illness clinically compatible with botulism that is laboratory confirmed among patients ≥ 1 year of age without histories of ingestion of suspect food and without wounds.

Comment

Botulism may be diagnosed without laboratory confirmation if the clinical and epidemiologic evidence is overwhelming.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-313](#) Botulism, Foodborne, Wound, Other

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a botulism case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported botulism case or suspect case; and
3. For each botulism case or suspect case:
 - a. Submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
 - b. In consultation with the Department, ensure that one or more specimens from each botulism case or suspect case are submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Environmental Control Measures:

An individual in possession of:

1. Food known to be contaminated by *Clostridium botulinum* or *Clostridium botulinum* toxin shall boil the contaminated food for 10 minutes and then discard it, and
2. Utensils known to be contaminated by *Clostridium botulinum* or *Clostridium botulinum* toxin shall boil the contaminated utensils for 10 minutes before reuse or disposal.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See the Botulism Adult Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2012
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2011
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	ADHS case definition was edited in 2012 to match CDC/CSTE

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An illness of infants, characterized by constipation, poor feeding, and "failure to thrive" that may be followed by progressive weakness, impaired respiration, and death.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Detection of botulinum toxin in stool or serum, OR
- Isolation of *Clostridium botulinum* from stool

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible case that is laboratory-confirmed, occurring among children aged less than 1 year.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-313](#) Botulism

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a botulism case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported botulism case or suspect case; and
3. For each botulism case or suspect case:
 - a. Submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
 - b. In consultation with the Department, ensure that one or more specimens from each botulism case or suspect case are submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Environmental Control Measures:

An individual in possession of:

1. Food known to be contaminated by *Clostridium botulinum* or *Clostridium botulinum* toxin shall boil the contaminated food for 10 minutes and then discard it, and
2. Utensils known to be contaminated by *Clostridium botulinum* or *Clostridium botulinum* toxin shall boil the contaminated utensils for 10 minutes before reuse or disposal.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See the Botulism Infant Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2011
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2011
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

CASE DEFINITION

Background

Brucellosis is a zoonotic disease caused by specific bacteria within the *Brucella* genus, collectively referred to as brucellosis-causing *Brucella* species (BBS). Other species of *Brucella*, including those formerly classified under the *Ochrobactrum* genus, are considered non-brucellosis *Brucella* species (nBBS), as they have not been shown to cause brucellosis in humans.

Several BBS are known to infect humans, each associated with a preferred animal host, including but not limited to:

- *B. abortus* (cattle),
- *B. melitensis* (goats, sheep, camels),
- *B. suis* (pigs),
- *B. canis* (dogs), and
- *B. neotomae* (wood rats).

Among these, *B. abortus*, *B. melitensis*, and *B. suis* are responsible for most cases of brucellosis reported in the United States (U.S.). Although *B. canis* can be transmitted to humans through contact with infected dogs, human infections are rare. The *Brucella abortus* cattle vaccine strain RB51 can also cause disease in humans, with cases linked to consumption of unpasteurized dairy products from previously-vaccinated hoofstock.

Brucella abortus has been nearly eradicated from the domestic cattle population in the U.S., although wild animal reservoirs remain a potential source of infection for both domestic livestock and humans. *Brucella suis* is enzootic in feral swine in parts of the U.S.

Human brucellosis is rare in the U.S., with approximately 100–150 cases reported annually. However, brucellosis is more common in countries where animal disease control programs have not reduced the prevalence of BBS among host species. Certain locally produced cheeses, such as queso fresco or "village cheeses," may pose a particular risk as they are often made with unpasteurized milk from cows or goats.

Clinical Description

Initial symptoms of brucellosis can include fever, night sweats, malaise, headache, anorexia, myalgia, and arthralgias. While fever remains a common symptom, a review of recent U.S. brucellosis cases showed that it was absent from a quarter of culture-confirmed cases.

Some symptoms may persist, including recurrent fevers, arthritis, spondylitis, orchitis/epididymitis, endocarditis, chronic fatigue, and hepatomegaly and/or splenomegaly. Severe complications, such as neurobrucellosis, occur in a small number of cases. Neurobrucellosis poses a diagnostic challenge for healthcare providers because of its range of associated signs and symptoms. These may include behavioral changes, disorientation, cranial nerve involvement, polyneuropathy or radiculopathy, depression, paresthesia, and stroke.

Clinical Criteria

An illness characterized by:

- Acute or insidious onset of fever; AND
- Two or more of the following signs and symptoms:
 - Night sweats,
 - Arthralgia,
 - Headache,
 - Fatigue,
 - Anorexia,
 - Myalgia,
 - Weight loss,
 - Arthritis,
 - Spondylitis,
 - Meningitis, encephalitis, or other neurologic abnormalities,
 - Discitis or osteomyelitis,
 - Abscesses,
 - Focal organ involvement (including, but not limited to: endocarditis, orchitis/epididymitis, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly).

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Category 1:

- Identification of a *Brucella* isolate as a brucellosis-causing *Brucella species*¹ (BBS) by methods specific for BBS (e.g., culture, PCR assay with documented specificity for BBS, biochemical tests, whole genome sequencing of *Brucella* isolate).

Category 2:

- Evidence of a fourfold or greater rise in *Brucella* antibody titer between acute- and convalescent-phase serum specimens obtained greater than or equal to 2 weeks apart.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- *Brucella* total antibody titer $\geq 1:160$ by standard tube agglutination test (SAT) or *Brucella* microagglutination test (BMAT) in one or more serum samples obtained after onset of symptoms.

Supportive laboratory evidence

- Detection of *Brucella* IgG antibodies by ELISA in a sample collected at least 2 weeks after onset of symptoms.

¹ See Comment below for a list of BBS and nBBS species.

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

- Direct contact with body fluids or tissue from a confirmed human case of brucellosis; OR
- Veterinary occupational exposure to *Brucella* vaccine (e.g., needle stick, mucous membrane exposure); OR
- Laboratory exposure to Brucellosis-causing *Brucella species* (BBS); OR
- Direct contact to an animal diagnosed with a *Brucella* infection (or their fluids), as determined by a state or federal animal health official, including potential aerosol exposure; OR

- Shared one of the following exposures with a confirmed human case of brucellosis:
 - Consumption of dairy products from a common source that were unpasteurized or of unknown pasteurization, particularly from countries lacking domestic animal health programs, OR
 - Consumption or handling of undercooked meat or carcass of an animal from a herd or of a species with a known or suspected history of *Brucella*, OR
 - Slaughtering, dressing, butchering, or having other direct contact with animals or animal tissues possibly infected with *Brucella*.

Vital Records Criteria

- Death certificate lists brucellosis as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence category 1, OR
- Meets clinical criteria AND confirmatory laboratory evidence category 2.

Probable

- Meets clinical criteria AND presumptive laboratory evidence, OR
- Meets clinical criteria AND meets epidemiologic linkage criteria.

Suspect

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence category 2, OR
- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence, OR
- Meets supportive laboratory evidence, OR
- Meets vital records criteria.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should be counted as a new case in the following situations:

- Has an event date at least 12 months after completed appropriate treatment, AND
- Has new or ongoing risk factors for brucellosis exposure, OR
- Is now infected with a different species or strain of BBS.

A case should not be counted as a new case if there is evidence the new report is due to one of the following: brucellosis relapse, chronic infection, or delayed convalescence.

Comment

Taxonomic changes to the *Brucella* genus

Due to the reclassification of *Ochrobactrum* species to the genus *Brucella* based on gene-content studies done in 2020, all *Ochrobactrum* species are now classified by clinical laboratories as *Brucella* species (e.g., *Ochrobactrum anthropi* is now classified as *Brucella anthropi*). Reference: the Society of Microbiology [guidelines](#).

The following are Brucellosis-causing *Brucella* species (BBS) and count as a report of brucellosis:

- *Brucella abortus*
- *Brucella canis*

- *Brucella ceti*
- *Brucella inopinata*
- *Brucella melitensis*
- *Brucella microti*
- *Brucella neotomae*
- *Brucella nosferati*
- *Brucella ovis*
- *Brucella papionis*
- *Brucella pinnipedialis*
- *Brucella suis*
- *Brucella vulpis*

The *Brucella* species below are non-Brucellosis-causing *Brucella* species (nBBS) and are rare infections typically occurring through the use of contaminated hospital equipment. Therefore a lab report identifying the following *Brucella* species should not count as a report of brucellosis:

- *Brucella anthropi*
- *Brucella ciceri*
- *Brucella cytisi*
- *Brucella daejeonesis*
- *Brucella endophytica*
- *Brucella gallinifaecis*
- *Brucella grignonensis*
- *Brucella haematophilia*
- *Brucella intermedia*
- *Brucella lupini*
- *Brucella orzae*
- *Brucella pecoris*
- *Brucella pituitosa*
- *Brucella pseudintermedia*
- *Brucella pseudogrignonensis*
- *Brucella rhizosphaerae*
- *Brucella thiophenivorans*
- *Brucella tritici*

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-314](#) Brucellosis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported brucellosis case or suspect case;
2. For each brucellosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
3. In consultation with the Department, ensure that an isolate or a specimen, as available, from each brucellosis case is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See the Brucellosis Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2025: The Comments section was updated to reflect the reclassification of <i>Ochrobactrum</i> spp. to <i>Brucella</i> spp. Clinical criteria added. Categories added to confirmatory laboratory evidence. Supportive laboratory evidence added. Epidemiologic linkage criteria added. Vital records criteria added. Confirmed and suspect case classifications updated.</p> <p>2024: The Comments section was added to reflect the reclassification of <i>Ochrobactrum</i> spp. to <i>Brucella</i> spp. and to distinguish between these newly classified species that do not cause brucellosis from the classical <i>Brucella</i> species that do cause brucellosis.</p> <p>2010: Newly added.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An illness of variable severity commonly manifested by diarrhea, abdominal pain, nausea and sometimes vomiting. The organism may also rarely cause extra-intestinal infections such as bacteremia, meningitis or other focal infections.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Isolation of any *Campylobacter* spp. by culture in a clinical specimen from any source.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

Detection of any *Campylobacter* spp. Using a culture-independent diagnostic test (CIDT) in a clinical specimen from any source.

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

- A person who shares an exposure with a confirmed or probable case of campylobacteriosis, OR
- A person who is exposed to a confirmed or probable case of campylobacteriosis.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- A case that meets the presumptive laboratory evidence; OR
- A clinically compatible case that meets the epidemiologic linkage criteria.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 90 days of a previously reported infection in the same individual. Additionally, when two or more campylobacter species are identified or detected from one or more specimens from the same individual, each unique species should count as a new case.

Comment

The use of CIDTs as stand-alone tests for the direct detection of *Campylobacter* in stool is increasing. Data regarding their performance indicate variability in the sensitivity, specificity, and positive predictive value of these assays depending on the manufacturer (CDC unpublished data). Culture confirmation of

CIDT-positive specimens is ideal, but not practical to achieve in most jurisdictions.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-315](#) Campylobacteriosis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Exclude a campylobacteriosis case or suspect case with diarrhea from:
 - a. Working as a food handler, caring for children in or attending a child care establishment, or caring for patients or residents in a health care institution until:
 - i. Diarrhea has resolved,
 - ii. A stool specimen negative for *Campylobacter* spp. is obtained from the campylobacteriosis case or suspect case, or
 - iii. The local health agency has determined that the case or suspect case is unlikely to infect other individuals; and
 - b. Using an aquatic venue until diarrhea has resolved;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported campylobacteriosis case or suspect case; and
3. For each campylobacteriosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Campylobacteriosis Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2026
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2025
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

<p>Description of changes</p>	<p>2026: Clarified the case classification criteria; laboratory evidence alone can be used to classify a case as confirmed or probable. Extended the period for distinguishing a new case from an existing case 30 days to 90 days. All changes made to match 2025 CDC/CSTE case definition.</p> <p>2017: Added criteria to distinguish a new case from an existing case to match 2014 CDC/CSTE case definition.</p> <p>In 2015, CDC/CSTE modified the case definition for probable cases to include illnesses with positive culture-independent diagnostic tests (CIDTs). The previously suspect cases now count as probable and the suspect case classification has been eliminated.</p> <p>2012: CDC/CSTE added suspect laboratory criteria for surveillance and case classification, based on non-culture testing; ADHS edited the 2012 case definition to match CDC/CSTE.</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Clinical manifestation of *Candida auris* (*C. auris*) infection depends upon the site of infection. Patients with *C. auris* bloodstream infection typically have sepsis and severe illness. Other invasive infections, such as intra-abdominal candidiasis and meningitis can also occur. *C. auris* has also been found to cause wound infections and otitis, and has been cultured from urine and respiratory specimens. *C. auris* has been found to colonize the skin of asymptomatic people.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of *C. auris* in a specimen from a swab obtained for the purpose of colonization screening using either culture or validated culture-independent test (e.g., nucleic acid amplification test [NAAT]), OR
- Detection of *C. auris* in a clinical specimen obtained during the normal course of care for diagnostic or treatment purposes using either culture or a validated culture-independent test (e.g., NAAT).

Case Classification

Confirmed

- ***Candida auris* case, screening:** Person with confirmatory laboratory evidence from a swab collected for the purpose of screening for *C. auris* colonization regardless of site swabbed.*
- ***Candida auris* case, clinical:** Person with confirmatory laboratory evidence from a clinical specimen collected for the purpose of diagnosing or treating disease in the normal course of care.**

*Typical screening specimen sites are skin (e.g., axilla, groin), nares, rectum, or other external body sites. Swabs collected from wound or draining ear as part of clinical care are considered clinical specimens.‡

**This includes specimens from sites reflecting invasive infection (e.g., blood, cerebrospinal fluid) and specimens from non-invasive sites such as wounds, urine, and the respiratory tract, where presence of *C. auris* may simply represent colonization and not true infection. This does not include swabs collected for screening purposes (see *Candida auris* case, screening).

‡Because it can be difficult to differentiate screening specimens from clinical specimens based on microbiology records, any swabs except wound swabs or draining ear swabs can be assumed to be for screening unless specifically noted otherwise. Laboratories do not need to change their practice; public health wants to identify all *C. auris* whether from screening or clinical specimens.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A patient who is colonized or infected with *C. auris* is considered colonized indefinitely. The following provides guidance for health departments to distinguish a new case for patients who test positive for *C. auris* in either a screening swab (i.e., screening case) or in a clinical specimen (i.e., clinical case).

- For screening cases, count patient only once as a screening case; do not count if patient has been previously identified as a clinical or screening case. A person with a screening case can be later categorized as a clinical case (e.g., patient with positive screening swab who later develops bloodstream infection would be counted in both categories).
- For clinical cases, count patient only once as a clinical case, even if the patient has already been counted separately as a screening case. A person with a clinical case should not be counted as a screening case thereafter because all clinical cases are considered to also be colonized with *C. auris* (e.g., patient with clinical *C. auris* specimen who later has positive screening swab is not counted as a screening case).

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-316](#) *Candida auris*

Case Control Measures

1. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Institute isolation precautions as necessary for a case with *Candida auris* infection or colonization to prevent transmission; and
 - b. If a case with *Candida auris* infection or colonization is being transferred to another health care provider or health care institution or to a correctional facility, comply with R9-6-305.
2. An administrator of a correctional facility, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Institute isolation precautions as necessary for a case with *Candida auris* infection or colonization to prevent transmission; and
 - b. If a case with *Candida auris* infection or colonization is being transferred to another correctional facility or to a health care institution, comply with R9-6-305.
3. A local health agency, in consultation with the Department, shall ensure that:
 - a. A case with *Candida auris* infection or colonization is isolated as necessary to prevent transmission; and
 - b. An isolate or a specimen, as available, from each case with *Candida auris* infection or colonization is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Outbreak control measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation for each outbreak or suspected outbreak of *Candida auris*; and
2. For each outbreak or suspected outbreak of *Candida auris*, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2023
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2023
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2023: Case definition revised to match CDC/CSTE case definition. Removed Presumptive Laboratory Evidence, Epidemiologic Linkage, and Probable and Suspect Case Classifications.</p> <p>2019: Case definition revised to match CDC/CSTE case definition.</p> <p>2018: New CDC/CSTE case definition; added to Arizona case definition manual.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

1. *Acinetobacter baumannii* complex isolated from any specimen that meets one of the following laboratory criteria:
 - **Laboratory Criterion A:** Resistant to meropenem and/or imipenem based on current Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) M100 Standards
 - Current CLSI minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC)* criteria for CRAB
 - Meropenem (MIC \geq 8 mcg/ml)
 - Imipenem (MIC \geq 8 mcg/ml)
 - **Laboratory Criterion B:** Evidence of carbapenemase gene** demonstrated by one of the following:
 - Positive molecular test*** result detecting a carbapenemase gene
 - Detection of a carbapenemase gene by next-generation sequencing (NGS)

*MIC values that are only reported as 'greater than' a breakpoint are interpretable as 'greater than or equal to' a one scale increase of the breakpoint. For example, a MIC >1 mcg/ml will be interpreted as MIC \geq 2 mcg/ml.

**Common carbapenemase genes found in *Acinetobacter baumannii* complex are typically plasmid-mediated oxacillinases with carbapenemase activity, such as OXA-type enzymes: OXA-23-like, OXA-24/40-like, OXA-58-like. Other carbapenemase genes include: bla_{KPC}, bla_{NDM}, bla_{VIM}, bla_{IMP}, and bla_{OXA-48}

***Common molecular tests for carbapenemase genes include (but are not limited to): Xpert Carba-R, VERIGENE, Streck ARM-D, Cepheid, validated lab-developed nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT).

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets Laboratory Criterion A* or Laboratory Criterion B.

*Cases with no MIC values reported for which laboratory criteria B is not met: If interpretation (resistant, intermediate, susceptible) is included, classify based on the interpretation unless otherwise indicated. Cases with no MIC values reported and interpretation is not included should be classified as not a case.

Sub-classifications of Carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* (CRAB)

CRAB cases should be further classified according to:

- a) Mechanism of resistance
 - a. Carbapenemase-producing CRAB (CP-CRAB)
 - b. Non-carbapenemase producing CRAB (non-CP CRAB)
 - c. Insufficient information to classify as CP-CRAB or non-CP CRAB

- b) Clinical versus screening
- a. Stratified by whether the specimen was clinical (i.e., collected for the purpose of diagnosing or treating disease in the course of normal care) versus screening (i.e., collected for the detection of colonization and not for the purpose of diagnosing or treating disease). Because it can be difficult to differentiate screening specimens from clinical specimens based on microbiology records, screening cases should generally be limited to CRAB identified in rectal, peri-rectal, axilla, groin, or stool specimens. Laboratories may also note screening specimens from other sites (e.g., wound, tracheostomy or central line sites).

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should be counted as a new case in the following situations:

- There is a new organism/carbapenemase combination (e.g., OXA-23+ vs. OXA-24+ *Acinetobacter baumannii* complex).
- A person classified as a clinical case cannot be counted again as a screening case for the same organism/carbapenemase combination (e.g., patient with known OXA-23+ *Acinetobacter baumannii* complex infection who later has OXA-23+ *Acinetobacter baumannii* complex colonization should not be counted as a separate case).
- A screening case can later be counted as a clinical case if the person develops an infection with the same organism/carbapenemase combination (e.g., patient with OXA-23+ *Acinetobacter baumannii* complex on a screening swab who later develops OXA-23+ *Acinetobacter baumannii* complex blood stream infection would be counted twice, once as a screening case and once as a clinical case).

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-317](#) Carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*

Case Control Measures

1. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Institute isolation precautions as necessary for a case with carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* infection or colonization to prevent transmission; and
 - b. If a case with carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* infection or colonization is being transferred to another health care provider or health care institution or to a correctional facility, comply with R9-6-305.
2. An administrator of a correctional facility, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Institute isolation precautions as necessary for a case with carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* infection or colonization to prevent transmission; and
 - b. If a case with carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* infection or colonization is being transferred to another correctional facility or to a health care institution, comply with R9-6-305.
3. A local health agency, in consultation with the Department, shall ensure that
 - a. A case with carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* infection or colonization is isolated as necessary to prevent transmission; and

- b. An isolate or a specimen, as available, from each case with carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* infection or colonization is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Outbreak control measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation for each outbreak or suspected outbreak of carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*; and
2. For each outbreak or suspected outbreak of carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii*, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E)

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2026
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2023
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No
Description of changes	<p>2026: Clarification added under “Classification” section regarding MIC values and interpretation.</p> <p>June 2025: Case definition was updated to reflect all CRAB being reportable in AZ per updated reporting rules. CLSI standards added to the laboratory criteria.</p> <p>2025: Lab criteria language updated from “resistant” to “not-susceptible”.</p> <p>2023: New CDC/CSTE case definition for Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (CPO); added to Arizona case definition manual in 2023 as CP-CRAB to reflect the new CDC/CSTE definition.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- *Enterobacter* spp., *E.coli*, *Klebsiella* spp., or any other bacteria in the Enterobacterales order (see Appendix 2) isolated from any specimen that meets one of the following laboratory criteria:
 - **Laboratory Criterion A:** Resistant to any carbapenem based on current Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) M100 standards
 - Current CLSI minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC)* criteria for CRE
 - Meropenem (MIC \geq 4 mcg/ml)
 - Imipenem (MIC \geq 4 mcg/ml)**
 - Ertapenem (MIC \geq 2 mcg/ml)
 - **Laboratory Criterion B:** Positive phenotypic test*** result for carbapenemase production
 - **Laboratory Criterion C:** Evidence of carbapenemase gene† demonstrated by one of the following:
 - Positive molecular test‡ result detecting a carbapenemase gene (with or without organism identification)
 - Detection of carbapenemase gene by next-generation sequencing (NGS)§

*MIC values that are only reported as 'greater than' a breakpoint are interpretable as 'greater than or equal to' a one scale increase of the breakpoint. For example, a MIC >1 mcg/ml will be interpreted as MIC \geq 2 mcg/ml.

**Do not use imipenem for *Proteus* spp., *Providencia* spp. or *Morganella* spp., as these bacteria may be intrinsically non-susceptible to imipenem.

***Phenotypic methods include (but are not limited to): carbapenem inactivation method (CIM), Carba NP, Carba 5, STAR-Carba, EDTA-modified carbapenem inactivation method (eCIM), immunochromatography tests (ICT), metallo- β -lactamase test, modified carbapenem inactivation method (mCIM), modified Hodge test (MHT).

†Common carbapenemase genes found in carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE) include: bla_{KPC}, bla_{NDM}, bla_{VIM}, bla_{IMP}, bla_{OXA-48}.

‡Common molecular tests for carbapenemase genes include (but are not limited to): Xpert Carba-R, VERIGENE, Streck ARM-D, Cepheid, validated laboratory-developed nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT).

§Organisms with known chromosomal carbapenemase genes, such as SME+ *Serratia marcescens*, do not need to be reported unless they carry additional non-chromosomal carbapenemase genes.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets Laboratory Criterion A*, or Laboratory Criterion B, or Laboratory Criterion C.

*Cases with no MIC values reported for which laboratory criteria B or C are not met: If interpretation (resistant, intermediate, susceptible) is included, classify based on the interpretation unless otherwise indicated. Cases with no MIC values reported and interpretation is not included should be classified as not a case.

Sub-classifications of Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE)

CRE cases should be further classified according to:

- a) Organism identified (*E.coli*, *Enterobacter* spp., *Klebsiella* spp., or other Enterobacterales)
- b) Clinical versus screening
 - Stratified by whether the specimen was clinical (i.e., collected for the purpose of diagnosing or treating disease in the course of normal care) versus screening (i.e., collected for the detection of colonization and not for the purpose of diagnosing or treating disease). Because it can be difficult to differentiate screening specimens from clinical specimens based on microbiology records, screening cases should generally be limited to CRE identified in rectal, peri-rectal, or stool specimens.
- c) Mechanism of resistance
 - Carbapenemase-producing CRE (CP-CRE):
 - i. Notes:
 1. Cases involving isolates that are phenotypically positive for carbapenemase production (e.g., mCIM), but negative for KPC, NDM, OXA-48, VIM, and IMP should be counted as confirmed CP-CRE.
 2. A positive Modified Hodge Test (MHT) can be used to confirm CP-CRE for *Klebsiella* spp., *E. coli*, and other Enterobacteriaceae, but not *Enterobacter* spp. An isolate that tests positive on MHT but negative PCR for KPC, NDM, OXA-48, VIM and IMP should have additional characterization performed with another phenotypic test for carbapenemase such as mCIM.
 3. If isolate is indeterminate on mCIM and negative by PCR for KPC, NDM, OXA-48, VIM and IMP, isolate should be tested using CarbaNP.
 - Non-carbapenemase producing CRE (non-CP CRE)(one or more of the following):
 - i. Negative mCIM;
 - ii. Negative Carba NP and negative PCR for OXA-48;
 - iii. Negative CIM and negative PCR for OXA-48;
 - iv. Negative PCR for KPC, NDM, OXA-48, VIM, and IMP; OR
 - v. Negative Xpert Carba-R.
 - Insufficient information to classify as CP-CRE or non-CP CRE:
 - i. No other recognized test performed and/or isolate no longer available.
 - ii. *Enterobacter* spp. and positive MHT and no other tests performed/isolate no longer available.
 - iii. Combination of tests performed/results do not allow for classification as likely non-CP CRE.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should be counted as a new case in the following situations:

- There is a new organism/carbapenemase combination (e.g., KPC+ *K.pneumoniae* vs. NDM+ *E.coli*). If there is a carbapenemase gene detected without an organism, it still counts as a new case (e.g., NDM+ without *E. coli* vs. NDM+ *E. coli*).

- A person classified as a clinical case cannot be counted again as a screening case for the same organism/carbapenemase combination (e.g., a patient with known NDM+ *E. coli* infection cannot be counted again if they later show colonization with NDM+ *E. coli*).
- A screening case can later be counted as a clinical case if the person develops an infection with the same organism/carbapenemase combination (e.g., a person with NDM+ *E. coli* on a screening swab who later gets a bloodstream infection resulting in NDM+E. coli would be counted twice, once as a screening case and once as a clinical case).
- A case with a known carbapenemase but unknown organism should only be counted once for that carbapenemase (e.g., an NDM+ screening case is later screened at a different facility and tests NDM+ positive and no organism is identified again).

Additional Information Regarding Laboratory Tests

Due to intrinsic production of AmpC beta-lactamase, non-CP *Enterobacter* spp. or *Citrobacter* spp. may produce a false positive Modified Hodge Test. False positive results may also be observed with organisms carrying extended-spectrum beta-lactamases of the CTX-M type. There is also a problem with false negative MHT results when testing New Delhi metallo- β -lactamase (NDM)-producing isolates. Therefore, caution is advised when interpreting results for these organisms. Other phenotypic tests for carbapenemase production, such as the mCIM should be used, if available.

Metallo-beta-lactamase carbapenemases require the presence of metal ions such as zinc to hydrolyze carbapenems. Lack of appropriate zinc ion supplementation in Mueller Hinton Agar media used in the Modified Hodge Test may lead to false negative results for NDM and other metallo-beta-lactamase enzymes. In addition, it has been observed that Modified Hodge Test results for NDM carbapenemases may vary depending on the carbapenem used for the test (i.e., ertapenem, meropenem, imipenem).

Due to the inherently weak carbapenem hydrolysis activity of OXA-48 and OXA-48-like enzymes, delayed, weak, indeterminate, or negative reactions may be observed with the Carba NP and the CIM test. Therefore, a Carba NP indeterminate or negative result or a negative CIM test should not be considered sufficient to rule out the presence of OXA-48 or OXA-48-like enzymes, particularly in patients with a history of previous medical care in endemic regions.

Gene Xpert Carba-R assay is FDA-approved for detection of carbapenemase genes from pure bacterial isolates and rectal surveillance swab specimens. Carbapenemase genes detected include those encoding KPC, NDM, VIM, OXA-48, and IMP (limited to the IMP-1 group) enzymes. The limitation of only detecting the IMP-1 group illustrates how variants of a gene could be missed; phenotypic tests (e.g., mCIM) for carbapenemase production are likely to detect these.

Serratia marcescens isolates carry the *sme* Class A carbapenemase gene. Also, some *Enterobacter cloacae* carry similar genes which are *imi* and *nmc-A* which share 97% amino acid identity. All of these genes are chromosomally located but acquired. These carbapenemases also result in positive Carba NP and mCIM tests.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-318](#) Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae

Case Control Measures

1. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Institute isolation precautions as necessary for a case with carbapenem-resistant enterobacterales infection or colonization to prevent transmission; and
 - b. If a case with carbapenem-resistant enterobacterales infection
 - c. or colonization is being transferred to another health care provider or health care institution or to a correctional facility, comply with R9-6-305.
2. An administrator of a correctional facility, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Institute isolation precautions as necessary for a case with carbapenem-resistant enterobacterales infection or colonization to prevent transmission; and
 - b. If a case with carbapenem-resistant enterobacterales infection or colonization is being transferred to another correctional facility or to a health care institution, comply with R9-6-305.
3. A local health agency, in consultation with the Department, shall ensure that:
 - a. A case with carbapenem-resistant enterobacterales infection or colonization is isolated as necessary to prevent transmission; and
 - b. An isolate or a specimen, as available, from each case with carbapenem-resistant enterobacterales infection or colonization is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Outbreak Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation for each outbreak or suspected outbreak of carbapenem-resistant enterobacterales; and
2. For each outbreak or suspected outbreak of carbapenem-resistant enterobacterales, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2026
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2023
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No
Description of changes	<p>2026: Clarification added under “Classification” section regarding MIC values and interpretation.</p> <p>June 2025: CLSI standards added to the laboratory criteria and separated sections in Laboratory Criteria B.</p> <p>2025: Probable case classification removed, public health laboratory confirmation criteria removed from confirmed case classification</p>

	<p>2023: Updated laboratory criteria and criteria to distinguish a new case to reflect the new CDC/CSTE case definition for Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (CPO). Changed from Enterobacteriaceae family to Enterobacterales order, excluding references to the administrative code, to reflect the reclassification and change in nomenclature.</p> <p>2019: Updated the criteria to distinguish a new case from an existing case to reflect what is in the 2018 CDC/CSTE case definition.</p> <p>2018: CRE became reportable in Arizona and CP-CRE became nationally notifiable. Case definition updated to reflect decisions on reporting, isolate submission, classification, and stratification, as well as updating information from the national case definition. Arizona definition is broader than the national definition, which is for only three genera of Enterobacteriaceae (<i>E. coli</i>, <i>Enterobacter</i> spp., and <i>Klebsiella</i> spp.) and only one mechanism (carbapenemase producers).</p> <p>2017: adopted 2015 CSTE case definition using modified expanded definition of CRE</p> <p>2016: CSTE approved a case definition for CRE in 2015 in order to standardize surveillance, although CRE is not nationally notifiable and is not explicitly reportable in Arizona at this time.</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

1. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* isolated from any specimen that meets one of the following laboratory criteria:
 - **Laboratory Criterion A:** Resistant to meropenem and/or imipenem based on current Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) M100 Standards
 - Current CLSI minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC)* criteria for CRPA
 - Meropenem (MIC \geq 8 mcg/ml)
 - Imipenem (MIC \geq 8 mcg/ml)
 - **Laboratory Criterion B:** Positive phenotypic test** result for carbapenemase production
 - **Laboratory Criterion C:** Evidence of carbapenemase gene*** demonstrated by one of the following:
 - Positive molecular test† result detecting a carbapenemase gene (with or without organism identification)
 - Detection of a carbapenemase gene by next-generation sequencing (NGS)

*MIC values that are only reported as 'greater than' a breakpoint are interpretable as 'greater than or equal to' a one scale increase of the breakpoint. For example, a MIC >1 mcg/ml will be interpreted as MIC \geq 2 mcg/ml.

**Phenotypic methods include (but are not limited to): carbapenem inactivation method (CIM), Carba NP, Carba 5, STAR-Carba, EDTA-modified carbapenem inactivation method (eCIM), immunochromatography tests (ICT), metallo- β -lactamase test, modified carbapenem inactivation method (mCIM), modified Hodge test (MHT).

***Common carbapenemase genes found in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* include: bla_{KPC}, bla_{NDM}, bla_{VIM}, bla_{IMP}, and bla_{OXA-48}.

†Common molecular tests for carbapenemase genes include (but are not limited to): Xpert Carba-R, VERIGENE, Streck ARM-D, Cepheid, validated laboratory-developed nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT)

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets Laboratory Criterion A*, or Laboratory Criterion B, or Laboratory Criterion C.

- *Note: Cases involving isolates that are phenotypically positive for carbapenemase production (e.g., mCIM), but negative for KPC, NDM, OXA-48, VIM, and IMP should be counted as confirmed CP-CRPA.*

*Cases with no MIC values reported for which laboratory criteria B or C are not met: If interpretation (resistant, intermediate, susceptible) is included, classify based on the interpretation unless otherwise indicated. Cases with no MIC values reported and interpretation is not included should be classified as not a case.

Sub-classifications of Carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (CRPA)

CRPA cases should be further classified according to:

- a) Mechanism of resistance
 - Carbapenemase-producing CRPA (CP-CRPA)
 - Non-carbapenemase producing CRPA (non-CP CRPA)
 - Insufficient information to classify as CP-CRPA or non-CP CRPA

- b) Clinical versus screening
 - Stratified by whether the specimen was clinical (i.e., collected for the purpose of diagnosing or treating disease in the course of normal care) versus screening (i.e., collected for the detection of colonization and not for the purpose of diagnosing or treating disease). Because it can be difficult to differentiate screening specimens from clinical specimens based on microbiology records, screening cases should generally be limited to CRPA identified in rectal, peri-rectal, or stool specimens.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should be counted as a new case in the following situations:

- There is a new organism/carbapenemase combination (e.g., VIM+ *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* vs. IMP+ *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*).
- A person classified as a clinical case cannot be counted again as a screening case for the same organism/carbapenemase combination (e.g., patient with known VIM+ *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection who later has VIM+ *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* colonization should not be counted as a separate case).
- A screening case can later be counted as a clinical case if the person develops an infection with the same organism/carbapenemase combination (e.g., patient with VIM+ *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* peri-rectal screening swab who later develops VIM+ *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* blood stream infection would be counted twice, once as a screening case and once as a clinical case).

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-319](#) Carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Case Control Measures

1. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Institute isolation precautions as necessary for a case with carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection or colonization to prevent transmission; and
 - b. If a case with carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection or colonization is being transferred to another health care provider or health care institution or to a correctional facility, comply with R9-6-305.

2. An administrator of a correctional facility, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Institute isolation precautions as necessary for a case with carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection or colonization to prevent transmission; and

- b. If a case with carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection or colonization is being transferred to another correctional facility or to a health care institution, comply with R9-6-305.
3. A local health agency, in consultation with the Department, shall ensure that:
- a. A case with carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection or colonization is isolated as necessary to prevent transmission; and
 - b. An isolate or a specimen, as available, from each case with carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infection or colonization is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Outbreak control measures

A local health agency shall:

- 1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation for each outbreak or suspected outbreak of carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*; and
- 2. For each outbreak or suspected outbreak of carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2026
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2023
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No
Description of changes	<p>2026: Clarification added under “Classification” section regarding MIC values and interpretation.</p> <p>June 2025: Case definition was updated to reflect all CRPA being reportable in AZ per updated reporting rules. CLSI standards added to the laboratory criteria</p> <p>2025: Lab criteria language updated from “resistant” to “not-susceptible”.</p> <p>2023: New CDC/CSTE case definition for Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (CPO); added to Arizona case definition manual in 2023 as CP-CRPA to reflect the new CDC/CSTE definition.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Background

Chagas disease is a parasitic infection caused by *Trypanosoma cruzi*, which is spread to animals and people by means of vector-borne transmission. The disease is found only in the Americas, commonly South America, Central America, and Mexico. In Chagas endemic countries, the principal method of transmission is through contact with fecal matter from an infected triatomine bug. The triatomine bug, also known as the kissing bug, bites a person or animal host, ingests a blood meal, and then defecates on the host. The host may accidentally scratch or rub the feces into the bite wound, eyes, or mouth, thereby allowing the *T. cruzi* parasite to enter the body through mucous membranes or bloodstream.

Infection with Chagas disease can also occur through congenital transmission, transfusion of blood or blood products, organ transplantation, consumption of uncooked food contaminated with feces from infected bugs, and accidental laboratory exposure. Chagas disease is not transmitted from person-to-person.

Clinical Description

There are two phases of Chagas disease: the acute and chronic phase. Both phases can be asymptomatic to life threatening. The majority of Chagas disease cases are asymptomatic.

The **acute phase** is characterized by the first 8 weeks of infection, detectable parasitemia, and asymptomatic or symptomatic manifestations of the disease. The acute phase can include the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Rash
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Hepatomegaly
- Splenomegaly
- Lymphadenopathy
- Chagoma (nodular swelling at site where the parasite entered the body)
- Romaña's sign (swelling of the eyelid on the side of the face near the bite wound or where the bug feces were deposited or accidentally rubbed into the eye)
- Acute myocarditis (rare)
- Meningoencephalitis (rare)

Even if symptoms develop during the acute phase, they usually fade away on their own, within a few weeks or months. However, the acute phase may be severe in people with weakened immune systems.

The **chronic intermediate or indeterminate phase** occurs after the acute phase when infected individuals enter into a prolonged **asymptomatic** form of the disease. The infection remains silent

during this phase and few or no parasites are found in the bloodstream. During this time, most people are unaware of their infection. Many people remain asymptomatic for their entire life and never develop chronic Chagas-related symptoms.

It is estimated that 20-30% of infected people will develop the **chronic symptomatic phase** of Chagas disease. This phase is characterized by undetectable parasitemia and severe life-threatening cardiac or intestinal medical complications. These include:

- Cardiomyopathy, conduction abnormalities, heart failure, altered heart rate or rhythm (arrhythmia), sudden death; and/or
- Intestinal complications, such as megaesophagus or megacolon, which can lead to difficulties with eating or with passing stool.

When a patient with chronic *T. cruzi* infection becomes immunosuppressed, for example due to receiving an organ transplant, high levels of parasitemia may reappear due to failure of immune control and increased intracellular *T. cruzi* replication (**reactivation**).

Congenital Chagas disease can develop due to mother-to-child transmission of the infection. Most babies born with congenital Chagas disease show mild or no symptoms. However, if untreated, the infection will last a lifetime, and these infants risk developing symptoms of chronic Chagas disease later in life. These infants may present with:

- Low birth weight
- Premature birth
- Low Apgar scores
- Anemia
- Thrombocytopenia
- Gastrointestinal megasyndromes (e.g., megaesophagus, megacolon)
- Hepatomegaly
- Splenomegaly
- Pneumonitis
- Respiratory distress
- Anasarca

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Acute Chagas Disease

Confirmatory laboratory evidence*

- Visualization of *T. cruzi* by microscopy (wet mount-microscopic examination, thick and thin smears-Giemsa stain) performed on any tissue or body fluid, OR
- Detection of *T. cruzi* DNA by molecular testing (e.g., NAAT, metagenomic sequencing) performed on any tissue or body fluid

Chronic Chagas Disease[^]

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of IgG antibodies specific to *T. cruzi* by at least two diagnostic tests using two different antigen preparations^{^^} (such as the *T. cruzi* IgG test performed at the CDC)

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of IgG antibodies specific to *T. cruzi* by a single diagnostic test, OR
- Positive blood, organ, or human cells, tissues and cellular and tissue based products (HCT/P) donor screen for *T. cruzi*^{^^}

Congenital Chagas Disease**Confirmatory laboratory evidence***

- Visualization of *T. cruzi* by microscopy (e.g., wet mount-microscopic examination, thick and thin smears-Giemsa stain) performed on any tissue or body fluid (collected from the fetus or infant within three months of delivery to gestational parent), OR
- Detection of *T. cruzi* DNA by molecular testing (e.g., NAAT, metagenomic sequencing) performed on any tissue or body fluid (collected from the fetus or infant within three months of delivery to gestational parent)

Additional Lab Notes:

**Individuals experiencing reactivation (chronic cases whose parasitemia rises due to immunosuppression) may test positive using molecular testing or microscopic observation. These individuals can be counted as a chronic case pending positive serology that meets the chronic case definition. In the context of transplant recipients, case classification should be informed by whether the positive result may reflect an acute, donor-derived infection or chronic infection in a case experiencing reactivation.*

^ Includes chronic indeterminate (or intermediate) and chronic symptomatic Chagas disease.

*^^ To confirm a case of chronic Chagas disease, specimens must test positive using at least two *T. cruzi*-specific IgG diagnostic tests using two different antigen preparations (whole parasite antigen preparation and recombinant antigen preparation). The use of two different antigen preparations optimizes sensitivity and specificity, as no individual test for *T. cruzi*-specific IgG is adequately sensitive and specific. Most commercial labs in the U.S. perform one assay for Chagas disease. In the case of multiple tests from different commercial laboratories, jurisdictions would need to confirm which antigen preparation was used for each test result in order to classify the case. As antigen preparation information is not often readily available, samples testing *T. cruzi*-specific IgG positive from a commercial lab should be forwarded to CDC for testing; CDC tests twice using two different antigen preparations, and in the event of discordant results between the two tests, a third test with a third antigen preparation is also performed. Cases with negative CDC serological test results are ruled out, and should be classified as 'not a case'.*

*^^^ Blood, organ, and HCT/P donor screening does not constitute diagnostic testing. Patients with positive blood donor screening should have a diagnostic *T. cruzi* serological (IgG) test done at a commercial lab. A positive blood donor screening in the absence of additional testing should be classified as 'suspect' chronic Chagas case. 'Additional' or 'confirmatory' antibody tests performed by a blood screening agency do not count as diagnostic tests.*

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria**Acute Chagas Disease**

- Suspected triatomine or kissing bug exposure (e.g., bite, triatomine found in bed, etc.) within the 3 months prior to specimen collection, OR
- Residence for at least 6 months in a Chagas endemic country¹, which concluded within the 3 months prior to specimen collection, OR

- History of donor-derived infection in the recipient of organ or HCT/P transplant within the 3 months prior to specimen collection, OR
- History of donor-derived infection in the recipient of a blood transfusion within the 3 months prior to specimen collection

Chronic Chagas Disease

- Gestational parent that delivered a fetus or infant with confirmed congenital *T. cruzi* infection

¹*Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela*

Case Classification

Acute Chagas Disease

Confirmed

- Meets acute Chagas disease confirmatory laboratory evidence AND acute Chagas disease epidemiologic linkage criteria.

Congenital Chagas Disease

Confirmed

- A fetus (≥ 20 weeks or ≥ 350 g) or an infant who meets congenital Chagas disease confirmatory laboratory evidence in the absence of other known routes of transmission.

Chronic Chagas Disease

Confirmed

- Meets chronic Chagas disease confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- Meets all chronic Chagas disease presumptive laboratory evidence criteria, OR
- Meets one chronic Chagas disease presumptive laboratory evidence criterion AND chronic Chagas disease epidemiologic linkage criterion.

Suspect

- Meets only one chronic Chagas disease presumptive laboratory evidence criterion.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case From an Existing Case

A case should not be counted as a new case within the same case category (e.g., a person previously counted as a case of acute Chagas MAY be counted as a case of chronic Chagas, but MAY NOT be counted as a case of acute Chagas for a second time).

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-320](#) Chagas Infection and Related Disease (American Trypanosomiasis)

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported Chagas infection or disease case or suspect case; and
2. For each Chagas infection or disease case:
 - a. Submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
 - b. Provide to the Chagas infection or disease case or ensure that another person provides to the Chagas infection or disease case health education that includes:
 - i. The treatment options for Chagas infection or disease,
 - ii. Where the Chagas infection or disease case may receive treatment for Chagas infection or disease, and
 - iii. For women of childbearing age, the risks of transmission of Chagas infection or disease to a fetus.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Chagas Case Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2025: CDC/CSTE created a new definition (there wasn't one before since Chagas is not nationally notifiable), so the definition was updated to match that. The main changes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addition of a congenital Chagas disease category - Addition of Epi-linkage criteria - Laboratory criteria are split by category (acute, chronic and congenital) - Blood/organ donor screening meets the suspect chronic case definition (vs. being classified as 'not a case' previously) - Single IgG alone meets the suspect definition (vs. being classified as probable previously) <p>2024: Confirmatory and presumptive laboratory criteria have been partially reworded to improve clarity. Additional notes have been added to aid in case classification. A note to the probable</p>

	<p>case classification has been added to ensure that among symptomatic cases, only clinically compatible cases are counted in this category. Additional equivalent name of 'chronic indeterminate phase' was added to the chronic intermediate phrase.</p> <p>2020: Specified that single serological testing should rely on the IgG results.</p> <p>2019: Clarified that testing performed for blood donation screening should not be considered diagnostic and should not be used in the laboratory criteria.</p> <p>2017: Case definition added to the surveillance manual.</p>
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CHANCROID (*Haemophilus ducreyi*)

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

A sexually transmitted disease characterized by painful genital ulceration and inflammatory inguinal adenopathy. The disease is caused by infection with *Haemophilus ducreyi*.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Isolation of *H. ducreyi* from a clinical specimen

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that is laboratory confirmed.

Probable

A clinically compatible case with one or more painful genital ulcers in which:

- There is no evidence of *Treponema pallidum* infection by dark field examination of ulcer exudate or by a serologic test for syphilis performed at least 7 days after onset of ulcers, and
- The clinical presentation of the ulcer(s) is not typical of disease caused by HSV (herpes simplex virus) or HSV culture is negative.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-321](#) Chancroid (*Haemophilus ducreyi*)

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported chancroid case or suspect case;
2. For each chancroid case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
3. Comply with the requirements specified in R9-6-1103 concerning treatment and health education for a chancroid case.

Contact control measures:

1. When a chancroid case has named a contact, a local health agency shall comply with the requirements specified in R9-6-1103 concerning notification, testing, treatment, and health education for the contact.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2010
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2010
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

CHIKUNGUNYAPROVIDERS AND LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT
WITHIN 1 WORKING DAY

For the case definition, see [Arboviral infection](#) in this document.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-322](#) Chikungunya

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a chikungunya case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported chikungunya case or suspect case;
3. For each chikungunya case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
4. Ensure that each chikungunya case is provided with health education that includes measures to:
 - a. Avoid mosquito bites, and
 - b. Reduce mosquito breeding sites.

Environmental control measures:

In cooperation with the Department, a local health agency or another local agency responsible for vector control within a jurisdiction

1. Shall conduct an assessment of the environment surrounding each chikungunya case or suspect case and implement vector control measures as necessary.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See the Chikungunya Case Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Chlamydia infection has a variable clinical course based on the serotype causing infection. Infection with *Chlamydia trachomatis* may result in urethritis, epididymitis, cervicitis, acute salpingitis, or other syndromes when sexually transmitted. However, infection with *C. trachomatis* may be asymptomatic. Perinatal infections may result in conjunctivitis and pneumonia among newborns. Other syndromes caused by *C. trachomatis* include lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV) and trachoma.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Isolation of *C. trachomatis* by culture, OR
- Demonstration of *C. trachomatis* in a clinical specimen by
 - detection of antigen, OR
 - detection of nucleic acid, OR
- Detection of LGV-specific antigen or nucleic acid in a clinical specimen

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that is laboratory confirmed.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 30 days of a previously reported infection in the same individual, unless there is evidence of reinfection. The 30 days should be counted from the date of initial screening unless treated. For cases with treatment, the 30 days should be counted from the initial treatment date. Additional details can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/std/laboratory/de-duplication-guidance-june2016.pdf>.

LGV

LGV is a specific type of chlamydial infection, caused by the serovars L1, L2, and L3 of *C. trachomatis*. The following provides guidance for the classification of cases of *C. trachomatis* infection caused by LGV serovars.

Symptomatic LGV can be divided into three stages.

- The primary stage can include a small ulcer or lesion at the site of inoculation (genital, rectal, or oral/oropharyngeal sites).
- The secondary stage can include a syndrome featuring cervical, inguinal, and/or femoral lymphadenopathy that may rupture or an anorectal syndrome featuring proctocolitis (including mucoid or hemorrhagic rectal discharge, anal pain, constipation, fever, and/or tenesmus).
- Late stage LGV typically involves sequelae, such as genital elephantiasis, lymph node scarring, chronic colorectal fistulas and strictures, perirectal abscesses, and/or anal fissures.

LGV may also be asymptomatic.

Classification of LGV

Verified

A person with detection of LGV-specific antigen or nucleic acid in a clinical specimen. This includes asymptomatic cases.

Likely

A person with:

- Demonstration of *C. trachomatis* in a clinical specimen by detection of antigen or nucleic acid OR isolation of *C. trachomatis* by culture; AND
- Demonstration of clinical symptoms or signs consistent with LGV; AND
- No negative test for LGV-specific antigen or nucleic acid in a clinical specimen.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-323](#) *Chlamydia trachomatis* Infection

Case Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Comply with the requirements specified in R9-6-1103 concerning treatment and health education for a *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection case that seeks treatment from the local health agency.

Contact Control Measures:

If an individual who may have been exposed to chlamydia through sexual contact with a *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection case seeks treatment for symptoms of chlamydia infection from a local health agency, the local health agency shall comply with the requirements specified in R9-6-1103 concerning treatment and health education for the individual.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2022
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2022
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

Description of changes	<p>2022: LGV added back to the chlamydia definition to align with latest CSTE case definition.</p> <p>2016: Nucleic acid detection added to the laboratory criteria for surveillance.</p> <p>2013: LGV separated from ADHS chlamydia case definition.</p>
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CHOLERA

PROVIDERS AND LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT
WITHIN 1 WORKING DAY

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An illness characterized by diarrhea and/or vomiting. Severity is variable.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Isolation of toxigenic (cholera toxin-producing) *Vibrio cholerae* O1 or O139 from stool or vomitus, OR
- Serologic evidence of recent infection

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible illness that is laboratory confirmed.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

When two or more different serotypes are identified in one or more specimens from the same individual (as long as at least one week apart), each should be reported as a separate case.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Only confirmed cases should be reported nationally. Illnesses due to strains of *V. cholerae* other than toxigenic *V. cholerae* O1 or O139 should be reported as Vibrio infection rather than cholera. The etiologic agent of a case of cholera should be reported as either *V. cholerae* O1 or *V. cholerae* O139.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-324](#) Cholera

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a cholera case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Exclude a cholera case or suspect case from:
 - a. Working as a food handler, caring for patients or residents in a health care institution, or caring for children in or attending a child care establishment until a stool specimen

- negative for toxigenic *Vibrio cholerae* is obtained from the cholera case or suspect case;
and
- b. Using an aquatic venue until diarrhea has resolved;
 3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported cholera case or suspect case; and
 4. For each cholera case, submit to the Department, as specified in Article 2, Table 4 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures:

1. A local health agency shall provide follow-up for each cholera contact for five calendar days after exposure.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Cholera and other Vibrio Illness Surveillance Report at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2013
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2010
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2013 change to ADHS laboratory criteria to match CDC/CSTE case definition.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Infection may be asymptomatic or may produce an acute or chronic disease. Although the disease initially resembles an influenza-like illness or pneumonia-like febrile illness primarily involving the bronchopulmonary system, dissemination can occur to multiple organ systems. An illness is typically characterized by one or more of the following:

- Cough
- Fever or chills or night sweats
- Shortness of breath
- Chest or flank pain
- Headache
- Unintentional weight loss
- Myalgia (muscle pain)
- Arthralgia (joint pain) or bone pain
- Fatigue
- Abnormal lung findings on chest imaging (e.g., pulmonary infiltrates, nodule, or cavitory lesions) or report of pneumonia
- Single or multiple skin lesions
- Bone or joint abnormality (e.g., osteomyelitis, pathologic fracture)
- Meningitis, encephalitis, or focal brain lesion
- Abscess, granuloma, or lesion in other body system
- Erythema nodosum or erythema multiforme rash.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

For the purposes of surveillance, laboratory evidence includes at least one of the following:

- Cultural, histopathologic, or cytopathological evidence of presence of *Coccidioides* species.
- Demonstration of *Coccidioides*-specific nucleic acid or proteins in a clinical specimen or isolate using a validated molecular assay (e.g., PCR, DNA Probe, MALDI-TOF).
- Detection of coccidioidal antibodies in serum, CSF, or other body fluids using:
 - Enzyme immunoassay (may be abbreviated as EIA or ELISA)
 - Immunodiffusion (may be abbreviated as ID, IMD, IMDF, IDTP, IDCF)
 - Complement fixation (CF) with a titer of 1:2 or higher
 - Lateral flow assay (LFA)
 - Tube precipitin
 - Latex agglutination
- Detection of *Coccidioides* species antigen in serum, urine, CSF, or other body fluids.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A new case is a case not known to be previously reported and counted in any public health jurisdiction in the United States. There is no standardized system to check if a coccidioidomycosis case has been reported in another state; however, if it is known that a case was previously diagnosed or reported out-of-state, that case should not be reported again.

Reactivation of coccidioidomycosis can occur, particularly among patients with previous coccidioidomycosis who are later treated with immunosuppressive medications. Potential cases of reactivation should not be counted or reported unless they are known to have not been previously diagnosed or reported.

Multiple cases of coccidioidomycosis for the same patient should only be reported if reactivation of a previous infection can be ruled out (i.e., patient was reinfected) by whole genome sequencing (i.e., sequencing data indicate infection from distinct *Coccidioides* spp. lineages/strains).

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-326](#) Coccidioidomycosis (Valley Fever)

Outbreak Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported outbreak of coccidioidomycosis; and
2. For each outbreak of coccidioidomycosis, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2023
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2023
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No

<p>Description of changes</p>	<p>2023: A more extensive list of clinical signs and findings has been added to match the CSTE definition; lab criteria have been updated to include cytopathological evidence, CF with a tier of 1:2 or greater and the elimination of the skin test. These match the CSTE case definition for high-incidence jurisdictions.</p> <p>2020: Removed titer restrictions within the laboratory criteria to be consistent with laboratory reference ranges and the national case definition. Also, included additional laboratory tests (i.e., LFA and detection of <i>Coccidioides</i> species antigen).</p> <p>Coccidioidomycosis is endemic in Arizona, and previous study has shown that most reported cases that meet the laboratory criteria also meet the clinical case definition. Because of the high number of reported cases, lack of resources to investigate all reported cases, and very high rate of clinical symptoms among laboratory-reported cases, Arizona uses a laboratory-only case definition.</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An acute viral disease characterized by fever, chills, lethargy, headache and myalgias with infrequent macular or maculopapular rash. After initial onset, a remission is usual, followed by a second bout of fever lasting 2-3 days.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Isolation of Colorado tick fever virus from blood or CSF, OR
- Fourfold or greater change in serum antibody

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that is laboratory confirmed with symptoms and history as above.

Probable

A compatible history of tick or outdoor exposure, plus clinical symptoms with supportive laboratory results (demonstration of single serological test result suggestive of recent infection with no history of previous infection, by use of hemagglutination, IFA or ELISA).

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-327](#) Colorado Tick Fever

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported Colorado tick fever case or suspect case; and
2. For each Colorado tick fever case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/forms/Tick_TBRD_FILL_508.pdf

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2005 or before
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

Enter in MEDSIS as Novel Coronavirus morbidity. Also, see Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) for individuals aged <21 years.

CASE DEFINITION

Laboratory Criteria for Diagnosis

Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence

- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid in a clinical or post-mortem specimen using a diagnostic molecular test (e.g., NAAT), OR
- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in a clinical or post-mortem specimen by genomic sequencing*, OR
- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 specific antigen by diagnostic immunocytochemistry staining.

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence

- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 specific antigen in a clinical or post-mortem specimen using a diagnostic test (excluding at-home tests).

**Some genomic sequencing tests that have been authorized for emergency use by the FDA do not require an initial PCR result to be generated. Genomic sequencing results may be all the public health agency receives.*

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should be counted as a new case in the following situations:

- Onset or positive specimen collection date >90 days prior[‡], OR
- Genomic sequencing from the new positive specimen and the previous case demonstrates a different lineage, OR

[‡]Some individuals, e.g., severely immunocompromised persons, can shed SARS-CoV-2, as detected by molecular amplification tests, >90 days after infection. For severely immunocompromised individuals, clinical judgment should be used to determine if a repeat positive test is likely to result from long-term shedding and, therefore, not be counted as a new case. Severe immunocompromise conditions include chemotherapy for

cancer, untreated HIV infection with CD4 T lymphocyte count <200, combined primary immunodeficiency disorder, and receipt of prednisone >20mg/day for more than 14 days.

Comment

A person meeting the case definition for COVID-19 and for MIS-C should be entered in MEDSIS under both morbidities, and classified appropriately for each. For example, a confirmed MIS-C case will likely also count as a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No
Description of changes	<p>2025: Removed clinical and epidemiological criteria to focus on lab evidence. Simplified lab testing categories and removed at-home test results. SARS-CoV-2 is no longer nationally notifiable.</p> <p>2023: Removed clinical criteria and epidemiologic linkage. Also, removed antigen tests performed without CLIA oversight, and vital records criteria from the probable case classification. Updated death classification criteria.</p> <p>6/20/2022: Updated guidance on when to classify self tests/at-home tests as presumptive laboratory evidence,</p>

	<p>including when they should not be reported.</p> <p>4/4/2022: Updated Additional Guidance to include the CSTE COVID-19 associated deaths guidance.</p> <p>9/8/2021: Added genomic sequencing to confirmatory laboratory evidence. Added self tests/at-home tests to presumptive laboratory evidence. Added clarification on criteria to distinguish a new case from an existing case</p> <p>5/10/2021: Added clarification that reinfection after vaccination (i.e., vaccine breakthrough) in the same person should be considered a new case.</p> <p>3/29/2021: Removed supportive laboratory evidence and the suspect case classification. Added clarification that infections from two distinct lineages should be considered separate cases.</p> <p>9/16/2020: Removed serology as presumptive evidence, and moved serology into a suspect case classification. Removed negative test exclusion criterion (within 3 days of death) for classifying probable cases meeting vital records criteria. Include antigen-positive tests as probable cases regardless of meeting clinical criteria or epidemiologic linkage. Change new case creation to 3 months instead of 4 months based on revised CDC guidance.</p> <p>6/16/2020: based upon county health department input; Added language to the probable case classification using the vital</p>
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	<p>record criterion, to clarify how to interpret confirmatory testing that has been conducted. When death certificate indicates COVID-19 was the cause of death or attributed to cause of death, if the test was within 3 days of death classify a case according to test results, if longer than 3 days prior to death then ignore test results, and classify according to death certificate.</p> <p>4/5/2020: New CDC/CSTE case definition; added to Arizona case definition manual in April 2020. Compared to CDC/CSTE definition, ADHS has simplified the epidemiologic linkage by removing the travel-associated component, and more concisely defining “risk cohort” as well as what constitutes a close contact.</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) is a fatal disease characterized by progressive dementia and a variety of other neurological symptoms including:

- Myoclonus
- Visual or cerebellar signs
- Pyramidal/extrapyramidal signs
- Akinetic mutism

CJD is typified by development of spongy spaces in brain tissue where cells have died. Incubation periods range from 15 months to 30 years.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of characteristic lesions by examination of frozen brain tissue. This diagnosis can be made in the U.S. only by the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center (NPDPSC) in Cleveland, Ohio.
- Detection of abnormal prion protein by Western blot testing performed on frozen brain tissue, or by immunohistochemistry (IHC)/histology performed on fixed tissue.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of 14-3-3 protein in CSF.
- Genetic analysis suggestive of the presence of the mutation associated with CJD.
- Detection of characteristic patterns by EEG or MRI

Case Classification

When possible, each case of CJD should be classified into one of the types according to the mode of transmission.

Confirmed

A case that meets at least one of the confirmatory laboratory criteria and only when performed by the NPDPSC.

- Iatrogenic CJD meets the above criteria PLUS
 - Progressive cerebellar syndrome in a recipient of human cadaveric-derived hormone or
 - A CJD recognized exposure risk (i.e. antecedent neurosurgery with dura mater implantation, corneal transplants, brain surgery).
- Familial CJD meets the above criteria PLUS
 - Confirmed or Probable CJD in a first degree relative
- Sporadic CJD meets the above criteria PLUS
 - No evidence of iatrogenic and familial CJD

Probable

A case that meets one of the presumptive laboratory criteria and in which three of the five clinical findings described above are present. Findings must include progressive dementia with clinical duration lasting < 2 years. Routine investigations should not suggest an alternative diagnosis.

- Iatrogenic CJD meets the above criteria PLUS
 - Progressive cerebellar syndrome in a recipient of human cadaveric-derived hormone or
 - A recognized CJD exposure risk (i.e. antecedent neurosurgery with dura mater implantation, corneal transplants, brain surgery).
- Familial CJD meets the above criteria PLUS
 - Confirmed or Probable CJD in a first degree relative
- Sporadic CJD meets the above criteria PLUS
 - No evidence of iatrogenic and familial CJD

Suspect

A case that meets one of the presumptive laboratory criteria and in which no clinical information is known and routine investigations should not suggest an alternative diagnosis.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should never be counted as a new case if there was a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Additional information and forms may be obtained by visiting the website for the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio at www.cjdsurveillance.com or <http://case.edu/med/pathology/centers/npdpssc/>. CJD is reportable in Arizona but is not a nationally notifiable condition. ADHS should be notified of all pending case investigations involving possible CJD and may coordinate shipment of specimens to the NPDPSC.

Additional information regarding the different CJD classifications based on mode of transmission is included below:

- Classical (Sporadic or Spontaneous) CJD: CJD of unexplained origin and presumably autochthonous. The prevalence of classical CJD is about one case per 1,000,000 population/year. This type of CJD typically strikes older individuals with the vast majority of cases occurring in those over 65 years of age (median = 68 years). Median duration of illness is 4-5 months.
- Iatrogenic CJD: Occurs as a result of exposure to infectious prions during a medical procedure. Corneal transplants, dura mater grafts, brain surgery, and growth or gonadotropic hormones made from human pituitary glands have all been implicated in iatrogenic CJD cases.
- Familial (Genetic) CJD: Same general characteristics as classical CJD, but a case may be given this classification when the patient has a known family history of rapid-onset dementia.
- (New) Variant CJD: Associated with consumption of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy- (BSE, aka "Mad Cow Disease") infected beef. Only three cases with this form of CJD have been found in the U.S. and all cases had acquisition of the disease almost certainly in countries with BSE-contaminated cattle products (United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia). The typical age of onset of Variant CJD is much younger than Classical CJD (median = 28 years). Median duration of illness is 13-14 months.

- Human cases of CJD associated with consumption of venison contaminated with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) prions have not been documented. If such a situation were to occur, it would most likely be classified as a new type of CJD.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-329](#) Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease

Case Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease case or suspect case; and
2. For each Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2006
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

Cases should be reported under the emerging or exotic disease requirement. Enter in MEDSIS under the *Cronobacter, Infant* (CBI) morbidity.

CASE DEFINITION

Background

Cronobacter species (spp.) are opportunistic pathogens that can cause illnesses and outbreaks of invasive infections in infants. *Cronobacter* spp. can survive in very dry places, hospitals, and home environments for a long period of time. Previous investigations of *Cronobacter* infection in infants have been linked to powdered infant formula. Initiating reportable surveillance for *Cronobacter* in infants (persons under 12 months of age) is crucial and it allows for prompt detection, enhances investigation efforts, and helps coordinated response efforts.

Clinical Criteria

In the absence of a more likely alternative diagnosis, an acute illness in an infant characterized by an invasive infection, including but not limited to meningitis, cerebral abscess, sepsis, necrotizing enterocolitis, or urinary tract infection.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Isolation by culture of *Cronobacter* spp. in a clinical specimen from a normally sterile site (e.g., blood or cerebrospinal fluid).

Supportive laboratory evidence

Isolation of *Cronobacter* spp. in a clinical specimen from a non-sterile site (e.g., stool or rectum, urine, skin, respiratory secretions, or broncho-alveolar lavage, etc.).

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

Epidemiologic risk factors within 7 days prior to illness onset in an infant:

- Consumption of powdered infant formula (PIF) implicated as the source of infection, OR
- Exposure to a non-PIF product, such as breast milk, implicated as the source of infection, OR
- Residing in a congregate setting (e.g., a neonatal intensive care unit [NICU]) with an active *Cronobacter* spp. outbreak.

Case Classifications

Confirmed

- Meets clinical criteria AND confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- Meets clinical criteria AND epidemiologic linkage criteria AND supportive laboratory evidence.

Suspect

- Meets clinical criteria AND supportive laboratory evidence, OR
- Meets clinical criteria AND epidemiologic linkage criteria.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should never be counted as a new case unless when:

- An infant originally counted as a suspect case with supportive laboratory evidence with specimen collection date for that classification within 90 days prior but now meets the confirmed case classification,
OR
- WGS results indicate that a new positive specimen and a prior positive specimen are genetically distinct.

Comments

An infant is considered as a patient under the age of 12 months.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-330](#) Cronobacter Infection in an Infant

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a Cronobacter infection case or suspect case in an infant, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported Cronobacter infection case or suspect case in an infant; and
3. For each Cronobacter case in an infant, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Outbreak Control Measures

A local health agency shall

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported Cronobacter outbreak in infants; and
2. For each Cronobacter outbreak in infants, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Cronobacter, Infant Investigation Form

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2024
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	New CDC/CSTE case definition; added to Arizona case definition manual in 2024. Added background and comment sections.

CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS
(*Cryptosporidium parvum*)

LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 1 DAY

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

A gastrointestinal illness characterized by diarrhea with a duration of 72 hours or more, abdominal cramping, fever, nausea, vomiting or anorexia.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

The detection of *Cryptosporidium* organisms or DNA in stool, intestinal fluid, tissue samples, biopsy specimens, or other biological sample by certain laboratory methods with a high positive predictive value (PPV), e.g.,

- Direct fluorescent antibody [DFA] test,
- Polymerase chain reaction [PCR],
- Enzyme immunoassay [EIA], or
- Light microscopy of stained specimens.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the clinical description and the respective criteria for laboratory-confirmation as described above.

Probable

A case that meets the clinical description and that is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Test results known to be obtained with commercially-available immunochromatographic card tests do not meet the laboratory criteria due to reports of unacceptably high rates of false-positive results (Clin Infect Dis. 2010 Apr 15;50(8):e53-55)

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-331](#) Cryptosporidiosis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Exclude a cryptosporidiosis case or suspect case with diarrhea from:
 - a. Working as a food handler, caring for patients or residents in a health care institution, or caring for children in or attending a child care establishment until diarrhea has resolved; and
 - b. Using an aquatic venue for two weeks after diarrhea has resolved;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported cryptosporidiosis case or suspect case; and
3. For each cryptosporidiosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Environmental control measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct a sanitary inspection or ensure that a sanitary inspection is conducted of each facility or location regulated under 9 A.A.C. 8 that is associated with an outbreak of cryptosporidiosis.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Cryptosporidiosis Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2012
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No
Description of changes	<p>June 2025: Presumptive laboratory evidence was removed and probable case definition was modified since immunochromatographic card tests do not meet the laboratory criteria due to reports of high rates of false-positive results.</p> <p>2012: ADHS edited the case definition to match CDC/CSTE but kept additional comments about laboratory tests.</p>

CYCLOSPORA INFECTION
(*Cyclospora cayetanensis*)

LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 1 WORKING DAY

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An illness of variable severity caused by the protozoan parasite *Cyclospora cayetanensis* and commonly characterized by watery diarrhea. Other common symptoms include loss of appetite, weight loss, abdominal bloating and cramping, increased flatus, nausea, fatigue, and low-grade fever. Vomiting also may be noted. Relapses and asymptomatic infections can occur.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Detection of *Cyclospora* organisms or DNA in stool, intestinal fluid/aspirate, or intestinal biopsy specimens.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the clinical description and at least one of the criteria for laboratory confirmation as described above.

Probable

A case that meets the clinical description and that is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-332](#) *Cyclospora* Infection

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported *Cyclospora* infection case or suspect case; and
2. For each *Cyclospora* infection case submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See *Cyclospora* Infection Investigation Form at <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2010
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2010
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Cysticercosis is a tissue infection with the larval stage of the pork tapeworm, *Taenia solium*. When tapeworm eggs or proglottids are swallowed, the hatching eggs release larvae which can migrate from the intestine into tissues (including muscle, organs or central nervous system (CNS)) where they form cysts or cysticerci. The occurrence of cysticerci in the CNS (neurocysticercosis) can present with headache, epileptiform seizures, signs of intracranial hypertension, or psychiatric disturbances.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Determination can be made from:

- Microscopic examination of excised cysticerci from tissues, OR
- Recognition of cysticerci by CAT scan, MRI, or, when calcified, X-ray, OR
- Specific serologic tests.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case with cysticerci in tissues or CNS identified by microscopy

Probable

A clinically compatible case with suspected cysticerci visualized in CAT scan, MRI, or X-ray, OR positive serologic tests.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should never be counted as a new case if there was a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-333](#) Cysticercosis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported cysticercosis case or suspect case; and
2. For each cysticercosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

Contact ADHS.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2006
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Clinical evidence of **dengue** includes fever or chills as reported by the patient or healthcare provider* AND the presence of one or more of the following manifestations:

- Nausea or vomiting, which may be persistent (e.g., ≥ 3 episodes in 1 hour or ≥ 4 episodes in 6 hours)
- Rash
- Aches and pains (headache, retro-orbital pain, arthralgia [joint pain], myalgia [muscle aches])
- Positive tourniquet test
- Thrombocytopenia (e.g., platelet count $< 150,000/\text{mm}^3$)
- Leukopenia (e.g., a total white blood cell count of $< 5,000/\text{mm}^3$)
- Any warning sign for severe dengue:
 - Abdominal pain or tenderness
 - Extravascular fluid accumulation (e.g., pleural or pericardial effusion, ascites) without respiratory distress
 - Mucosal bleeding** (e.g., gums, nose [epistaxis], vagina [menorrhagia], kidney [macroscopic hematuria] or mild GI bleeding)
 - Liver enlargement > 2 centimeters
 - Increasing hematocrit ($> 20\%$ in 2 measurements taken 6 hours apart).

* The vast majority of dengue cases are characterized by fever or chills. If fever or chills are not present, or are the only symptoms present, or cannot be ascertained, a patient can still be considered clinically compatible after careful consideration of the patient's clinical course, exposure history, and environmental risk. Visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/dengue/areas-with-risk/index.html> for geographic areas with known current or previous risk of DENV.

** If bleeding is severe (see below), consider severe dengue.

Severe dengue is characterized by any one or more of the following scenarios:

- Severe bleeding defined as one or more of the following:
 - Bleeding (most commonly gastrointestinal, e.g., hematemesis, melena) that results in hemodynamic instability or blood transfusion (except platelets), OR
 - Bleeding that results in permanent disability (e.g., CNS bleed or intraocular bleed), OR
 - Bleeding classified as severe by a clinical provider.
- Severe plasma leakage evidenced by shock or extravascular fluid accumulation (e.g., pleural or pericardial effusion, ascites) AND respiratory distress. A high hematocrit value for patient age and sex offers further evidence of plasma leakage.
- Severe organ involvement, including any of the following:
 - Elevated liver transaminases: aspartate aminotransferase (AST) or alanine aminotransferase (ALT) $> 1,000$ units per liter (U/L), OR
 - Impaired level of consciousness and/or diagnosis of encephalitis, encephalopathy, or meningitis, OR
 - Heart or other organ involvement including myocarditis, cholecystitis, and pancreatitis.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of dengue virus (e.g., growth in cell culture), viral antigen (e.g., NS1 antigen-capture ELISA, immunohistochemistry), or viral RNA (e.g., PCR) in a serum, plasma, blood, cerebral spinal fluid (CSF), other body fluid, or tissue specimen, OR
- Detection of anti-DENV IgM antibodies in a serum or CSF specimen AND
 - o Detectable DENV-specific neutralizing antibody titers by plaque reduction neutralization (PRNT)¹, AND
 - o Negative neutralizing antibody titers against other flaviviruses endemic to the region where exposure occurred.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of anti-DENV IgM antibodies in a serum specimen², OR
- Demonstration of a ≥ 4 -fold rise in DENV-specific neutralizing antibody titers in paired serum samples optimally collected ≥ 2 weeks apart with a ≥ 4 -fold higher end point titer as compared to other flaviviruses tested³.

¹ *Anti-DENV IgM antibody assays do not measure neutralizing antibodies. Neutralizing antibodies are the ones measured by PRNT. Dengue neutralizing antibodies can persist for many years following a symptomatic or asymptomatic infection. A high proportion of people living in dengue-endemic areas have experienced a previous dengue infection; the presence of neutralizing antibodies alone is only evidence of previous infection. In a single sample, PRNTs can help rule out other flaviviruses but cannot differentiate between recent and remote (unrelated to the current illness) infection from DENV among people with previous exposure. For this reason, negative neutralizing antibody titers against other endemic flaviviruses are needed to confirm the case.*

² *In the setting of an outbreak or known transmission of another flavivirus (e.g., Zika or WNV), obtaining negative IgM results for the other flaviviruses is recommended. If IgM antibodies from other flaviviruses are detected and neutralizing antibodies are unable to differentiate flaviviruses, consider reporting the case as ‘Unspecified Flavivirus.’*

³ *During a second flavivirus infection, cross-reactive antibodies from the first infecting dengue virus serotype or flavivirus (the “original antigen”) can predominate over the current infecting flavivirus. Neutralizing antibody results should be interpreted with caution when previous dengue infection is suspected or when titers are high against multiple dengue virus serotypes or flaviviruses.*

Case Classification**Confirmed**

- Meets clinical criteria AND confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- Meets clinical criteria AND presumptive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

DENV infection results in long-lasting immunity to symptomatic dengue infection with that DENV-type. However, cross-protective (heterotypic) immunity against DENV infection is short-lived, with estimated durations of 1–3 years. In DENV endemic areas where infection pressure is high, individuals have been shown to infrequently have sequential episodes of dengue with two different infecting serotypes. Additionally, detectable IgM anti-DENV can persist for approximately 90 days.

- A person with two clinical episodes of dengue **occurring at least two weeks apart** and shown to be **due to different infecting serotypes** confirmed by molecular diagnostic testing would be counted as **two different cases**, OR
- In the absence of molecular testing evidence showing infection due to different infecting serotypes, a person with **two clinical episodes of dengue occurring more than 90 days apart** would be counted as **two different cases**.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-334](#) Dengue

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a dengue case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported dengue case or suspect case;
3. For each dengue case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
4. Ensure that each dengue case is provided with health education that includes measures to:
 - a. Avoid mosquito bites, and
 - b. Reduce mosquito breeding sites.

Environmental Control Measures

1. In cooperation with the Department, a local health agency or another local agency responsible for vector control within a jurisdiction shall conduct an assessment of the environment surrounding each dengue case or suspect case and implement vector control measures as necessary.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Dengue Case Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2026
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2025
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No

<p>Description of changes</p>	<p>2026: Removed the sub-type of dengue-like illness from both case definition and nationally notifiable conditions list, which was found to be challenging to interpret due to insufficient information or less symptomatic/severe disease. Revised to the laboratory criteria: confirmatory lab evidence now requires neutralizing antibodies among cases with only serologic evidence of infection to address difficulties in case classification with IgM results. Case classification simplified in comparison to the 2025 CDC/CSTE definition, including the exclusion of epidemiological linkage criteria.</p> <p>2024: Added a note regarding confirmatory testing (in presence of positive IgM and neutralization test anti-DENV)</p> <p>2015: Overall name changed from Dengue Fever to Dengue Virus Infections. Classifications changed from dengue fever, dengue hemorrhagic fever and dengue shock syndrome to dengue-like illness, dengue, or severe dengue, to match the new classifications adopted by the WHO in 2008. Modification of the laboratory criteria for confirmatory, probable and suspect testing. Changes match those in the CDC/CSTE definition.</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Possible outbreaks of disease come to the attention of public health officials in various ways. Often, an astute clinician, infection control nurse, or clinical laboratory worker first notices an unusual disease or an unusual number of cases of a disease and alerts public health officials. Frequently, it is the patient (or someone close to the patient) who first suspects a problem, as is often the case in foodborne outbreaks after a shared meal.

Outbreak Definition for Diarrhea, Nausea, or Vomiting

An outbreak of D, N, V is defined as two or more people not from the same household or family diagnosed or detected within a one-week period with similar illness consisting of a new onset of diarrhea, nausea and/or vomiting all of whom have a common exposure (ingestion of common food, residence in common location, or other exposure or event common to those ill).

Case Definition of Gastroenteritis (D, N, V)

A case of gastroenteritis is defined as a person with new onset of nausea, diarrhea and/or vomiting. Diarrhea is defined as two or more loose stools per 24-hour period or an unexplained increase in the number of bowel movements.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-335](#) Diarrhea, Nausea, or Vomiting

Outbreak Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported outbreak of diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting;
2. Submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E); and
3. Exclude each case that is part of an outbreak of diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting from:
 - a. Working as a food handler, caring for patients or residents in a health care institution, or caring for children in or attending a child care establishment until:
 - i. Diarrhea and vomiting have resolved, or
 - ii. The local health agency has determined that the case is unlikely to infect other individuals; and
 - b. Using an aquatic venue for two weeks after diarrhea has resolved.

Environmental Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct a sanitary inspection or ensure that a sanitary inspection is conducted of each facility or location regulated under 9 A.A.C. 8 that is associated with an outbreak of diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Outbreak Summary Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>**CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY**

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2006
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Diphtheria is caused by toxin-producing *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* (*C. diphtheriae*). This disease primarily manifests as respiratory infections that may result in death, but it may also present as mild infections in non-respiratory sites, such as the skin. While respiratory diphtheria is now extremely rare, non-respiratory infections caused by toxin-producing bacteria have recently been detected. Non-respiratory disease caused by toxin-producing *C. diphtheriae* may act as a source of transmission and can lead to new respiratory and non-respiratory diphtheria disease; both respiratory and non-respiratory disease caused by toxin-producing bacteria require public health follow-up. This diphtheria surveillance case definition better reflects the epidemiology of diphtheria in the U.S, in order to focus efforts on identifying disease caused by toxin-producing bacteria and appropriately guide public health interventions.

Clinical Criteria

- Upper respiratory tract illness with an adherent membrane of the nose, pharynx, tonsils, or larynx OR
- Infection of a non-respiratory anatomical site (e.g., skin, wound, conjunctiva, ear, genital mucosa)

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of *C. diphtheriae* from any site AND
- Confirmation of toxin-production by Elek test or by another validated test capable of confirming toxin-production

Supportive laboratory evidence

- Histopathologic diagnosis

Epidemiologic Linkage

Epidemiologic linkage requires direct contact with a laboratory-confirmed case of diphtheria.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- An upper respiratory tract illness with an adherent membrane of the nose, pharynx, tonsils, or larynx and any of the following:
 - isolation of toxin-producing *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* from the nose or throat OR
 - epidemiologic linkage to a laboratory-confirmed case of diphtheria.

OR

- An infection at a non-respiratory anatomical site (e.g., skin, wound, conjunctiva, ear, genital mucosa) and isolation of toxin-producing *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* from that site.

Suspect

- In the absence of a more likely diagnosis, an upper respiratory tract illness with each of the following:
 - o an adherent membrane of the nose, pharynx, tonsils, or larynx AND
 - o absence of laboratory confirmation AND
 - o lack of epidemiologic linkage to a laboratory-confirmed case of diphtheria

OR

- Histopathologic diagnosis

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

Individuals without evidence of clinical criteria as described by the diphtheria surveillance case definition but for whom toxin-producing *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* is confirmed via laboratory testing (isolation and toxigenicity testing by modified Elek test or other validated test capable of confirming toxin-production) should not be classified as cases. These individuals are considered carriers of the bacteria and are not reportable.

Comment

- Cases of laboratory-confirmed, non-toxin-producing *C. diphtheriae* (respiratory or non-respiratory) should not be reported by state or local health departments to CDC as diphtheria cases.
- Negative laboratory results may be sufficient to rule-out a diagnosis of diphtheria; however, clinicians should carefully consider all lab results in the context of the patient's vaccination status, antimicrobial treatment, and other risk factors.
- PCR and MALDI-TOF diagnostics for *C. diphtheriae*, when used alone, do not confirm toxin production. These tests, when used, should always be combined with a test that confirms toxin production, such as the Elek test.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-336](#) Diphtheria

Case control measures:

1. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Isolate and institute droplet precautions for a pharyngeal diphtheria case or suspect case until two successive sets of cultures negative for *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* are obtained from nose and throat specimens collected from the case or suspect case at least 24 hours apart and at least 24 hours after cessation of treatment; and
 - b. Isolate and institute contact precautions for a cutaneous diphtheria case or suspect case until two successive sets of cultures negative for *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* are obtained from skin specimens collected from the case or suspect case at least 24 hours apart and at least 24 hours after cessation of treatment.
2. A local health agency shall:

- a. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a diphtheria case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
- b. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported diphtheria case or suspect case; and
- c. For each diphtheria case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Exclude each diphtheria contact from working as a food handler, caring for patients or residents in a health care institution, or caring for children in or attending a school or child care establishment until a set of cultures negative for *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* is obtained from the contact's nose and throat specimens;
2. In consultation with the Department, quarantine a contact of a diphtheria case, if indicated, until two successive sets of cultures negative for *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* are obtained from nose and throat specimens collected from the contact at least 24 hours apart;
3. Offer each previously immunized diphtheria contact prophylaxis and a vaccine containing diphtheria toxoid; and
4. Offer each unimmunized diphtheria contact prophylaxis and the primary vaccine series.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Diphtheria Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2019
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2019
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2019: Updated to include non-respiratory disease and to require confirmation that the bacteria is toxin-producing. Probable classification removed and suspect added. Changes based on modifications to CDC/CSTE definition.

CASE DEFINITION

Background

Ehrlichiosis is the general name given to the diseases caused by obligate intracellular bacteria in the genus *Ehrlichia* within the family Anaplasmataceae. *Ehrlichia* species are tickborne pathogens and are the most commonly reported species transmitted by *Amblyomma americanum*, the lone star tick. The majority of reported human infections are caused by either *Ehrlichia chaffeensis* or *Ehrlichia ewingii*. Most cases of ehrlichiosis occur across the south-central, southeastern, and mid-Atlantic states, although *Ehrlichia muris eauclairensis*, which is transmitted by *Ixodes scapularis*, the blacklegged tick, has been reported from travelers to, or residents of, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Clinical Description

Ehrlichiosis typically presents 5 to 14 days after a tick bite with a combination of nonspecific clinical symptoms, such as fever, fatigue, and headache. Illness is often accompanied by laboratory abnormalities including leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, and mildly elevated liver enzymes. Ehrlichiosis is not known to be endemic in Arizona.

Clinical Criteria

- Objective clinical evidence: fever as reported by patient or healthcare provider, anemia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, or any hepatic transaminase elevation
- Subjective clinical evidence: chills/sweats, headache, myalgia, nausea/vomiting, or fatigue/malaise

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of *E. chaffeensis**, *E. ewingii**, *E. muris eauclairensis**, unspiciated *Ehrlichia* spp., or other *Ehrlichia* spp. DNA in a clinical specimen via amplification of a specific target by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay, nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT), or other molecular method, OR
- Serological evidence of a fourfold change¹ in immunoglobulin G (IgG)-specific antibody titer to *Ehrlichial* antigen by indirect immunofluorescence assay (IFA) in paired serum samples (one taken in first two weeks after illness onset and a second taken two to ten weeks after acute specimen collection)², OR
- Demonstration of ehrlichial antigen in a biopsy or autopsy sample by immunohistochemical methods, OR
- Isolation of *E. chaffeensis**, *E. ewingii**, *E. muris eauclairensis**, unspiciated *Ehrlichia* spp., or other *Ehrlichia* spp. from a clinical specimen in cell culture with molecular confirmation (e.g., PCR or sequence).

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Serological evidence of elevated IgG antibody reactive with *Ehrlichia* spp. antigen by IFA at a titer $\geq 1:128$ in a sample taken within 60 days of illness onset, OR
- Microscopic identification of intracytoplasmic morulae in leukocytes in a sample taken within 60 days of illness onset.

* *Ehrlichia chaffeensis* infection was formerly included in the category Human Monocytic Ehrlichiosis (HME); *Ehrlichia ewingii* infection was formerly included in the category Ehrlichiosis (unspecified, or other agent); *Ehrlichia muris euclairensis* infection was formerly included in the category Undetermined Anaplasmosis/Ehrlichiosis.

¹ A four-fold change in titer is equivalent to a change of two dilutions (e.g., 1:64 to 1:256).

² A four-fold rise in titer should not be excluded as confirmatory laboratory criteria if the acute and convalescent specimens are collected within two weeks of one another.

Case Classification**

Confirmed

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence AND at least one of the objective or subjective clinical evidence criteria.

Probable

- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence with fever as reported by patient or healthcare provider AND at least one other objective or subjective clinical evidence criterion (excluding chills/sweats); OR
- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence without reported fever but with chills/sweats AND:
 - at least one objective clinical evidence criterion; OR
 - two other subjective clinical evidence criteria.

Suspect

- Meets confirmatory or presumptive laboratory evidence with no or insufficient clinical information to classify as a confirmed or probable case (e.g., a laboratory report only).

** Patients should not be classified as cases for both [anaplasmosis](#) and ehrlichiosis based on serologic evidence alone.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A person previously reported as a probable or confirmed case may be counted as a new case when there is an episode of new clinically compatible illness with confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Comment

Diagnostic testing for ehrlichiosis is complicated by the close genetic relationship between *Anaplasma* and *Ehrlichia* species. Blood smears may reveal morulae within the cytoplasm of infected cells, and while they cannot always conclusively distinguish between *Anaplasma* and some *Ehrlichia* species, smears are the only rapid diagnostic available, and, in combination with surveillance data, the results can be informative. Serologic testing is commonly used to diagnose ehrlichiosis, but antibodies to *Anaplasma* and *Ehrlichia* can cross-react. The previous case definition for *E. chaffeensis* infection includes single positive immunoglobulin M (IgM) or

immunoglobulin G (IgG) serologic assay results as laboratory evidence for probable cases, which is problematic.

In addition to the relatively low specificity of single positive serologic assay results, antibodies can persist for months or years following infection and may be detected in individuals with no clinical evidence of disease; overall, a single, mildly elevated titer is a poor indicator of current infection. The presence of IgG antibodies may reflect past exposures, and data suggest that IgG antibodies reactive to *Ehrlichia* spp. in asymptomatic individuals may be more common than previously thought. While accurately interpreting a single IgG test result is challenging, IgM antibodies have also proven to be unreliable indicators of infection. Further, some of the tests mentioned in the previous case definition (specifically ELISA and dot-ELISA) are no longer widely available and lack reliability.

Nationally, as of 2017, molecular methods were used to diagnose 40% of ehrlichiosis cases. Other methods, such as detection of antigen by immunohistochemistry, isolation in cell culture, or serological evidence of a fourfold change in IgG-specific antibody titer by indirect immunofluorescence assay (IFA) in paired serum samples are rarely reported. Additionally, when acute and convalescent serum samples documenting a four-fold change in IgG specific antibody titer are reported, many are rejected as samples were collected outside of the previous case definition's time parameters.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-337](#) Ehrlichiosis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported ehrlichiosis case or suspect case; and
2. For each ehrlichiosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Tick-Borne Rickettsial Disease Case Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2024
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

Description of changes	<p>2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADHS case definition revised to match CDC/CSTE. • Establishes new sub-categories for ehrlichiosis: <i>Ehrlichia chaffeensis</i>, <i>Ehrlichia ewingii</i>, <i>Ehrlichia muris eauclairensis</i>, and unspciated <i>Ehrlichia</i>. • Removes 'Undetermined' option from case definition. • Added language to offer guidance on classifying cases with serology only reports for both <i>Ehrlichia</i> and <i>Anaplasma</i> spp. • Establish criteria for identifying new cases for surveillance purposes. <p>Clinical criteria changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separates clinical evidence criteria into objective and subjective categories. • Added nausea/vomiting as subjective clinical evidence. • Added fatigue/malaise as subjective clinical evidence. • Removes the requirement for fever as a clinical evidence criterion from confirmed cases. <p>Lab criteria changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes ELISA, dot-ELISA, and single IgM test results from laboratory evidence for case classification (alone these are unreliable indicators of infection). • Added language to specify that specimens for serology and microscopy be collected within 60 days of illness onset. • Extended window for collecting convalescent specimen to up to 10 weeks. • Raised actionable IgG titer level to $\geq 1:128$ from 1:64. <p>2018: Anaplasmosis split from ehrlichiosis, compatible with the listing in the reportable disease rules.</p> <p>ADHS case definitions revised in 2012 to match CDC/CSTE.</p>
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EMERGING OR EXOTIC DISEASE	PROVIDERS AND LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS
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The following conditions may be reported under Emerging and Exotic Disease; please see the separate sections in this manual for their case definitions. This is not an exhaustive list of possible emerging or exotic diseases, only ones for which a separate case definition exists.

- [Acute Flaccid Myelitis \(AFM\)](#)
- [Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\)](#)
- [Strongyloidiasis](#)
- [Vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus epidermidis* \(VRSE\)](#)

CASE DEFINITION

Definition

Emerging or Exotic Diseases are defined as those meeting one of the following definitions:

- A disease which is newly appeared in the population, AND
- A disease whose incidence in humans has increased in the past two decades or threatens to increase in the near future, OR
- A disease with increasing incidence in a defined time period and location

Examples may include:

- New infections resulting from changes or evolution of existing organisms
- Known infections spreading to new geographic areas or populations
- Previously unrecognized infections appearing in areas undergoing ecologic transformation
- Old infections reemerging as a result of antimicrobial resistance in known agents or breakdown in public health measures

Case reports of emerging or exotic disease should specify the morbidity and etiological agent, if known, and may be subject to additional clinical or laboratory criteria for classification.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-338](#) Emerging or Exotic Disease

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 or R9-6-203 of an emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. In consultation with the Department, isolate an emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case as necessary to prevent transmission;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case; and

4. For each emerging or exotic disease case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency, in consultation with the Department,

1. Shall quarantine or exclude an emerging or exotic disease contact as necessary, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None. Some pathogens reported under Emerging or Exotic Disease may have a specific investigation form; check with ADHS if uncertain.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	Before 2012
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

CASE DEFINITION

Parasitic encephalitis may be caused by free-living amoebae, including:

- Granulomatous Amebic Encephalitis (GAE), *Acanthamoeba* Disease, excluding keratitis
- Granulomatous Amebic Encephalitis (GAE), *Balamuthia mandrillaris* Disease
- Primary Amebic Meningoencephalitis (PAM), *Naegleria fowleri* Disease

Please see those individual case definitions for complete descriptions. Cases of parasitic encephalitis caused by other organisms not represented here may also occur and be counted as cases

[Acanthamoeba keratitis](#) is a form of *Acanthamoeba* disease that does not cause encephalitis. The case definition can be found in the non-reportable disease section.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-339](#) Encephalitis, Viral or Parasitic

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report of encephalitis under R9-6-202, notify the Department:
 - a. For a case or suspect case of parasitic encephalitis, within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report; and
 - b. For a case or suspect case of viral encephalitis, within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported viral or parasitic encephalitis case or suspect case; and
3. For each encephalitis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

Contact ADHS. Depending on the etiology of the encephalitis, an investigation form may or may not be available.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2017
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	2017: Split into four separate case definitions: Granulomatous Amebic Encephalitis (GAE)

	<p><i>Acanthamoeba</i> Disease excluding keratitis, Granulomatous Amebic Encephalitis (GAE) <i>Balamuthia mandrillaris</i> Disease, Primary Amebic Meningoencephalitis (PAM) <i>Naegleria fowleri</i> Disease, and <i>Acanthamoeba</i> keratitis (moved to non-reportable diseases).</p> <p>Definitions for free-living amebic infections moved into Encephalitis, parasitic in 2013.</p>
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Viral encephalitis is a general category meant to be used to report encephalitis of suspected viral origins until a specific etiology is identified, or to detect clusters of encephalitis cases of possible public health concern. Examples of viruses causing viral encephalitis are adenoviruses, enteroviruses, herpes simplex virus (HSV), varicella zoster virus (VZV) and some arboviruses (West Nile virus, St. Louis Encephalitis virus, etc.).

Since the viral encephalitis morbidity represents a collection of cases of different etiologies, and possibly with varying risk factors and public health implications, ADHS will no longer publish case counts for viral encephalitis, as those counts are difficult to interpret meaningfully. The viral encephalitis morbidity will instead be used solely for reporting and investigation purposes, to identify any need for further public health control measures or follow-up.

For cases reported or entered into MEDSIS under the “Encephalitis, viral” morbidity:

- Once a specific viral etiology has been identified, **please enter the case under that specific morbidity** in MEDSIS, if available, and classify using the corresponding case definitions:
 - For West Nile virus, St. Louis Encephalitis virus, California Serogroup viruses, Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus, Western Equine Encephalitis virus and other arboviruses, please refer to the [Arboviral Infection](#) case definition.
 - For varicella zoster virus (VZV) please refer to the [Varicella](#) case definition.
 - Please indicate in the MEDSIS viral encephalitis case that the case has been moved to the other morbidity. No further action is needed in the viral encephalitis case.
- For non-reportable etiologies (e.g., HSV, adenovirus, enterovirus) for which there is no case classification nor MEDSIS morbidity, the case should remain in the viral encephalitis morbidity.

Since ADHS will no longer report case counts for this morbidity, and since it represents a variety of etiologies, case classification (e.g., confirmed, probable) is not needed for these cases. Local case classifications can be used at the discretion of the local health agency.

Please note that reporting and investigation of viral encephalitis continues to be required by Arizona Administrative Code (see below). The investigation should identify whether any further public health action or follow-up is needed for the case.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-339](#) Encephalitis, Viral or Parasitic

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report of encephalitis under R9-6-202, notify the Department:
 - a. For a case or suspect case of parasitic encephalitis, within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report; and
 - b. For a case or suspect case of viral encephalitis, within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;

2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported viral or parasitic encephalitis case or suspect case; and
3. For each encephalitis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2019
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	2019: Case definition modified to clarify its use. Case classifications have been removed.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An infection of variable severity characterized by diarrhea (often bloody) and abdominal cramps. Illness may be complicated by hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS). (Note that some clinicians still use the term thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura [TTP] for adults with post-diarrheal HUS.)

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of *E. coli* O157:H7 from a specimen, OR
- For all other *E. coli* isolates, identification of Shiga toxin or Shiga toxin genes

Supportive laboratory evidence

- Isolation of *E. coli* O157 from a clinical specimen, without confirmation of H antigen, detection of Shiga toxin, or detection of Shiga toxin genes, OR
- Identification of an elevated antibody titer against a known Shiga toxin-producing serogroup of *E. coli*, OR
- Detection of Shiga toxin or Shiga toxin genes in a clinical specimen using a culture-independent diagnostic test (CIDT) and no known isolation of *Shigella* from a clinical specimen, OR
- Detection of *E. coli* O157 or STEC/EHEC in a clinical specimen using a CIDT.

Epidemiologic Linkage

- A clinically compatible illness in a person that is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed or probable case with laboratory evidence, OR
- A clinically compatible illness in a person that is a member of a risk group as defined by public health authorities during an outbreak.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- A case that meets the confirmatory laboratory criteria for surveillance

Probable

- A person with isolation of *E. coli* O157 from a clinical specimen, without confirmation of H antigen, detection of Shiga toxin, or detection of Shiga toxin genes, OR
- A clinically compatible illness in a person with identification of an elevated antibody titer against a known Shiga toxin-producing serogroup of *E. coli*, OR

- A clinically compatible illness in a person with detection of Shiga toxin or Shiga toxin genes in a clinical specimen using CIDT and no known isolation of *Shigella* from a clinical specimen, OR
- A clinically compatible illness in a person with detection of *E. coli* O157 or STEC/EHEC from a clinical specimen using a CIDT, OR
- A clinically compatible illness in a person with an epidemiological linkage, as defined above.

Suspect

- A person with no known clinical compatibility that meets one of the last three supportive laboratory criteria for surveillance:
 - Identification of an elevated antibody titer against a known Shiga toxin-producing serogroup of *E. coli*, OR
 - Detection of Shiga toxin or Shiga toxin genes in a clinical specimen using a CIDT and no known isolation of *Shigella* from a clinical specimen, OR
 - Detection of *E. coli* O157 or STEC/EHEC in a clinical specimen using a CIDT; OR
- A person with a diagnosis of case of post-diarrheal HUS (see HUS case definition).

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

- A new case should be created when a positive laboratory result is received more than 180 days after the most recent positive laboratory result associated with a previously reported case in the same individual, OR
- When two or more different serogroups/serotypes are identified in one or more specimens from the same individual, each serogroup/serotype should be reported as a separate case.

Comment

Asymptomatic infections and infections at sites other than the gastrointestinal tract in people (1) meeting the confirmatory laboratory criteria for surveillance or (2) with isolation of *E. coli* O157 from a clinical specimen without confirmation of H antigen, detection of Shiga toxin, or detection of Shiga toxin genes, are considered STEC cases and should be reported.

Although infections with Shiga toxin-producing organisms in the United States are primarily caused by STEC, in recent years an increasing number are due to infections by Shiga toxin-producing *Shigella*. Persons with (1) detection of Shiga toxin or Shiga toxin genes using a CIDT and (2) isolation of *Shigella* spp. from a clinical specimen should not be reported as an STEC case.

Due to the variable sensitivities and specificities of CIDT methods and the potential for degradation of Shiga toxin in a specimen during transit, discordant results may occur between clinical and public health laboratories. Persons with (1) detection of Shiga toxin or Shiga toxin genes using a CIDT and (2) the absence of isolation of *Shigella* from a clinical specimen, should be reported as a probable case, regardless of whether detection of Shiga toxin or Shiga toxin genes is confirmed by a public health laboratory.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-340](#) *Escherichia coli*, Shiga Toxin-producing

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report of a Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Exclude a Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* case or suspect case with diarrhea from:
 - a. Working as a food handler, caring for patients or residents in a health care institution, or caring for children in or attending a child care establishment until:
 - i. Two successive stool specimens, collected from the Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* case or suspect case at least 24 hours apart, are negative for Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli*;
 - ii. Diarrhea has resolved; or
 - iii. The local health agency has determined that the case or suspect case is unlikely to infect other individuals; and
 - b. Using an aquatic venue for two weeks after diarrhea has resolved;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* case or suspect case; and
4. For each Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Environmental Control Measures

A local health agency shall

1. If an animal located in a private residence is suspected to be the source of infection for an a Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* case or outbreak, provide health education for the animal’s owner about Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* and the risks of becoming infected with Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli*; and
2. If an animal located in a setting other than a private residence is suspected to be the source of infection for a Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* case or outbreak:
 - a. Provide health education for the animal’s owner about Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* and the risks of becoming infected with Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli*, and
 - b. Require the animal’s owner to provide information to individuals with whom the animal may come into contact about Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* and methods to reduce the risk of transmission.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* (Shiga-toxin producing) Investigation Form at <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2018
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2018
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2018: Included CIDT testing in supportive results, allowing for cases with this testing to be classified as probable. Added epidemiologic linkage and criteria to distinguish a new case from an existing case.

	<p>2016: Identification of Shiga toxin genes added to the supportive results. Addition of “Identification of Shiga toxin genes in a specimen from a clinically compatible case if no specimen is available to culture” to the suspect case definition.</p> <p>2014: Modifications were made to the supportive laboratory results to match the 2014 CDC/CSTE case definitions.</p> <p>2013: ADHS case definition was edited to match CDC/CSTE except for a difference in the suspect and probable case classifications for classifying cases when no specimen is available to culture.</p>
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**FOODBORNE DISEASE
OUTBREAK**

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS

Outbreaks should be reported under the [Diarrhea, Nausea, or Vomiting](#) requirement.

CASE DEFINITION**Clinical Description**

Symptoms of illness depend upon etiologic agent. Please see the "Guidelines for Confirmation of Foodborne-Disease Outbreaks" tables at http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/outbreaks/investigating-outbreaks/confirming_diagnosis.html.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Dependent upon the etiologic agent.

Please see the "Guidelines for Confirmation of Foodborne-Disease Outbreaks" tables at http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/outbreaks/investigating-outbreaks/confirming_diagnosis.html.

Definition

An incident in which two or more persons experience a similar illness after ingestion of a common food, and epidemiologic analysis implicates the food as the source of the illness.

Comment

There are two exceptions: one case of botulism or chemical poisoning linked to a food item constitutes an outbreak.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-335](#) Diarrhea, Nausea, or Vomiting

Outbreak Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported outbreak of diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting;
2. Submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E); and
3. Exclude each case that is part of an outbreak of diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting from:
 - a. Working as a food handler, caring for patients or residents in a health care institution, or caring for children in or attending a child care establishment until:
 - i. Diarrhea and vomiting have resolved, or
 - ii. The local health agency has determined that the case is unlikely to infect other individuals; and
 - b. Using an aquatic venue for two weeks after diarrhea has resolved.

Environmental Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct a sanitary inspection or ensure that a sanitary inspection is conducted of each facility or location regulated under 9 A.A.C. 8 that is associated with an outbreak of diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Outbreak Summary Form at

[http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms.](http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms)

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2011
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2011
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An illness caused by the protozoan *Giardia lamblia* (aka *G. intestinalis* or *G. duodenalis*) and characterized by gastrointestinal symptoms such as diarrhea, abdominal cramps, bloating, weight loss, or malabsorption.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Laboratory-confirmed giardiasis is defined as the detection of *Giardia* organisms, antigen, or DNA in stool, intestinal fluid, tissue samples, biopsy specimens or other biological samples.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the clinical description and the criteria for laboratory confirmation as described above. When available, molecular characterization (e.g., assemblage designation) should be reported.

Probable

A case that meets the clinical description and that is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-341](#) Giardiasis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall

1. Exclude a giardiasis case or suspect case with diarrhea from:
 - a. Working as a food handler, caring for patients or residents in a health care institution, or caring for children in or attending a child care establishment until:
 - i. Treatment for giardiasis is initiated and diarrhea has resolved, or
 - ii. The local health agency has determined that the case or suspect case is unlikely to infect other individuals; and
 - b. Using an aquatic venue for two weeks after diarrhea has resolved;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported giardiasis case or suspect case; and
3. For each giardiasis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Giardiasis Investigation Form at
<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2011
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2011
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

GLANDERS (*Burkholderia mallei*)

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS

LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 1 WORKING DAY

CASE DEFINITION

Please contact the Bureau of Infectious Disease and Services at (602) 364-3676 to discuss the case definition if a suspected case of *Burkholderia mallei* is detected.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-342](#) Glanders

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a glanders case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported glanders case or suspect case;
3. For each glanders case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
4. In consultation with the Department, ensure that an isolate or a specimen, as available, from each glanders case or suspect case is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2013
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	Separated from <i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i> in 2013 to reflect distinct clinical presentation.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Gonorrhea is a sexually transmitted infection caused by *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. Gonococcal infection can result in urethritis, epididymitis, cervicitis, acute salpingitis, proctitis, pharyngitis, or other syndromes when sexually transmitted. However, infections at the endocervix, pharynx, and rectum are often asymptomatic. Perinatal exposure to endocervical infection may result in gonococcal conjunctivitis in newborns. Disseminated gonococcal infection (DGI) is an additional syndrome caused by *N. gonorrhoeae*.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* by culture of a clinical specimen, minimally with isolation of typical gram-negative, oxidase-positive diplococci, OR
- Detection of *N. gonorrhoeae* in a clinical specimen by:
 - nucleic acid amplification (e.g., polymerase chain reaction [PCR]), OR
 - hybridization with a nucleic acid probe

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Observation of gram-negative intracellular diplococci in a urethral or an endocervical smear

Case Classification

Confirmed

Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

Meets presumptive laboratory evidence in the absence of confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

For surveillance purposes, a new case of *N. gonorrhoeae* infection meets the following criteria:

- There is no evidence of a prior *N. gonorrhoeae* infection that has been reported as a case; OR
- There is evidence of a prior *N. gonorrhoeae* infection that has been reported as a case, but the prior infection's specimen collection date or treatment date was >30 days prior to the current infection's specimen collection date; OR
- There is evidence of a prior *N. gonorrhoeae* infection that has been reported as a case with a treatment date ≤30 days from the current infection's specimen collection date, AND there is evidence of re-infection.*

*Reinfection can occur from condomless sexual intercourse with a new partner, with an untreated partner, or with a treated partner prior to eradication of partner's infection (seven days post-treatment and after resolution of symptoms, if present).

Additional details can be found at

<https://www.cdc.gov/std/laboratory/de-duplication-guidance-june2016.pdf>.

DGI

DGI occurs when *N. gonorrhoeae* from a mucosal site infection (urogenital, pharyngeal, rectal) invades the bloodstream and spreads to distant sites in the body. Clinical manifestations of DGI include petechial or pustular acral skin lesions, tenosynovitis, asymmetric polyarthralgia, bacteremia, oligoarticular septic arthritis, or on rare occasions, endocarditis, osteomyelitis, or meningitis. The following provides guidance for the classification of cases of *N. gonorrhoeae* infection that result in DGI.

Classification of DGI

Verified

Isolation or detection of *N. gonorrhoeae* from a disseminated site of infection (e.g., skin, synovial fluid, blood, or cerebrospinal fluid [CSF]) by culture or nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT).

Likely

Clinical manifestations of DGI without other known causes AND isolation or detection of *N. gonorrhoeae* from a mucosal site of infection by culture or nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT).

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-343](#) Gonorrhea

Case Control Measures:

1. For the prevention of gonorrheal ophthalmia, a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse practitioner, or midwife attending the birth of an infant in this state shall treat the eyes of the infant immediately after the birth with one of the following, unless treatment is refused by the parent or guardian:
 - a. Erythromycin ophthalmic ointment 0.5%, or
 - b. Tetracycline ophthalmic ointment 1%.
2. A local health agency shall comply with the requirements specified in R9-6-1103 concerning treatment and health education for a gonorrhea case that seeks treatment from the local health agency.

Contact Control Measures:

If an individual who may have been exposed to gonorrhea through sexual contact with a gonorrhea case seeks treatment for symptoms of gonorrhea from a local health agency, the local health agency shall comply with the requirements specified in R9-6-1103 concerning treatment and health education for the individual.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2023
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2023

ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2023: Updated narrative section, clarifications on laboratory criteria, additional information on DGI and DGI classification, updated criteria to distinguish a new case. Removed antigen testing.</p> <p>2014: Laboratory criteria revised to include an endocervical smear obtained from a female; probable case definition modified to remove the criterion of a written morbidity report of gonorrhea submitted by a physician and urethral smear obtained from a male was added; modifications made to match the 2014 CDC/CSTE case definition.</p>

**GRANULOMATOUS AMEBIC
ENCEPHALITIS, *Acanthamoeba*
Disease excluding keratitis**

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS

Cases should be reported under the [Encephalitis, parasitic](#) requirement. Enter in MEDSIS as Encephalitis, parasitic.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

The genus *Acanthamoeba* includes several species of opportunistic free-living amoebae that might invade the brain through the blood, probably from a primary infection in the skin (from ulcers or dermatitis) or sinuses. Once in the brain, the amoebae cause granulomatous amoebic encephalitis (GAE). *Acanthamoeba* GAE has a slow and insidious onset and develops into a subacute or chronic disease lasting several weeks to months. *Acanthamoeba* GAE affects both immunocompetent persons and persons who are immunosuppressed from a variety of causes (e.g., HIV/AIDS, organ transplantation). Initial symptoms of *Acanthamoeba* GAE might include headache, photophobia, and stiff neck accompanied by positive Kernig's and Brudzinski's signs. Other symptoms might include nausea, vomiting, low-grade fever, muscle aches, weight loss, mental-state abnormalities, lethargy, dizziness, loss of balance, cranial nerve palsies, other visual disturbances, hemiparesis, seizures, and coma. Once the disease progresses to neurologic infection, it is generally fatal within weeks or months. However, a few patients have survived this infection.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Detection of *Acanthamoeba* antigen or nucleic acid (e.g., immunohistochemistry or PCR) from a clinical specimen (e.g., tissue) or culture.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the clinical criteria and confirmatory laboratory criteria for surveillance

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Acanthamoeba and *B. mandrillaris* can cause clinically similar illnesses and might be difficult to differentiate using commonly available laboratory procedures. Definitive diagnosis by a reference laboratory might be required. Several species of *Acanthamoeba* are associated with infection (i.e., *A. castellanii*, *A. culbertsoni*, *A. hatchetti*, *A. healyi*, *A. polyphaga*, *A. rhysodes*, *A. astonyxis*, *A. lenticulata* and *A. divionensis*). A negative test on CSF does not rule out *Acanthamoeba* infection because the organism is not commonly present in the CSF. Although it is unknown if *Acanthamoeba* spp. can be

transmitted via organ transplantation, patients presenting with the above clinical criteria who have received a solid organ transplant should be further investigated to determine if the infection was transmitted through the transplanted organ. An investigation of the donor should be initiated through notification of the organ procurement organization (OPO) and transplant center.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-339](#) Encephalitis, Viral or Parasitic

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report of encephalitis under R9-6-202, notify the Department:
 - a. For a case or suspect case of parasitic encephalitis, within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report; and
 - b. For a case or suspect case of viral encephalitis, within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported viral or parasitic encephalitis case or suspect case; and
3. For each encephalitis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

Contact ADHS. Depending on the etiology of the encephalitis, an investigation form may or may not be available.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2017
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2017
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2017: Separated from encephalitis, parasitic and a separate case definition created. Laboratory criteria and confirmatory case classification updated. Comments expanded. All to match 2016 CSTE position statement.

**GRANULOMATOUS AMEBIC
ENCEPHALITIS, *Balamuthia
mandrillaris* Disease**

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS

Cases should be reported under the [Encephalitis, parasitic](#) requirement. Enter in MEDSIS as Encephalitis, parasitic.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

B. mandrillaris is an opportunistic free-living amoeba that can invade the brain through the blood, probably from a primary infection in the skin (from ulcers or dermatitis), sinuses, or via organ transplantation. The incubation period is not well-characterized but has been observed to range from 2 weeks to months or possibly years. Once in the brain, the amoebae can cause meningoencephalitis and/or granulomatous amebic encephalitis (GAE). *B. mandrillaris* GAE often has a slow, insidious onset and develops into a subacute or chronic disease lasting several weeks to months; however, *B. mandrillaris* infections associated with organ transplantation have an especially rapid clinical course. *B. mandrillaris* GAE affects both immunocompetent persons and persons who are immunosuppressed from a variety of causes (e.g., HIV/AIDS, organ transplantation). Initial symptoms of *B. mandrillaris* GAE might include headache, photophobia, and stiff neck accompanied by positive Kernig's and Brudzinski's signs. Other symptoms might include nausea, vomiting, low-grade fever, muscle aches, weight loss, mental-state abnormalities, lethargy, dizziness, loss of balance, cranial nerve palsies, other visual disturbances, hemiparesis, seizures, and coma. Painless skin lesions appearing as plaques a few millimeters thick and one to several centimeters wide have been observed in some patients, especially patients outside the U.S., preceding the onset of neurologic symptoms by 1 month to approximately 2 years. Once the disease progresses to neurologic infection, it is generally fatal within weeks or months; however, a few patients have survived this infection.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Detection of *B. mandrillaris* antigen or nucleic acid (e.g., immunohistochemistry or PCR) from a clinical specimen (e.g., tissue) or culture.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the clinical criteria and confirmatory laboratory criteria for surveillance

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

B. mandrillaris and *Acanthamoeba* spp. can cause clinically similar illnesses and might be difficult to differentiate using commonly available laboratory procedures. Definitive diagnosis by a reference laboratory might be required. A negative test on CSF does not rule out *B. mandrillaris* infection because

the organism is not commonly present in the CSF. Once the disease progresses to neurologic infection, it is generally fatal within weeks or months; however, a few patients have survived this infection. Patients presenting with the above clinical criteria who have received a solid organ transplant should be further investigated to determine if the infection was transmitted through the transplanted organ. An investigation of the donor should be initiated through notification of the organ procurement organization (OPO) and transplant center.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-339](#) Encephalitis, Viral or Parasitic

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report of encephalitis under R9-6-202, notify the Department:
 - a. For a case or suspect case of parasitic encephalitis, within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report; and
 - b. For a case or suspect case of viral encephalitis, within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported viral or parasitic encephalitis case or suspect case; and
3. For each encephalitis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

Contact ADHS. Depending on the etiology of the encephalitis, an investigation form may or may not be available.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2017
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2017
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2017: Separated from encephalitis, parasitic and a separate case definition created. Laboratory criteria and confirmatory case classification updated. Comments expanded. All to match 2016 CSTE position statement.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Invasive disease due to *Haemophilus influenzae* may produce any of several clinical syndromes, including pneumonia, bacteremia, meningitis, epiglottitis, septic arthritis, cellulitis, or purulent pericarditis; less common infections include endocarditis and osteomyelitis.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of *H. influenzae* from a normally sterile body site (e.g., cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), blood, joint fluid, pleural fluid, pericardial fluid), or
- Detection of *Haemophilus influenzae*-specific nucleic acid in a specimen obtained from a normally sterile body site, using a validated polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b antigen in CSF

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets either of the confirmatory laboratory criteria for surveillance.

Probable

Meningitis with detection of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b antigen in CSF.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

When two or more different serotypes are identified in one or more specimens from the same individual, each should be reported as a separate case.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Positive antigen test results in urine or serum are unreliable for diagnosis of *H. influenzae* disease and should not be used as a basis for case classification.

Isolates of *Haemophilus influenzae* are important for antimicrobial susceptibility testing.

See [Appendix 1](#) for guidance on interpreting whether a specimen is from a “normally sterile body site”.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-344](#) *Haemophilus influenzae*: Invasive Disease

Case Control Measures

1. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and institute droplet precautions for a *Haemophilus influenzae* meningitis or epiglottitis case or suspect case for 24 hours after the initiation of treatment.
2. A local health agency shall:
 - a. Upon receiving a report of a *Haemophilus influenzae* invasive disease case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
 - b. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported *Haemophilus influenzae* invasive disease case or suspect case; and
 - c. For each *Haemophilus influenzae* invasive disease case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency shall

1. Evaluate the level of risk of transmission from each contact's exposure to a *Haemophilus influenzae* invasive disease case and, if indicated, shall provide or arrange for each contact to receive immunization or treatment.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See *Haemophilus influenzae* Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2015
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2015
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2015: Added detection by PCR to confirmed case definition, and probable case definition modified to specify meningitis instead of clinically compatible. Both changes match CDC/CSTE revisions.</p> <p>2013: Minor revisions to ADHS case definition to better match CDC/CSTE.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Leprosy (Hansen's disease) is a highly variable disease. The spectrum of disease ranges from a single macule or plaque on the skin or single nerve thickening to diffuse involvement of skin, multiple nerves, and internal organs.

Clinical presentation may change depending on the immune status of the affected individual. Skin signs and symptoms can include pale or reddish patches; decrease or loss of sensation in the skin patches; papules; superficial or deep painful nodules; thickened, stiff, or dry skin; painless ulcers; loss of eyebrows, eyelashes, or body hair; shortening of toes and fingers due to reabsorption; and nasal disfigurement.

Signs and symptoms of nerve involvement include numbness or tingling of hands or feet, painless wounds or burns on the hand or feet, muscle weakness or paralysis, deformity (e.g., 'claw hand', inability to abduct the thumb, wrist drop, foot drop, facial palsy), thickened peripheral nerves, painful or tender nerves, burning sensation in the skin, and lagophthalmos.

Fatigue, malaise, and fever are possible with immunologic reactions. In diffuse leprosy of Lucio and Latapi, the skin may appear edematous and may have violaceous erythema, especially on the hands and feet; ascending well-defined, angular, jagged, purpuric lesions that ulcerate and heal with atrophic, white scarring may be seen.

Clinical Criteria

A clinically compatible illness characterized by:

- Any of the following skin lesions:
 - An ill-defined hypopigmented or erythematous macule or patch
 - A few well-demarcated, hypopigmented, or erythematous skin lesions with reduced sensations
 - Multiple diffuse erythematous papules and nodules on arms and legs, sparing the torso
 - An infiltration of skin, progressing to thickened skin, possibly with reduced sensation
 - Diffuse infiltration of the skin and neuropathy (e.g., "glove and stocking") (representing diffuse leprosy)
- OR
- The absence of skin lesions and thickening of a peripheral nerve trunk with pain or tenderness of the nerve (representing primary neural leprosy).

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence

- Detection of acid-fast bacilli in a nerve by the Fite-Faraco method, OR
- Detection of acid-fast bacilli in skin by the Fite-Faraco method, without growth of mycobacteria on culture* OR

- Detection of *M. leprae* or *M. lepromatosis* in skin or a nerve by a nucleic acid detection test**.

* If acid-fast bacilli are detected in skin only, mycobacterial culture negativity is highly recommended to rule out infection with mycobacteria other than those in the *M. leprae* complex. To rule out *M. haemophilum*, hemin or iron-citrate containing medium would be needed. To rule out *M. xenopi* or *M. marinum*, incubation at 42 and 30 degrees centigrade, respectively, would be needed.

** Note that a negative nucleic acid test on a tissue specimen does not rule out *Mycobacterium leprae* or *Mycobacterium lepromatosis* as the cause of illness.

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

- Prolonged close contact with an untreated person with new or recurring leprosy, OR
- Residency or repeated travel in a region with higher endemicity (prevalence >1 case per 10,000 population or new case detection rate \geq 50 per million population per year) for leprosy, OR
- Prolonged or frequent, direct contact† with armadillos, especially nine-banded armadillos, or soil in the environment in which they live.

† Prolonged or frequent direct contact refers to activities such as raising, maintaining, butchering, hunting, field dressing, or consuming armadillos. It does not refer to brief, cursory, or sporadic touching such as might occur with a visitor to a petting Zoo.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- A case that meets the clinical criteria AND has confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- A case that meets the clinical criteria for primary neural leprosy and meets the epidemiologic linkage criteria, OR
- If the case does not fit the confirmed criteria, but is being treated or diagnosed by the Hansen's Program.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should be counted as a new case in the following situations:

- they completed appropriate treatment and newly meets the criteria for a confirmed or probable case
- genetic sequencing results are distinctly different in a new positive specimen from a previous positive specimen
- the *M. leprae* complex species identified (e.g., *M. leprae* vs. *M. lepromatosis*) in a new positive specimen is different than identified in a previous specimen in the same person.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-345](#) Hansen's Disease (Leprosy)

Case Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported Hansen’s disease case or suspect case; and
2. For each Hansen’s disease case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures:

In consultation with the Department, a local health agency shall

1. Examine contacts of a Hansen’s disease case, if indicated, for signs and symptoms of leprosy at six-to-twelve month intervals for five years after the last exposure to an infectious case.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Hansen’s Disease (Leprosy) Investigation Form at <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No
Description of changes	<p>2025: ADHS case definition was updated to match the new 2024 CDC/CSTE case definition. Additional probable case classification was added to include confirmed diagnosis of Hansen’s from the National Hansen’s Disease Program.</p> <p>2020: Addition of <i>Mycobacterium lepromatosis</i> to the clinical description.</p> <p>2013: ADHS case definition was updated to match the new 2013 CDC/CSTE case definition.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS), commonly referred to as hantavirus disease, is a febrile illness characterized by bilateral interstitial pulmonary infiltrates and respiratory compromise usually requiring supplemental oxygen and clinically resembling acute respiratory disease syndrome (ARDS). The typical prodrome consists of fever, chills, myalgia, headache, and gastrointestinal symptoms. Typical clinical laboratory findings include hemoconcentration, left shift in the white blood cell count, neutrophilic leukocytosis, thrombocytopenia, and circulating immunoblasts. While progression to cardiopulmonary symptoms consistent with HPS occurs in most patients, some patients with confirmed infection may show signs of only the prodrome (Hantavirus infection, non-Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome).

Clinical Case Definition

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS)

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is an acute febrile illness (i.e., temperature greater than 101.0 F [greater than 38.3 C]) with a prodrome consisting of fever, chills, myalgia, headache, and gastrointestinal symptoms, and one or more of the following clinical features:

- Bilateral diffuse interstitial edema, OR
- Clinical diagnosis of acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), OR
- Radiographic evidence of noncardiogenic pulmonary edema, OR
- An unexplained respiratory illness resulting in death, and includes an autopsy examination demonstrating noncardiogenic pulmonary edema without an identifiable cause, OR
- Healthcare record with a diagnosis of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, OR
- Death certificate lists hantavirus pulmonary syndrome as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death

Hantavirus infection, non-Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (non-HPS)

Non-HPS Hantavirus infection is a febrile illness with non-specific viral symptoms including fever, chills, myalgia, headache, and gastrointestinal symptoms, but no cardio-pulmonary symptoms. Typical clinical laboratory findings include hemoconcentration, left shift in the white blood cell count, neutrophilic leukocytosis, thrombocytopenia, and circulating immunoblasts.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Detection of hantavirus-specific immunoglobulin M or rising titers of hantavirus-specific immunoglobulin G, OR
- Detection of hantavirus-specific ribonucleic acid sequence by polymerase chain reaction in clinical specimens, OR
- Detection of hantavirus antigen by immunohistochemistry in lung biopsy or autopsy tissues

Case Classification

Confirmed

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome

A clinically compatible case of HPS that is laboratory confirmed

Hantavirus infection, non-HPS

A clinically compatible case of Non-HPS Hantavirus infection that is laboratory confirmed.

Comment

Laboratory testing should be performed or confirmed at a reference laboratory such as the Arizona State Public Health Laboratory or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Because the clinical illness is nonspecific and ARDS is common, a screening case definition can be used to determine which patients to test. In general, a predisposing medical condition (e.g., chronic pulmonary disease, malignancy, trauma, burn, and surgery) is a more likely cause of ARDS than HPS, and patients who have these underlying conditions and ARDS need not be tested for hantavirus.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-346](#) Hantavirus Infection

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a hantavirus infection case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Ensure that a hantavirus infection case or, if the case is a child or incapacitated adult, the parent or guardian of the case receives health education about reducing the risks of becoming reinfected with or of having others become infected with hantavirus;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported hantavirus infection case or suspect case; and
4. For each hantavirus infection case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Environmental Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an environmental assessment for each hantavirus infection case or suspect case.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Hantavirus Case Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2015
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Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2015
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2015: Non-HPS hantaviral infections have been added as a subcategory of hantavirus infections. The clinical case definition has been adjusted so that all febrile, laboratory-confirmed hantaviral infections are counted as cases, regardless of the presence or absence of pulmonary symptoms.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) is characterized by the acute onset of microangiopathic hemolytic anemia, renal injury, and low platelet count. Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP) also is characterized by these features but can include central nervous system (CNS) involvement and fever and may have a more gradual onset. Most cases of HUS (but few cases of TTP) occur after an acute gastrointestinal illness (usually diarrheal).

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

The following are both present at some time during the illness:

- Anemia (acute onset) with microangiopathic changes (i.e., schistocytes, burr cells, or helmet cells) on peripheral blood smear, AND
- Renal injury (acute onset) evidenced by either hematuria, proteinuria, or elevated creatinine level (i.e., greater than or equal to 1.0 mg/dL in a child aged less than 13 years or greater than or equal to 1.5 mg/dL in a person aged greater than or equal to 13 years, or greater than or equal to 50% increase over baseline)

Note: A low platelet count can usually, but not always, be detected early in the illness, but it may then become normal or even high. If a platelet count obtained within 7 days after onset of the acute gastrointestinal illness is not less than 150,000/mm³, other diagnoses should be considered.

Case Classification

Confirmed

An acute illness diagnosed as HUS or TTP that both meets the laboratory criteria and began within 3 weeks after onset of an episode of acute or bloody diarrhea

Probable

- An acute illness diagnosed as HUS or TTP that meets the laboratory criteria in a patient who does not have a clear history of acute or bloody diarrhea in preceding 3 weeks, OR
- An acute illness diagnosed as HUS or TTP, that has onset within 3 weeks after onset of an acute or bloody diarrhea AND meets the laboratory criteria except that microangiopathic changes are not confirmed

Comment

Some investigators consider HUS and TTP to be part of a continuum of disease. Therefore, criteria for diagnosing TTP on the basis of CNS involvement and fever are not provided because cases diagnosed clinically as post-diarrheal TTP also should meet the criteria for HUS. These cases are reported as post-diarrheal HUS. If a patient meets the case definition for both Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) and HUS, the case should be reported for each of the conditions.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-347](#) Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a hemolytic uremic syndrome case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported hemolytic uremic syndrome case or suspect case; and
3. For each hemolytic uremic syndrome case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency shall

1. Exclude a hemolytic uremic syndrome contact with diarrhea of unknown cause from working as a food handler until diarrhea has resolved.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Enterohemorrhagic E.coli (Shiga-toxin producing) and/or HUS Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2013
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2010
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2013: Statement added about reporting a case as both STEC and HUS, when appropriate, in accordance with CDC/CSTE case definition.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An acute illness with a discrete onset of any sign or symptom consistent with acute viral hepatitis (e.g., fever, headache, malaise, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, or dark urine),

AND

- a) Jaundice or elevated bilirubin levels (total bilirubin levels >3.0 mg/dL), OR
- b) Elevated serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) levels (>200 IU/L)

AND

- c) The absence of a more likely diagnosis

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Immunoglobulin M (IgM) antibody to hepatitis A virus (anti-HAV) positive, OR
- Nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT; such as PCR or genotyping) for hepatitis A virus RNA positive

Epidemiologic Linkage

Contact (e.g., household or sexual) with a laboratory-confirmed hepatitis A case 15-50 days prior to onset of symptoms.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- A case that meets the clinical description and is IgM anti-HAV positive*, OR
- A case that has hepatitis A virus RNA detected by NAAT (such as PCR or genotyping), OR
- A case that meets the clinical description and occurs in a person with an epidemiologic linkage, as defined above.

Probable

A case that is IgM anti-HAV positive* but for which clinical illness information is unavailable. If an investigation indicates the absence of clinical illness, the case should be ruled out rather than classified as probable.

*And not otherwise ruled out by IgM anti-HAV or NAAT for hepatitis A virus testing performed in a public health laboratory.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual. Although hepatitis A is usually self-limiting and does not result in chronic infection, up to 10% of persons with hepatitis A may experience a relapse during the 6 months after acute illnesses.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-348](#) Hepatitis A

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report of a hepatitis A case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Exclude a hepatitis A case or suspect case from working as a food handler, caring for patients or residents in a health care institution, or caring for children in or attending a child care establishment during the first 14 calendar days of illness or for seven calendar days after onset of jaundice;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported hepatitis A case or suspect case; and
4. For each hepatitis A case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Exclude a hepatitis A contact with symptoms of hepatitis A from working as a food handler during the first 14 calendar days of illness or for seven calendar days after onset of jaundice;
2. For 45 calendar days after exposure, monitor a food handler who was a contact of a hepatitis A case during the infectious period for symptoms of hepatitis A; and
3. Evaluate the level of risk of transmission from each contact's exposure to a hepatitis A case and, if indicated, provide or arrange for each contact to receive prophylaxis and immunization.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Hepatitis A Case Report at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2019
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2019
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No
Description of changes	2019: Nucleic acid amplification testing added to confirmatory laboratory criteria and classification. Clinical criteria modified to include bilirubin and remove AST liver function testing, and specify levels for "elevated". Changes based on modifications to CDC/CSTE definition. Confirmed case definition matches

	<p>CDC/CSTE case definition. Probable case definition is not part of the CDC/CSTE case definition (see 2013 explanation below).</p> <p>2013: A probable case classification was added to the ADHS case definition to be able to distinguish cases with confirmatory laboratory results but for which clinical information could not be obtained from those meeting both the clinical and laboratory criteria. The CDC/CSTE case definition also does not specify criteria for what constitutes "elevated" liver aminotransferase levels.</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An acute illness with a discrete onset of any sign or symptom consistent with acute viral hepatitis (e.g., fever, headache, malaise, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain), and either

- Jaundice; OR
- Elevated serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) levels >200 IU/L; OR
- Total bili \geq 3.0 mg/dL

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Tier 1:

- Detection of IgM anti-HBc AND:
 - Detection of HBeAg; OR
 - Detection of HBsAg[†]; OR
 - Detection of HBV DNA^{††}
- OR
- Detection of HbeAg, HBsAg[†], or HBV DNA within 12 months of a negative HBsAg test (i.e. HBsAg seroconversion)

Tier 2:

- Detection of HBsAg[†] AND IgM anti-HBc is not done or not available; OR
- Detection of HBV DNA^{††} AND IgM anti-HBc is not done or not available

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of IgM anti-HBc AND HBsAg, HbeAg, HBV DNA are negative or not done

[†] If information on HBsAg test method is available and HBsAg confirmatory neutralization was performed as recommended, HBsAg positive by confirmatory neutralization.

^{††} DNA detection by nucleic acid test, including qualitative, quantitative, or genotype testing

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets Tier 1 confirmatory laboratory evidence criteria; OR
- Meets clinical criteria AND meets Tier 2 confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- Meets clinical criteria AND has presumptive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should never be counted as a new case if there was a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

For positive hepatitis B surface antigen results that are accompanied by a negative hepatitis B surface antigen confirmation (both tests should have the same collection date), the negative confirmation result negates the original positive surface antigen result from the same date. The case should be classified using any other available test results.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-349](#) Hepatitis B and Hepatitis D

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Evaluate a health care provider identified as the source of hepatitis B virus transmission in the work place and, if indicated, ensure reassignment of the health care provider to a position where the occupational risk of transmission is eliminated;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported case or suspect case of hepatitis B or hepatitis B co-infected with hepatitis D; and
3. For each acute case of hepatitis B or hepatitis B co-infected with hepatitis D or case of perinatal hepatitis B, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

The operator of a blood bank, blood center, or plasma center shall notify a donor of a test result with significant evidence suggestive of hepatitis B, as required under A.R.S. § 32-1483 and 21 CFR 630.6.

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Refer each non-immune hepatitis B contact to a health care provider for prophylaxis and initiation of the hepatitis B vaccine series, and
2. Provide health education related to the progression of hepatitis B disease and the prevention of transmission of hepatitis B infection to each non-immune hepatitis B contact.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Hepatitis B and D Investigation Form

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2024
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

<p>Description of changes</p>	<p>2024: ADHS case definition was updated to match the approved CDC/CSTE.</p> <p>2016: Clarification added about confirmatory HBsAg test results from the same specimen.</p> <p>The CDC/CSTE case definition was changed in 2012, and the ADHS confirmed case definition was changed to match. CDC/CSTE does not have probable or suspect case definitions for acute hepatitis B, but we feel it is important to monitor symptomatic persons with HBcIgM positive results or for whom symptoms cannot be identified. The current suspect definition was considered probable before 2013.</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Persons with chronic HBV infection may have no evidence of liver disease or may have a spectrum of disease ranging from chronic hepatitis to cirrhosis or liver cancer. Persons with chronic infection may be asymptomatic.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of HBsAg[†] in two clinical specimens taken ≥ 6 months apart, OR
- Detection of HBeAg in two clinical specimens taken ≥ 6 months apart, OR
- Detection of [HBsAg[†] OR HBeAg] AND total anti-HBc, OR
- Detection of HBsAg[†] AND HBeAg, OR
- Detection of HBV DNA.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of [HBsAg[†] OR HBeAg] AND IgM anti-HBc test negative, not done, or result not available

† If information on HBsAg test method is available and HBsAg confirmatory neutralization was performed as recommended, HBsAg positive by confirmatory neutralization.

Case Classification

Confirmed

Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

Meets presumptive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should never be counted as a new case if there was a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Multiple laboratory tests indicative of chronic HBV infection may be performed simultaneously on the same patient specimen as part of a “hepatitis panel”. Testing performed in this manner may lead to seemingly discordant results, e.g. HBsAg-negative AND HBV DNA-positive. For the purposes of this case definition, any positive result among the three laboratory tests mentioned above is acceptable, regardless of other testing results. Negative HBeAg results and HBV DNA levels below positive cutoff level cannot rule out HBV infection.

For positive hepatitis B surface antigen results that are accompanied by a negative hepatitis B surface antigen confirmation (both tests should have the same collection date), the negative confirmation result

negates the original positive surface antigen result from the same date. The case should be classified using any other available test results.

In the United States, an estimated 1.25 million persons have chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. Fifteen to 25% of these persons will develop the complications of cirrhosis or hepatocellular carcinoma. In addition, chronically infected persons are a major reservoir of transmission to others. Persons who test positive for the presence of hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg), HBeAg or HBV DNA are potentially infectious to contacts.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-349](#) Hepatitis B and Hepatitis D

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Evaluate a health care provider identified as the source of hepatitis B virus transmission in the work place and, if indicated, ensure reassignment of the health care provider to a position where the occupational risk of transmission is eliminated;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported case or suspect case of hepatitis B or hepatitis B co-infected with hepatitis D; and
3. For each acute case of hepatitis B or hepatitis B co-infected with hepatitis D or case of perinatal hepatitis B, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

The operator of a blood bank, blood center, or plasma center shall notify a donor of a test result with significant evidence suggestive of hepatitis B, as required under A.R.S. § 32-1483 and 21 CFR 630.6.

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Refer each non-immune hepatitis B contact to a health care provider for prophylaxis and initiation of the hepatitis B vaccine series, and
2. Provide health education related to the progression of hepatitis B disease and the prevention of transmission of hepatitis B infection to each non-immune hepatitis B contact.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Hepatitis B and D Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2024
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

Description of changes	2024: ADHS case definition was updated to match the approved CDC/CSTE. 2016: Clarification added about confirmatory HBsAg test results from the same specimen.
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HEPATITIS B, PERINATAL

Acquired in the United States or
U.S. Territories

LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5 WORKING
DAYS

CASE DEFINITION**Clinical Description**

Perinatal hepatitis B in a child ≤ 24 months of age may range from asymptomatic to fulminant hepatitis.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Laboratory evidence of HBV infection in a child consists of one or more of the following:

- Positive HBsAg test (only if at least 4 weeks after last dose of hepatitis B vaccine)
- Positive HBeAg test, OR
- Detectable HBV DNA.

Case Classification***Confirmed***

Child born in the U.S. to a HBV-infected mother and:

- positive for HBsAg at ≥ 1 month of age and ≤ 24 months of age, OR
- positive for HBeAg or HBV DNA ≥ 9 months of age and ≤ 24 months of age.

Probable

Child born in the U.S. whose mother's hepatitis B status is unknown, and with the following test results for the child:

- positive for HBsAg at ≥ 1 month of age and ≤ 24 months of age, OR
- positive for HBeAg or HBV DNA ≥ 9 months of age and ≤ 24 months of age.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should never be counted as a new case if there was a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Infants born to HBsAg-positive mothers should receive hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) and the first dose of hepatitis B vaccine within 12 hours of birth, followed by the second and third doses of hepatitis B vaccine at 1 and 6 months of age, respectively. Post-vaccination testing for HBsAg and antibody to HBsAg is recommended 1 to 2 months following completion of the vaccine series, but not earlier than 9 months of age.

If mother known to *not* be infected with HBV, refer to the case definition for acute Hepatitis B.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-349](#) Hepatitis B and Hepatitis D

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Evaluate a health care provider identified as the source of hepatitis B virus transmission in the work place and, if indicated, ensure reassignment of the health care provider to a position where the occupational risk of transmission is eliminated;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported case or suspect case of hepatitis B or hepatitis B co-infected with hepatitis D; and
3. For each acute case of hepatitis B or hepatitis B co-infected with hepatitis D or case of perinatal hepatitis B, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

The operator of a blood bank, blood center, or plasma center shall notify a donor of a test result with significant evidence suggestive of hepatitis B, as required under A.R.S. § 32-1483 and 21 CFR 630.6.

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Refer each non-immune hepatitis B contact to a health care provider for prophylaxis and initiation of the hepatitis B vaccine series, and
2. Provide health education related to the progression of hepatitis B disease and the prevention of transmission of hepatitis B infection to each non-immune hepatitis B contact.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None. Contact the perinatal hepatitis B coordinator for information to be collected.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2017
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2017
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2017: Laboratory criteria updated to include HBeAg and HBV DNA. Probable definition added for classification of children for whom the mother’s hepatitis B status is unknown. Changes were match to match changes to the CDC/CSTE case definition.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

All HCV cases in each classification category should be >36 months of age, unless known to have been exposed non-perinatally.

Clinical Criteria

One or more of the following:

- Jaundice, OR
- Peak elevated total bilirubin levels ≥ 3.0 mg/dL, OR
- Peak elevated serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) levels >200 IU/L,

AND

The absence of a more likely diagnosis (which may include evidence of acute liver disease due to other causes or advanced liver disease due to pre-existing chronic HCV infection or other causes, such as alcohol exposure, other viral hepatitis, hemochromatosis, etc.)

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Positive hepatitis C virus detection test: Nucleic acid test (NAT) for HCV RNA positive (including qualitative, quantitative, or genotype testing), OR
- A positive test indicating presence of hepatitis C viral antigen(s) (HCV antigen)

Presumptive laboratory evidence

A positive test for antibodies to hepatitis C virus (anti-HCV).

Case Classification

Confirmed

- A case that meets clinical criteria and has confirmatory laboratory evidence, OR
- A documented negative HCV antibody followed within 12 months by a positive HCV antibody test (anti-HCV test conversion) in the absence of a more likely diagnosis, OR
- A documented negative HCV antibody **OR** negative hepatitis C virus detection test (in someone without a prior diagnosis of HCV infection) followed within 12 months by a positive hepatitis C virus detection test (HCV RNA test conversion) in the absence of a more likely diagnosis.

Probable

- A case that meets clinical criteria and has presumptive laboratory evidence, AND
- Does not have a hepatitis C virus detection test reported, AND
- Has no documentation of anti-HCV or HCV RNA test conversion within 12 months.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should never be counted as a new case if there was a previously reported infection in the same individual, unless there is laboratory evidence of re-infection.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

A new acute case is an incident case that is over the age of 36 months and has not previously been reported meeting case criteria for chronic hepatitis C or for whom there is laboratory evidence of re-infection. Cases under the age of 36 months should be classified as Perinatal HCV unless the exposure mode is not perinatal (e.g., healthcare acquired).

CDC encourages all jurisdictions to track negative HCV viral detection tests to document both spontaneous clearance of infection or sustained viral response to HCV treatment. Cases that have evidence of having cleared the infection at time of initial report or are considered false positive should not be reported to CDC.

Acute cases determined via anti-HCV test conversion do not need to have a positive HCV viral detection test reported to be considered confirmed acute cases.

A new probable acute case may be reclassified as confirmed acute if a positive HCV viral detection test is reported in the same reporting year (e.g., prior to data closing for the calendar year).

Collection of risk history data is recommended for probable and confirmed acute HCV cases. Timing of risk history data to collect ranges from 2 weeks to 12 months prior to symptom onset or diagnosis. The time frame to employ depends on the method of classification (e.g. if a case meets clinical criteria and has a positive HCV detection test, a risk history time frame of 2 weeks to 6 months prior to onset should be used; for a case classified via anti-HCV test conversion or HCV RNA test conversion, 2 weeks to 12 months prior to onset should be considered).

If evidence indicating resolution of infection is received after a confirmed acute case has been reported to CDC, the case report does not need to be modified as it was a confirmed case at the time of initial report. However, negative HCV viral detection test results received on confirmed acute case, subsequent to an initial positive result, should be appended to case reports, as feasible, and considered for the purpose of data analysis by each jurisdiction.

For probable acute cases, the presence of a negative HCV viral detection test result, in the absence of criteria that would allow for confirmation, indicates that a case should not be classified as probable acute and should not be reported to CDC.

A confirmed acute case may be classified as a confirmed chronic case if a positive HCV viral detection test is reported one year or longer after acute case onset. A confirmed acute case may not be reported as a probable chronic case (i.e., HCV antibody positive, but with an unknown HCV viral detection test). For purposes of incidence and prevalence calculations, confirmed acute and chronic HCV cases should be counted.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-350](#) Hepatitis C

Case Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported hepatitis C outbreak;
2. For each hepatitis C outbreak, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(E);
3. Evaluate a health care provider identified as the source of hepatitis C virus transmission in the work place and, if indicated, ensure reassignment of the health care provider to a position where the occupational risk of transmission is eliminated; and
4. Ensure that health education related to the progression of hepatitis C disease and the prevention of transmission of hepatitis C infection is provided to each individual who may have been exposed to hepatitis C during the outbreak.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Acute Hepatitis C Case Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2020
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2020
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2020: Changes are based on modifications to CDC/CSTE definition and affect all sections (Clinical Criteria, Laboratory Criteria, Classification, Comments).</p> <p>2016: ADHS case definition updated to match CDC/CSTE definition. Changes include: decreased ALT levels; updates to the laboratory criteria; confirmation based on known, recent seroconversion; and the addition of a probable case classification.</p> <p>2013: ADHS case definition updated to match CDC/CSTE definition.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

All HCV cases in each classification category should be >36 months of age, unless known to have been exposed non-perinatally.

Clinical Criteria

One or more of the following:

- Jaundice, OR
- Peak elevated total bilirubin levels ≥ 3.0 mg/dL, OR
- Peak elevated serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) levels >200 IU/L,

AND

The absence of a more likely diagnosis (which may include evidence of acute liver disease due to other causes or advanced liver disease due to pre-existing chronic HCV infection or other causes, such as alcohol exposure, other viral hepatitis, hemochromatosis, etc.)

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Positive hepatitis C virus detection test: Nucleic acid test (NAT) for HCV RNA positive (including qualitative, quantitative, or genotype testing), OR
- A positive test indicating presence of hepatitis C viral antigen(s) (HCV antigen)

Presumptive laboratory evidence

A positive test for antibodies to hepatitis C virus (anti-HCV).

Case Classification

Confirmed

- A case that does not meet **OR** has no report of clinical criteria, AND
- Has confirmatory laboratory evidence, AND
- Has no documentation of anti-HCV or HCV RNA test conversion within 12 months.

Probable

- A case that does not meet **OR** has no report of clinical criteria, AND
- Has presumptive laboratory evidence, AND
- Has no documentation of anti-HCV or RNA test conversion within 12 months, AND
- Does not have an HCV RNA detection test reported.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should never be counted as a new case if there was a previously reported infection in the same individual, unless there is evidence of re-infection.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Only 20-30% of acutely infected persons are symptomatic. Regardless of whether symptoms are present, the majority of persons who are infected with HCV become chronically infected (75-85%), and 10-20% develop cirrhosis over the next 20-30 years. Among HCV-infected persons with cirrhosis, there is an annual risk of 1-5% for developing hepatocellular carcinoma. Acutely infected persons who clear the virus and persons who clear the virus due to treatment may show evidence of past infection by testing positive for antibodies to HCV (EIA or rapid test) even if they are not chronically infected.¹

CDC encourages all jurisdictions are encouraged to track negative HCV viral detection tests to document both spontaneous clearance of infection or sustained viral response to HCV treatment. Cases that have evidence of having cleared the infection at time of initial report or are considered false positive should not be reported to CDC.

If evidence indicating resolution of infection is received after a confirmed chronic case has been reported to CDC, the case report does not need to be modified as it was a confirmed case at the time of initial report. However, negative HCV viral detection test results received on confirmed chronic cases, subsequent to an initial positive result, should be appended to case reports, as feasible, and considered for the purpose of data analysis by each jurisdiction.

Evidence for re-infection may include a case of confirmed chronic HCV infection that has at least two sequential negative HCV viral detection tests reported, indicative of treatment initiation and sustained virologic response, followed by a positive HCV viral detection test. Under current treatment recommendations, those two negative tests should be at least three months apart; however, the timing may change as standard of care for HCV treatment evolves. Other evidence of reinfection should be considered, including a report of a new genotype on a case that has previously cleared a different genotype. Jurisdictions are encouraged to ensure that cases of HCV treatment failure are not classified as new cases of HCV infection to the extent that it can be determined. Jurisdictions tracking re-infection should also consider collecting data on prior treatment completion (when relevant and possible to document), treatment failure, change in reported genotype if that applies, and the known time frame for reinfection.

For probable chronic cases, the presence of a negative HCV viral detection test result, in the absence of criteria that would allow for confirmation, indicates that a case should not be classified as probable chronic and should not be reported to CDC.

A new chronic case is a newly reported case that does not have evidence of being an acute case of HCV infection. A confirmed acute case may be classified as a confirmed chronic case if a positive HCV viral detection test is reported one year or longer after acute case onset. A confirmed acute case may not be reported as a probable chronic case (i.e., HCV antibody positive, but with an unknown HCV viral detection test). For purposes of incidence and prevalence calculations, confirmed chronic HCV cases should be counted.

Jurisdictions are also encouraged to track and classify possible re-infection cases that may have been previously submitted to CDC as a confirmed or probable chronic HCV infection case. Jurisdictions tracking re-infection should also consider collecting data on prior treatment completion (when relevant

and possible to document), treatment failure, change in reported genotype if that applies, and the known time frame for reinfection.

¹Statistics are from <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/hcvfaq.htm> (accessed January 2016).

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-350](#) Hepatitis C

Case Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported hepatitis C outbreak;
2. For each hepatitis C outbreak, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(E);
3. Evaluate a health care provider identified as the source of hepatitis C virus transmission in the work place and, if indicated, ensure reassignment of the health care provider to a position where the occupational risk of transmission is eliminated; and
4. Ensure that health education related to the progression of hepatitis C disease and the prevention of transmission of hepatitis C infection is provided to each individual who may have been exposed to hepatitis C during the outbreak.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Chronic Hepatitis C Case Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2020
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2020
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2020: Changes are based on modifications to CDC/CSTE definition and primarily affect the Comments.</p> <p>2016: ADHS case definition updated to match CDC/CSTE definition. Renamed from "Hepatitis C, past or present". Changes include: updates to the laboratory criteria, and changes to both confirmed and probable classifications.</p> <p>2013: ADHS definition was edited to match CDC/CSTE by removing an outdated laboratory criterion for surveillance</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Test results prior to 2 months of age should not be used for classification. Cases in the specified age range (2 to 36 months of age) that are known to have been exposed to HCV via healthcare or another mechanism other than perinatally should be classified according to the acute or chronic hepatitis C infection case definitions. Test results after 36 months of age should also be classified as acute or chronic hepatitis C infection case definitions and not as perinatal hepatitis C infection.

Clinical Criteria

Perinatal hepatitis C in pediatric patients may range from asymptomatic to fulminant hepatitis.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- HCV RNA positive test results for infants between 2 to 36 months of age; OR
- HCV genotype test results for infants between 2 to 36 months of age or greater; OR
- HCV antigen test results for infants between 2 to 36 months of age or greater

Epidemiologic Linkage

Maternal infection with HCV of any duration, if known. Not known to have been exposed to HCV via a mechanism other than perinatal (e.g. not acquired via healthcare).

Case Classification

Confirmed

Infant who has a positive test for HCV RNA (NAAT), HCV antigen, or detectable HCV genotype at ≥ 2 months and ≤ 36 months of age and is not known to have been exposed to HCV via a mechanism other than perinatal.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should never be counted as a new case if there was a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-350](#) Hepatitis C

Case Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported hepatitis C outbreak;
2. For each hepatitis C outbreak, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(E);

3. Evaluate a health care provider identified as the source of hepatitis C virus transmission in the work place and, if indicated, ensure reassignment of the health care provider to a position where the occupational risk of transmission is eliminated; and
4. Ensure that health education related to the progression of hepatitis C disease and the prevention of transmission of hepatitis C infection is provided to each individual who may have been exposed to hepatitis C during the outbreak.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Chronic Hepatitis C Case Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2018
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2018
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2018: New CDC/CSTE case definition.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An acute illness with a discrete onset of symptoms and jaundice or elevated serum aminotransferase levels (alanine aminotransferase or aspartate aminotransferase) levels (greater than 2.5 times the upper limit of normal). Of note, Hepatitis D infection is often linked to Hepatitis B infection.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence:

- Detection of HDV RNA by nucleic acid test (qualitative, quantitative, or genotype testing).

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence

- Total antibody to hepatitis D virus (total anti-HDV) is reactive.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should never be counted as a new case if there was a previously counted infection in the same individual.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-349](#) Hepatitis B and Hepatitis D

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Evaluate a health care provider identified as the source of hepatitis B virus transmission in the work place and, if indicated, ensure reassignment of the health care provider to a position where the occupational risk of transmission is eliminated;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported case or suspect case of hepatitis B or hepatitis B co-infected with hepatitis D; and
3. For each acute case of hepatitis B or hepatitis B co-infected with hepatitis D or case of perinatal hepatitis B, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

The operator of a blood bank, blood center, or plasma center shall notify a donor of a test result with significant evidence suggestive of hepatitis B, as required under A.R.S. § 32-1483 and 21 CFR 630.6.

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Refer each non-immune hepatitis B contact to a health care provider for prophylaxis and initiation of the hepatitis B vaccine series, and
2. Provide health education related to the progression of hepatitis B disease and the prevention of transmission of hepatitis B infection to each non-immune hepatitis B contact.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Hepatitis B and D Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2025: ADHS case definition was updated to match the new 2024 CDC/CSTE case definition. Case definition based solely on lab evidence.</p> <p>2013: ADHS created case definition.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An acute illness with a discrete onset of symptoms and jaundice or elevated serum aminotransferase levels (alanine aminotransferase or aspartate aminotransferase) levels (greater than 2.5 times the upper limit of normal).

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Presence of either of the following criteria in CDC-conducted testing:

- IgM or IgG to hepatitis E virus, OR
- Detection of hepatitis E virus by nucleic acid testing in a clinical specimen

Presumptive laboratory evidence

Presence of IgM to hepatitis E virus in non-CDC-conducted testing.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the clinical case definition and is laboratory confirmed or, a case that meets the clinical case definition and occurs in a person who has an epidemiologic link with a person who has laboratory-confirmed hepatitis E (i.e., household or sexual contact with an infected person during the 15-50 days before the onset of symptoms).

Probable

A case that meets the clinical case definition and meets the presumptive laboratory criteria, with:

- History of international travel or residence during the incubation period prior to illness onset (15-50 days) OR another highly suspect risk factor for hepatitis E
- The absence of confirmatory diagnosis of any other acute viral hepatitis.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-351](#) Hepatitis E

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Exclude a hepatitis E case or suspect case from working as a food handler, caring for patients or residents in a health care institution, or caring for children in or attending a child care establishment during the first 14 calendar days of illness or for seven calendar days after onset of jaundice;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported hepatitis E case or suspect case; and
3. For each hepatitis E case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Hepatitis E Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2014
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	2014: Confirmatory and supportive laboratory criteria were modified; Probable case definition was added; modifications were made to capture cases for which no clinical specimen is available for testing at CDC, but risk factors and clinical symptoms are compatible with acute HEV infection.

**HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY
VIRUS (HIV) INFECTION AND
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PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5 DAY (INFANT
CASES ONLY) LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT
WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS

CASE DEFINITION

2008 Surveillance Case Definition for HIV Infection Among Adults and Adolescents

The 2008 HIV infection case definition for adults and adolescents (aged >13 years) replaces the HIV infection and AIDS case definitions and the HIV infection classification system (1--3, 5). The case definition is intended for public health surveillance only and not as a guide for clinical diagnosis. The definition applies to all HIV variants (e.g., HIV-1 or HIV-2) and excludes confirmation of HIV infection through diagnosis of AIDS-defining conditions alone. For surveillance purposes, a reportable case of HIV infection among adults and adolescents aged >13 years is categorized by increasing severity as stage 0, stage 1, stage 2, or stage 3 (AIDS) or as stage unknown (Table).

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Positive result from an HIV antibody screening test (e.g., reactive enzyme immunoassay [EIA]*) confirmed by a positive result from a supplemental HIV antibody test (e.g., Western blot or indirect immunofluorescence assay test); OR
- Positive result or report of a detectable quantity (i.e., within the established limits of the laboratory test) from any of the following HIV virologic (i.e., non-antibody) tests†:
 - HIV nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) detection test (e.g., polymerase chain reaction [PCR])
 - HIV p24 antigen test, including neutralization assay
 - HIV isolation (viral culture)

Other Criterion (for Cases that Do Not Meet Laboratory Criteria)

HIV infection diagnosed by a physician or qualified medical-care provider§ based on the laboratory criteria and documented in a medical record. Oral reports of prior laboratory test results are not acceptable.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A confirmed case meets the laboratory criteria for surveillance of HIV infection and one of the four HIV infection stages (stage 0, stage 1, stage 2, stage 3, or stage unknown) (Table). Although cases with no information on CD4+ T-lymphocyte count or percentage and no information on AIDS-defining conditions can be classified as stage unknown, every effort should be made to report CD4+ T-lymphocyte counts or percentages and the presence of AIDS-defining conditions at the time of diagnosis. Additional CD4+ T-lymphocyte counts or percentages and any identified AIDS-defining conditions can be reported as recommended (6).

HIV Infection, Stage 0

The criteria for stage 0 consist of a sequence of discordant test results indicative of early HIV infection in which a negative or indeterminate result was within 180 days of a positive result. The criteria for stage 0 supersede and are independent of the criteria used for other stages.

Stage 0 can be established either:

- Based on testing history (previous negative/indeterminate test results): a negative or indeterminate HIV test (antibody, combination antigen/antibody, or nucleic acid test) result within 180 days before the first confirmed positive HIV test result of any type. The first positive test result could be any time before the positive supplemental test result that confirms it; OR
- Based on a testing algorithm: a sequence of tests performed as part of a laboratory testing algorithm that demonstrate the presence of HIV-specific viral markers such as p24 antigen or nucleic acid (RNA or DNA) 0–180 days before or after an antibody test that had a negative or indeterminate result. Examples of algorithms that would fulfill this requirement include:
 - A positive initial HIV immunoassay result (e.g., antigen/antibody or antibody only) followed by a negative or indeterminate supplemental antibody test result (e.g., HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation assay or Western blot) and a positive NAT result. All three tests are usually performed as part of the same testing algorithm but time might elapse between tests if additional specimens must be obtained for definitive supplemental testing; AND
 - A negative initial HIV immunoassay result followed by a positive NAT result that might have been done to evaluate the presence of acute HIV infection (19, 20).

Exception

A confirmed case of HIV infection is not in stage 0 if the negative or indeterminate HIV test used as the criterion for it being a recent infection was preceded >60 days by evidence of HIV infection, such as a confirmed positive HIV test result, a clinical (physician-documented) diagnosis of HIV infection for which the surveillance staff have not found sufficient laboratory evidence, a CD4+ T-lymphocyte test result indicative of stage 3 ([Table](#)), or an opportunistic illness indicative of stage 3 ([Appendix](#)).

Classifying a case as stage 0 depends on documenting negative HIV antibody test results in the specific situations described above. Negative test results from testing algorithms that have concluded that the person is not infected need not be reported to HIV surveillance programs.

Progression of Stage After Initial Diagnosis in Stage 0

Although the stage at diagnosis does not change, if >180 days have elapsed after the stage was 0 at diagnosis, the stage at the later date is classified as 1, 2, 3, or unknown, depending on CD4+ T-lymphocyte test results ([Table](#)) or whether an opportunistic illness had been diagnosed >180 days after HIV infection diagnosis.

HIV Infection, Stage 1

No AIDS-defining condition and either CD4+ T-lymphocyte count of >500 cells/ μ L or CD4+ T-lymphocyte percentage of total lymphocytes of >29.

HIV Infection, Stage 2

No AIDS-defining condition and either CD4+ T-lymphocyte count of 200--499 cells/ μ L or CD4+ T-lymphocyte percentage of total lymphocytes of 14--28.

HIV Infection, Stage 3 (AIDS)

CD4+ T-lymphocyte count of <200 cells/ μ L or CD4+ T-lymphocyte percentage of total lymphocytes of <14 or documentation of an AIDS-defining condition ([Appendix A](#)). Documentation of an AIDS-defining condition supersedes a CD4+ T-lymphocyte count of >200 cells/ μ L and a CD4+ T-lymphocyte percentage of total lymphocytes of >14. Definitive diagnostic methods for these conditions are available

in Appendix C of the 1993 revised HIV classification system and the expanded AIDS case definition (2) and from the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (available at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6303a1.htm?s_cid=rr6303a1_e).

HIV Infection, Stage Unknown

No information available on CD4+ T-lymphocyte count or percentage and no information available on AIDS-defining conditions. (Every effort should be made to report CD4+ T-lymphocyte counts or percentages and the presence of AIDS-defining conditions at the time of diagnosis.)

2008 Surveillance Case Definitions for HIV Infection and AIDS Among Children Aged 18 Months to <13 Years

These 2008 surveillance case definitions of HIV infection and AIDS supersede those published in 1987 (1) and 1999 (3) and apply to all variants of HIV (e.g., HIV-1 or HIV-2). They are intended for public health surveillance only and are not a guide for clinical diagnosis. The 2008 laboratory criteria for reportable HIV infection among persons aged 18 months to <13 years exclude confirmation of HIV infection through the diagnosis of AIDS-defining conditions alone. Laboratory-confirmed evidence of HIV infection is now required for all reported cases of HIV infection among children aged 18 months to <13 years (20).

Criteria for HIV Infection

Children aged 18 months to <13 years are categorized as HIV infected for surveillance purposes if at least one of laboratory criteria or the other criterion is met.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Positive result from a screening test for HIV antibody (e.g., reactive EIA), confirmed by a positive result from a supplemental test for HIV antibody (e.g., Western blot or indirect immunofluorescence assay); OR
- Positive result or a detectable quantity by any of the following HIV virologic (non-antibody) tests***:
 - o HIV nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) detection (e.g., PCR)
 - o HIV p24 antigen test, including neutralization assay
 - o HIV isolation (viral culture)

Other Criterion (for Cases that Do Not Meet Laboratory Criteria)

HIV infection diagnosed by a physician or qualified medical-care provider based on the laboratory criteria and documented in a medical record. Oral reports of prior laboratory test results are not acceptable.

Criteria for AIDS

Children aged 18 months to <13 years are categorized for surveillance purposes as having AIDS if the criteria for HIV infection are met and at least one of the AIDS-defining conditions has been documented ([Appendix A](#)).

The 2008 surveillance case definition for AIDS retains the 24 clinical conditions in the AIDS surveillance case definition published in 1987 (1) and revised in 1994 (4) for children aged <13 years ([Appendix A](#)). Because the 2008 definition requires that all AIDS diagnoses have laboratory-confirmed evidence of HIV infection, the presence of any AIDS-defining condition listed in Appendix A indicates a surveillance diagnosis of AIDS. Guidance on the diagnosis of these diseases in the context of all nationally notifiable diseases is available at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6303a1.htm?s_cid=rr6303a1_e.

2008 Surveillance Case Definition for HIV Infection Among Children Aged <18 Months

The 2008 case definition of HIV infection among children aged <18 months replaces the definition published in 1999 (3) and applies to all variants of HIV (e.g., HIV-1 or HIV-2). The 2008 definition is intended for public health surveillance only and not as a guide for clinical diagnosis. The 2008 definition takes into account new available testing technologies. Laboratory criteria for children aged <18 months at the time of diagnosis include revisions to one category: presumptively uninfected with HIV. No substantial changes have been made to the remaining three categories (definitively HIV infected, presumptively HIV infected, and definitively uninfected with HIV), and no changes have been made to the conditions listed under the AIDS criteria in the 1987 pediatric surveillance case definition for AIDS for children aged <18 months (1,3,13). Because diagnostic laboratory testing for HIV infection among children aged <18 months might be unreliable, children in this age group with perinatal HIV exposure whose illness meets the AIDS case definition on the basis of clinical criteria are considered presumptively HIV infected when the mother has laboratory-confirmed HIV infection. The definitive or presumptive exclusion of HIV infection for surveillance purposes does not mean that clinical HIV infection can be ruled out. For the purposes of calculating the exact timing of tests (e.g., when a specimen was obtained for laboratory testing) based on the surveillance case definition, 1 month corresponds to 30 days.

Criteria for Definitive or Presumptive HIV Infection

A child aged <18 months is categorized for surveillance purposes as definitively or presumptively HIV infected if born to an HIV-infected mother and if the laboratory criterion or at least one of the other criteria is met.

Laboratory Criterion for Definitive HIV Infection

A child aged <18 months is categorized for surveillance purposes as definitively HIV infected if born to an HIV-infected mother and the following laboratory criterion is met.

- Positive results on two separate specimens (not including cord blood) from one or more of the following HIV virologic (non-antibody) tests:
 - o HIV nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) detection**
 - o HIV p24 antigen test, including neutralization assay, for a child aged >1 month
 - o HIV isolation (viral culture)

Laboratory Criterion for Presumptive HIV Infection

A child aged <18 months is categorized for surveillance purposes as presumptively HIV infected if:

1. Born to an HIV-infected mother; AND
2. The criterion for definitively HIV infected is not met; AND
3. The following laboratory criterion is met:
 - o Positive results on one specimen (not including cord blood) from the listed HIV virologic tests (HIV nucleic acid detection test; HIV p24 antigen test, including neutralization assay, for a child aged >1 month; or HIV isolation [viral culture] for definitively HIV infected) and no subsequent negative results from HIV virologic or HIV antibody tests.

Other Criteria (for Cases that Do Not Meet Laboratory Criteria for Definitive or Presumptive HIV Infection)

- HIV infection diagnosed by a physician or qualified medical-care provider based on the laboratory criteria and documented in a medical record. Oral reports of prior laboratory test results are not acceptable; OR
- When test results regarding HIV infection status are not available, documentation of a condition that meets the criteria in the 1987 pediatric surveillance case definition for AIDS (1) ([Appendix A](#)).

Criteria for Uninfected with HIV, Definitive or Presumptive

A child aged <18 months born to an HIV-infected mother is categorized for surveillance purposes as either definitively or presumptively uninfected with HIV if:

1. The criteria for definitive or presumptive HIV infection are not met; AND
2. At least one of the laboratory criteria or other criteria are met^{††}:
 - a. At least two negative HIV DNA or RNA virologic tests from separate specimens, both of which were obtained at age ≥ 1 month and one of which was obtained at age ≥ 4 months; OR
 - b. At least two negative HIV antibody tests from separate specimens obtained at age ≥ 6 months; **AND**
 - c. No other laboratory or clinical evidence of HIV infection (i.e., no positive results from virologic tests [if tests were performed] and no current or previous AIDS-defining condition) ([Appendix A](#)).

Laboratory Criteria for Uninfected with HIV, Presumptive

A child aged <18 months born to an HIV-infected mother is categorized for surveillance purposes as presumptively uninfected with HIV if:

1. The criteria for definitively uninfected with HIV are not met; AND
2. At least one of the laboratory criteria are met:
 - a. Two negative RNA or DNA virologic tests, from separate specimens, both of which were obtained at age ≥ 2 weeks and one of which was obtained at age ≥ 4 weeks ^{§§}; OR
 - b. One negative RNA or a DNA virologic test from a specimen obtained at age ≥ 8 weeks; OR
 - c. One negative HIV antibody test from a specimen obtained at age ≥ 6 months; OR
 - d. One positive HIV virologic test followed by at least two negative tests from separate specimens, one of which is a virologic test from a specimen obtained at age ≥ 8 weeks or an HIV antibody test from a specimen obtained at age ≥ 6 months; **AND**
 - e. No other laboratory or clinical evidence of HIV infection (i.e., no subsequent positive results from virologic tests if tests were performed, and no AIDS-defining condition for which no other underlying condition indicative of immunosuppression exists) ([Appendix A](#)).

Other Criteria (for Cases that Do Not Meet Laboratory Criteria for Uninfected with HIV, Definitive or Presumptive)

- Determination of uninfected with HIV by a physician or qualified medical-care provider based on the laboratory criteria and who has noted the HIV diagnostic test results in the medical record. Oral reports of prior laboratory test results are not acceptable; AND
- No other laboratory or clinical evidence of HIV infection (i.e., no positive results from virologic tests [if tests were performed] and no AIDS-defining condition for which no other underlying condition indicative of immunosuppression exists) ([Appendix A](#)).

Criteria for Indeterminate HIV Infection

A child aged <18 months born to an HIV-infected mother is categorized as having perinatal exposure with an indeterminate HIV infection status if the criteria for infected with HIV and uninfected with HIV are not met.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5710a1.htm>

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-352](#) Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection and Related Disease

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation, including a review of medical records, of each reported HIV-infected individual or suspect case; and
2. For each HIV-infected individual, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

The operator of a blood bank, blood center, or plasma center shall notify a donor of a test result with significant evidence suggestive of HIV infection, as required under A.R.S. § 32-1483 and 21 CFR 630.6.

The Department and a local health agency shall offer HIV-testing to an individual.

Contact Control Measures

The Department or the Department's designee shall confidentially notify an individual reported to be at risk for HIV infection under A.R.S. § 36-664(l) as specified in R9-6-1006(A).

Environmental Control Measures

An employer, as defined under A.R.S. § 23-401, or health care provider shall comply with the requirements specified in A.R.S. § 23-403 and A.A.C. R20-5-602.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2014
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2014
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2014: Stage 0 added to the Case Definition for HIV Infection Among Adults and Adolescents as per CDC/CSTE revision (http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6303a1.htm)

CASE DEFINITION

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Isolation of influenza virus in tissue cell culture from respiratory specimens; OR
- Positive reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) from respiratory specimens; OR
- Positive immunofluorescent antibody staining (direct or indirect) of respiratory specimens; OR
- Positive rapid influenza diagnostic test of respiratory specimens; OR
- Demonstration of immunohistochemical (IHC) staining for influenza viral antigens in respiratory tract tissue from autopsy specimens; OR
- Four-fold rise in influenza hemagglutination inhibition (HI) antibody titer in paired acute and convalescent sera*.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the laboratory criteria for surveillance.

Comment

Negative RT-PCR or culture results may be used to rule out cases identified by other testing methods (e.g., rapid diagnostic tests) at any time of year.

*Serologic testing for influenza is available in a limited number of laboratories, and should only be considered as evidence of recent infection if a four-fold rise in influenza (HI) antibody titer is demonstrated in paired sera. Single serum samples are not interpretable.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 4 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

If different flu seasons, count as separate cases.

When two or more different types (A, B) or subtypes (H3, H1) are identified from the same individual, these should be treated as separate cases, unless one or both results are from rapid diagnostic tests. For example, the following results should be treated as two separate cases:

- PCR type A and PCR type B
- PCR A(H3) and PCR A(H1N1)

While the following pairs would each be treated as a single case:

- rapid A+ and rapid B+ (categorized as type unknown)
- rapid A+ and PCR B+ (categorized as type B)

For questions, consult with the ADHS influenza team (flu@azdhs.gov) or refer to the current season's Influenza Case Classification Guide in MEDSIS > Resources > Surveillance and Investigation Resources > Influenza Resources.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2023
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	<p>2023: Removed the Clinical Description from the case definition.</p> <p>2020: Removed appendix with Influenza Case Classification Guide, and listed the relevant components in the "Criteria to Distinguish a New Case".</p> <p>2019: Removed comment about usage of rapid diagnostic tests to align with the changes starting in Summer 2018 regarding how rapid tests are counted.</p>

INFLUENZA-ASSOCIATED MORTALITY IN A CHILD

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 1 WORKING DAY
LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS

CASE DEFINITION**Clinical Description**

An influenza-associated death is defined for surveillance purposes as a death resulting from a clinically compatible illness that was confirmed to be influenza by an appropriate laboratory or rapid diagnostic test. There should be no period of complete recovery between the illness and death. Influenza-associated deaths in all persons aged <18 years should be reported.

A death should not be reported if:

- There is no laboratory confirmation of influenza virus infection.
- The influenza illness is followed by full recovery to baseline health status prior to death.
- The death occurs in a person 18 years or older.
- After review and consultation there is an alternative agreed upon cause of death.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

See laboratory criteria for influenza. Laboratory testing for influenza virus infection may be done on pre- or post-mortem clinical specimens.

Case Classification***Confirmed***

A death meeting the clinical case definition that is laboratory confirmed. Laboratory or rapid diagnostic test confirmation is required as part of the case definition; therefore, all reported deaths will be classified as confirmed.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should never be counted as a new case if there was a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-353](#) Influenza-Associated Mortality in a Child

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a case or suspect case of an influenza-associated death of a child, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported case or suspect case of influenza-associated mortality in a child; and
3. For each case of influenza-associated mortality in a child, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Influenza-Associated Pediatric Deaths Case Report Form at <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2006
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2004
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

Novel influenza for this definition includes “variant influenza viruses” (e.g., H1v, H3v). Enter in MEDSIS under Influenza morbidity and indicate novel influenza in the DSO.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Criteria

In the absence of a more likely alternative diagnosis or cause, an acute illness characterized by either:

- One or more of the following:
 - Cough,
 - Sore throat,
 - Fever (measured or subjective),
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
 - Conjunctivitis (red eye, discharge from eye),

OR

- Two or more of the following:
 - Headache,
 - Myalgia,
 - Arthralgia,
 - Fatigue,
 - Rhinorrhea
 - Nasal congestion,
 - Diarrhea,
 - Vomiting.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence (Only performed at CDC at this time):

- Positive confirmatory molecular test result (e.g. reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction [rT-PCR]) for novel influenza subtype, OR
- Genetic sequence indicative of novel influenza A strain.
- Isolation of a novel influenza virus from a clinical specimen.
- Significant IgG antibody rise to novel influenza A (i.e., at least a 4-fold rise in a quantitative titer or seroconversion) in paired acute and convalescent serum IgG in the absence of another explanation (such as vaccination).

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence:

- Presumptive positive for novel influenza on tests specifically designed to detect novel influenza, such as H1v, H3v, H5, or H7.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- Meets clinical criteria AND presumptive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should be counted as a new case in the following situations:

- The virus is different from the individual's previous novel influenza A virus infection,
- OR
- The virus is the same as the individual's previous novel influenza A virus infection,
- AND
- the person has recovered fully or returned to baseline health, OR
 - it has been >30 days since symptom onset date (if available) or first positive specimen collection date.

*For severely immunocompromised individuals, judgment should be used to determine if a repeat positive test is likely to result from long-term shedding and, therefore, not be counted as a new case. CDC defines severe immunocompromise as certain conditions, such as being on chemotherapy for cancer, untreated human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection with CD4 T lymphocyte count <200, combined primary immunodeficiency disorder, and receipt of prednisone >20mg/day for more than 14 days.

Comment

Once a novel virus is identified by CDC, it will be nationally notifiable until CSTE in consultation with CDC determines that it is no longer necessary to report each case.

On December 13, 2006, the United States formally accepted the revision of the International Health Regulations, referred to as IHR (2005)

(http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2008/9789241580410_eng.pdf). The IHR (2005) are an international legal instrument that governs the roles of the World Health Organization (WHO) and its member countries in identifying and responding to and sharing information about public health emergencies of international concern

(http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2008/9789241580410_eng.pdf). The updated rules are designed to prevent and protect against the international spread of diseases, while minimizing interference with world travel and trade. The revised regulations add human infections with new influenza strains to the list of conditions that Member States must immediately report to WHO. An outbreak of infections with a new influenza A virus that demonstrates human-to-human transmission could signal the beginning of the next pandemic. Robust epidemiologic and laboratory surveillance systems are required for a coordinated public health response to infections with a novel influenza virus subtype. Early detection of an influenza virus with pandemic potential will permit identification of viral characteristics (e.g., genetic sequence, antiviral susceptibility, and virulence) that will affect clinical management and public health response measures. It should also facilitate development of a virus-specific vaccine and testing strategies.

All state public health laboratories have the capacity to test respiratory specimens for influenza viruses with sensitive and specific assays that can detect human and non-human influenza A viruses. They also have the capacity to subtype currently circulating human influenza A H1, H3, and avian H5 (Asian lineage) viruses. The detection or confirmation by a state public health laboratory of an influenza A virus that is unsubtypable with standard methods (e.g., real-time RT-PCR assays for human influenza

A(H3) or (H1) viruses), or a non-human influenza virus (e.g., H5) from a human specimen, could be the initial identification of a virus with pandemic potential. Prompt notification of CDC by a state epidemiologist in conjunction with the public health laboratory will permit rapid confirmation of results and reporting to WHO. In addition, it will aid prompt viral characterization, and the development of virus-specific diagnostic tests.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-370](#) Novel Influenza

Case Control Measures

1. In consultation with the Department or the applicable local health agency, a diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and institute both airborne precautions and contact precautions for a novel influenza virus case or suspect case, until evaluated and determined to be noninfectious by a physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse practitioner or otherwise advised by the Department or the applicable local health agency.
2. A local health agency shall:
 - a. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a novel influenza virus case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
 - b. In consultation with the Department, ensure that isolation and both airborne precautions and contact precautions have been instituted for a hospitalized novel influenza virus case or suspect case to prevent transmission, unless otherwise advised by the Department;
 - c. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported novel influenza virus case or suspect case, unless otherwise advised by the Department; and
 - d. For each novel influenza virus case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency, in consultation with the Department, shall determine which novel influenza virus contacts will be quarantined or excluded, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Novel Influenza A Case Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

Description of changes	2025: Updated laboratory evidence to reflect new testing, removed Epi-linkage criteria and the Suspect classification. 2013: New CDC/CSTE case definition.
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Legionellosis is associated with three clinically and epidemiologically distinct illnesses: Legionnaires' disease, Pontiac fever, or extrapulmonary legionellosis.

Clinical compatibility for surveillance purposes for each of these illnesses is defined below:

Clinical Compatibility	Legionnaires' disease	Pontiac fever	Extrapulmonary legionellosis
Pneumonia (clinical or radiographic)	Yes	No	No
Other clinical features	Fever, myalgia, and cough. These symptoms are typical but not required; additional symptoms (e.g., shortness of breath, headache, confusion, nausea, diarrhea) may be present.	A milder illness without pneumonia. A flu-like illness, often with fever, chills, headache, myalgia, fatigue, malaise; less often with symptoms such as cough or nausea.	Clinical evidence of disease at an extrapulmonary site. <i>Legionella</i> can cause disease at sites outside the lungs (for example, associated with endocarditis, wound infection, joint infection, graft infection).

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of any *Legionella* organism from respiratory secretions, lung tissue, pleural fluid, or extrapulmonary site.
- Detection of any *Legionella* species from lower respiratory secretions, lung tissue, pleural fluid, or extrapulmonary site by a validated nucleic acid amplification test.
- Detection of *Legionella pneumophila* serogroup 1 antigen in urine using validated reagents.
- Seroconversion, a fourfold or greater rise in specific serum antibody titer to *Legionella pneumophila* serogroup 1, using validated reagents.

Supportive laboratory evidence

- Seroconversion, a fourfold or greater rise in antibody titer to specific species or serogroups of *Legionella* other than *L. pneumophila* serogroup 1 (e.g., *L. micdadei*, *L. pneumophila* serogroup 6).
- Seroconversion, a fourfold or greater rise in antibody titer, to multiple species of *Legionella* using pooled antigen.
- Detection of specific *Legionella* antigen or staining of the organism in lower respiratory secretions, lung tissue, pleural fluid, or extrapulmonary site associated with clinical disease by direct fluorescent antibody (DFA) staining, immunohistochemistry (IHC), or other similar method, using validated reagents.

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

- Epidemiologic link to a setting with a positive environmental sampling result of *Legionella* (such as from a cruise ship, public accommodation, cooling tower, etc.), OR
- Epidemiologic link to a setting with suspected source of *Legionella* that is associated with at least one confirmed case.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- A clinically compatible case that meets at least one of the confirmatory laboratory criteria¹.

Probable

- Legionnaires' Disease:
 - A clinically compatible case with an epidemiologic link during the 14 days before onset of symptoms.
- Pontiac fever:
 - A clinically compatible case with an epidemiologic link during the 3 days before onset of symptoms.

Suspect

A clinically compatible case that meets at least one of the supportive laboratory criteria¹.

¹For extrapulmonary legionellosis there must be laboratory evidence of *Legionella* at an extrapulmonary site.

Sub-Classifications of Legionellosis

Epidemiologic Classification of Travel- and Healthcare-Associated Legionellosis

Legionellosis cases may be further assessed for associations to travel or to healthcare facility exposures. Cases meeting the criteria below are considered to be definitely or possibly associated with travel and/or presumptively or possibly associated with healthcare exposures. Legionellosis cases will be counted and reported based on the clinical and laboratory criteria above, regardless of the presence or absence of travel or healthcare exposures. (ADHS-added clarifications)

Travel-associated legionellosis:

- Definite: A case that has a history of spending the **entire** incubation period away from home, either in the same country of residence or abroad, in the incubation period prior to onset of illness.
 - For Legionnaires' disease of 2 to 14 days
 - For Pontiac fever of 0 to 3 days before the onset of symptoms
- Possible: A case that has a history of spending at least one night away from home, either in the same country of residence or abroad, in the incubation period prior to onset of illness.

Healthcare-associated legionellosis:

- Presumptive*: A case with ≥ 10 days of continuous stay at a healthcare facility during the 14 days before onset of symptoms.
- Possible: A case that spent a portion of the 14 days before onset of symptoms in one or more healthcare facilities and does not meet the criteria for presumptive healthcare-associated Legionnaires' disease.

*Case is considered a presumptive healthcare-associated case for surveillance purposes even if the stay involved multiple healthcare facilities

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.**

On a case-by-case basis the following criteria can be used, regardless of the interval between laboratory results: An individual should be considered a new case if their previous illness was followed by a period of recovery prior to acute onset of clinically compatible symptoms and subsequent laboratory evidence of infection.

**Based on ADHS guidelines

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-354](#) Legionellosis (Legionnaires' Disease)

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report of a legionellosis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported legionellosis case or suspect case; and
3. For each legionellosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Environmental control measures

The owner of a water, cooling, or ventilation system or equipment that is determined by the Department or a local health agency to be associated with a case of *Legionella* infection shall comply with the environmental control measures recommended by the Department or local health agency to prevent the exposure of other individuals.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Legionellosis Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2019
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No

Description of changes	<p>2025: Epidemiologic linkage criteria updated to include setting with suspected source of <i>Legionella</i> that is associated with at least one confirmed case. Sub-classification for healthcare-associate legionellosis updated.</p> <p>2020: Moved nucleic acid amplification test (i.e., PCR) from supportive to confirmatory laboratory evidence, added extrapulmonary legionellosis as an illness, and added an epidemiological link which is used in a new probable case classification. These changes are based on modifications to CDC/CSTE definition. The ADHS epidemiological linkage requires more definitive confirmation of the source than the criteria in the CDC/CSTE definition. ADHS clinical criteria also differ slightly from the CDC/CSTE definition. The ADHS Epidemiological Classification section (travel and healthcare association) did not change in 2020 and is not defined in the CDC/CSTE case definition.</p> <p>2019: Clinical compatibility language was clarified (pneumonia is sufficient for clinical compatibility for Legionnaire's disease) and the classification table removed.</p> <p>2016: ADHS added the Epidemiological Classification section to better clarify and define healthcare- and travel-associated cases. These changes are based on a proposed 2015 CSTE position statement, which is also the source of the classification table. Although these sub-classifications differ from the CDC/CSTE definition, the overall confirmed and suspect case definitions match and are unchanged.</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Background

Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease identified globally, with most cases occurring in tropical climates. Human infection may occur following direct contact with urine or other body fluids from an infected animal, or indirectly through contact with contaminated water, soil, or food. *Leptospira* bacteria may enter the body through mucous membranes or abraded skin.

Clinical Criteria

An illness characterized by one or more of the following:

- Fever,
- Headache,
- Chills,
- Myalgia,
- Vomiting,
- Nausea,
- Diarrhea,
- Abdominal pain,
- Conjunctival suffusion,
- Renal insufficiency,
- Jaundice,
- Respiratory insufficiency,
- Meningitis, or
- Rash.

Symptoms may be biphasic, or occur in two distinct phases.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of *Leptospira* from a clinical specimen; OR
- Fourfold or greater increase in *Leptospira* agglutination titer between acute and convalescent phase serum specimens studied at the same laboratory; OR
- Demonstration of *Leptospira* in tissue by direct immunofluorescence; OR
- *Leptospira* agglutination titer of ≥ 800 by Microscopic Agglutination Test (MAT) in one or more serum specimens; OR
- Detection of pathogenic (P1 clade) or intermediate (P2 clade) *Leptospira* DNA (e.g., by PCR) from a clinical specimen.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- *Leptospira* agglutination titer of ≥ 200 but < 800 by Microscopic Agglutination Test (MAT) in one or more serum specimens; OR

- Demonstration of anti-*Leptospira* antibodies in a clinical specimen by indirect immunofluorescence; OR
- Demonstration of *Leptospira* in a clinical specimen by darkfield microscopy; OR
- Detection of IgM antibodies against *Leptospira* in an acute phase serum specimen

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

- Involvement in an exposure event (e.g., adventure race, triathlon, flooding, occupational exposure) with associated laboratory-confirmed cases of leptospirosis.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- Meets clinical criteria AND meets presumptive laboratory evidence; OR
- Meets clinical criteria AND meets epidemiologic linkage criteria.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should be counted as a new case if there are reports of new symptoms and lab evidence, and after consultation with ADHS and CDC leptospirosis SMEs.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-355](#) Leptospirosis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a leptospirosis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported leptospirosis case or suspect case; and
3. For each leptospirosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Leptospirosis Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024

ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
<p>Description of changes</p>	<p>2025: ADHS case definition was updated to match the new CDC/CSTE case definition, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clinical criteria updated to one or more - Confirmed case classification does not require clinical compatibility - Epi linkage criteria separated (but no substantial change to the probable case definition) - Criteria to distinguish a new case added. <p>2013: ADHS case definition was updated to match the new CDC/CSTE case definition.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Invasive Listeriosis

- Systemic illness caused by *L. monocytogenes* manifests most commonly as bacteremia or central nervous system infection. Other manifestations can include pneumonia, peritonitis, endocarditis, and focal infections of joints and bones.
- Pregnancy-associated listeriosis has generally been classified as illness occurring in a pregnant woman or in an infant aged < 28 days. Listeriosis may result in pregnancy loss (fetal loss before 20 weeks gestation), intrauterine fetal demise (>20 weeks gestation), pre-term labor, or neonatal infection, while causing minimal or no systemic symptoms in the mother. Pregnancy loss and intrauterine fetal demise are considered to be maternal outcomes.
- Neonatal listeriosis commonly manifests as bacteremia, central nervous system infection, and pneumonia, and is associated with high fatality rates. Transmission of *Listeria* from mother to baby transplacentally or during delivery is almost always the source of early-onset neonatal infections (diagnosed between birth and 6 days), and the most likely source of late-onset neonatal listeriosis (diagnosed between 7–28 days).

Non-invasive Listeria Infections

Listeria infection manifesting as an isolate from a non-sterile site suggestive of a noninvasive infection; includes febrile gastroenteritis, urinary tract infection, and wound infection.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of *L. monocytogenes* from a specimen collected from a normally sterile site reflective of an invasive infection (e.g., blood or cerebrospinal fluid [CSF] or, less commonly, pleural, peritoneal, pericardial, hepatobiliary, or vitreous fluid; orthopedic site such as bone, bone marrow, or joint; or other sterile sites including organs such as spleen, liver, and heart, but not sources such as urine, stool, or external wounds); OR
- For maternal isolates: In the setting of pregnancy, pregnancy loss, intrauterine fetal demise, or birth, isolation of *L. monocytogenes* from products of conception (e.g., chorionic villi, placenta, fetal tissue, umbilical cord blood, amniotic fluid) collected at the time of delivery; OR
- For neonatal isolates: In the setting of live birth, isolation of *L. monocytogenes* from a non-sterile neonatal specimen (e.g., meconium, tracheal aspirate, but not products of conception) collected within 48 hours of delivery.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of *L. monocytogenes* by culture-independent diagnostic test (CIDT)* in a specimen collected from a normally sterile site (e.g., blood or cerebrospinal fluid or, less commonly: pleural, peritoneal, pericardial, hepatobiliary, or vitreous fluid; orthopedic site such as bone, bone marrow, or joint; or other sterile sites including organs such as spleen, liver, and heart, but not sources such as urine, stool, or external wounds); OR

- **For maternal isolates:** In the setting of pregnancy, pregnancy loss, intrauterine fetal demise, or birth, detection of *L. monocytogenes* by CIDT* from products of conception (e.g. chorionic villi, placenta, fetal tissue, umbilical cord blood, amniotic fluid) collected at the time of delivery; OR
- **For neonatal isolates:** In the setting of live birth, detection of *L. monocytogenes* by CIDT* from a non-sterile neonatal specimen (e.g., meconium, tracheal aspirate, but not products of conception) collected within 48 hours of delivery.

Supportive laboratory evidence

Isolation of *L. monocytogenes* from a clinical specimen collected from a non-invasive specimen source, e.g., stool, urine, wound, other than those specified under maternal and neonatal specimens in *Confirmatory laboratory evidence*, above.

*For listeriosis, a CIDT should only include PCR or other nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) assays. Serological tests should not be considered evidence of infection.

Epidemiologic Linkage

For probable maternal cases:

- A mother who does not meet the confirmed case criteria, BUT
- Who gave birth to a neonate who meets confirmatory or presumptive laboratory evidence for surveillance; AND
- Neonatal specimen was collected up to 28 days of birth.

For probable neonatal cases:

- Neonate(s) who do not meet the confirmed case criteria; AND
- Whose mother meets confirmatory or presumptive laboratory evidence for surveillance from products of conception; OR
- A clinically compatible neonate whose mother meets confirmatory or presumptive laboratory evidence for surveillance from a normally sterile site.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A person who meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- A person who meets the presumptive laboratory criteria for surveillance; OR
- A mother or neonate who meets the epidemiologic linkage but who does not have confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Suspect

A person with supportive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

As a rule of thumb, a case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual. However, as noted in the 2018 CSTE position statement, there is currently insufficient data available to support a routine recommendation for criteria to distinguish a new case of listeriosis from prior reports or notifications.

Duplicate or recurring reports of listeriosis in an individual should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Pregnancy loss and intrauterine fetal demise are considered maternal outcomes and would be counted as a single case in the mother. Cases in neonates and mothers should be reported separately when each meets the case definition. A case in a neonate is counted if live-born.

See [Appendix 1](#) for additional guidance on interpreting whether a specimen is from a “normally sterile body site”.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-356](#) Listeriosis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a listeriosis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported listeriosis case or suspect case;
3. For each listeriosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
4. In consultation with the Department, ensure that an isolate or a specimen, as available, from each listeriosis case is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See the Listeriosis Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2019
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2019
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2019: Clarified classification of maternal and neonatal cases by adding epi linkages and accounting for isolation of <i>L. monocytogenes</i> from neonatal specimens or products of conception; included CIDT in the laboratory criteria (classified as probable); and accounted for <i>L. monocytogenes</i> isolated from non-sterile sites (classified as suspect). Changes based on modifications to CDC/CSTE definition.</p> <p>Mid-2019 revision: Clarified that serological testing should not be considered CIDT, per CDC.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Criteria

A systemic, tick-borne disease characterized by **one of the following early or late-stage manifestations**, as reported by a healthcare provider, and in the absence of another known etiology:

- Erythema migrans (EM) rash: For purposes of surveillance, EM is defined as a skin lesion (observed by a healthcare provider) that typically begins as a red macule or papule and expands over a period of days to weeks to form a large round lesion, often with partial central clearing. A single primary lesion must reach greater than or equal to 5 cm in size across its largest diameter.

Note: Secondary lesions also may occur. Annular erythematous lesions occurring within several hours of a tick bite represent hypersensitivity reactions and do not qualify as EM. For most patients, the expanding EM lesion is accompanied by other acute symptoms, particularly fatigue, fever, headache, mildly stiff neck, arthralgia, or myalgia. These symptoms are typically intermittent. Local reactions to insect bites and stings are often misidentified as EM. As a result, it is important to get additional information about the lesion, including (1) general description (shape and color), (2) was it itchy, painful, or warm to-the-touch, (3) when did the lesion first appear, (4) how many days did it persist, and (5) how much it expanded.

- Musculoskeletal system: Recurrent, brief attacks (weeks or months) of objective joint swelling in one or a few joints, sometimes followed by chronic arthritis in one or a few joints.

Note: Objective joint swelling may sometimes be followed by chronic arthritis in one or a few joints.

- Nervous system: Any of the following signs that cannot be explained by any other etiology, alone or in combination: lymphocytic meningitis; cranial neuritis, particularly facial palsy (may be bilateral); radiculoneuropathy; or, rarely, encephalomyelitis.

Note: Headaches, fatigue, paresthesia, or mild stiff necks alone are not criteria for neurologic involvement.

- Cardiovascular system: Acute onset of high-grade (2nd degree or 3rd degree) atrioventricular conduction defects that resolve in days to weeks

Note: Atrioventricular conduction defects may sometimes be associated with myocarditis.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of *Borrelia burgdorferi* sensu stricto or *B. mayonii* in culture, OR

- Detection of *B. burgdorferi* sensu stricto or *B. mayonii* in a clinical specimen by a *B. burgdorferi* group-specific NAAT assay, OR
- Detection of *B. burgdorferi* group-specific antigens by immunohistochemical assay on biopsy or autopsy tissues, OR
- Positive serologic tests¹ in a two-tier or equivalent format, including:
 - Standard two-tier test (STTT):
 - a positive or equivocal first-tier screening assay, often an enzyme immunoassay [EIA] or immunofluorescence assay [IFA] for IgM, IgG, or a combination of immunoglobulins, followed by
 - a concordant positive IgM or IgG immunoblot^{2,3,4} interpreted according to established criteria, OR
 - Modified two-tier test (MTTT):
 - a positive or equivocal first-tier screen, followed by
 - a different, sequential positive or equivocal EIA in lieu of an immunoblot as a second-tier test⁵

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Positive IgG immunoblot^{2,4,6}, interpreted according to established criteria, without positive or equivocal first-tier screening assay.

¹ Currently, there are no serologic tests available for *B. mayonii* infection, but cross-reactivity with *B. burgdorferi* testing may occur.

² Immunoblot includes multiple related technologies, all of which detect antibodies using antigens immobilized on a membrane (e.g., Western Blot, line blot, microarray immunoblot).

³ IgM Western Blot (WB) is considered positive when at least two of the following three bands are present: 24 kDa (OspC)*, 39 kDa (BmpA), and 41 kDa (Fla). Disregard IgM results for specimens collected >30 days after symptom onset. *Depending upon the assay, OspC could be indicated by a band of 21, 22, 23, 24, or 25 kDa.

⁴ IgG WB is considered positive when at least five of the following 10 bands are present: 18 kDa, 24 kDa (OspC)*, 28 kDa, 30 kDa, 39 kDa (BmpA), 41 kDa (Fla), 45 kDa, 58 kDa (not GroEL), 66 kDa, and 93 kDa. *Depending upon the assay, OspC could be indicated by a band of 21, 22, 23, 24, or 25 kDa.

⁵ The MTTT algorithm should be performed using assays specifically cleared by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for this purpose. (Mead et al, 2019)

⁶ While a single IgG immunoblot is adequate for surveillance purposes, a two-tier test is still recommended for clinical diagnosis.

Case Classification

Low-incidence jurisdictions are those with a disease incidence of <10 confirmed cases / 100,000 population for a period of three consecutive years. Once ≥10 confirmed cases / 100,000 population have been observed in a low-incidence jurisdiction for a period of three consecutive years, they

become a high-incidence jurisdiction for the purposes of surveillance and should permanently switch reporting criteria. **Arizona is currently considered a low-incidence jurisdiction.**

A clinically compatible case is defined as a case that meets the clinical criteria defined above (under Clinical Criteria).

Low-incidence jurisdictions (as defined above)

Confirmed

- A clinically compatible case that meets confirmatory laboratory criteria.

Probable

- A clinically compatible case that meets presumptive laboratory criteria.

Suspect

- A case that meets confirmatory or presumptive laboratory criteria, but no clinical information is available, OR
- A case of erythema migrans rash with no laboratory evidence of infection.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A new case is one that has not been reported within the same calendar year (January through December). Using a calendar year allows case counting which more closely corresponds with the seasonality of Lyme disease than using a number of months between case reports.

Comment

This surveillance case definition was developed for national reporting of Lyme disease; it is NOT appropriate for clinical diagnosis.

Lyme disease reports will not be considered cases if the medical provider specifically states this is not a case of Lyme disease, or if the only symptom listed is “tick bite” or “insect bite”.

High-incidence jurisdictions are those with an average Lyme disease incidence of at least 10 confirmed cases / 100,000 for the previous three reporting years. At the time of this statement (spring 2021), those jurisdictions are: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia (<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/stats/tables.html>).

For high-incidence jurisdictions a probable case must meet confirmatory laboratory evidence and a suspect case must meet presumptive laboratory evidence.

For determining incidence for case classification and reporting purposes, calculations should be made at the state or territory level. Case classification for reporting should not be differentially applied at the subdivision level.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-357](#) Lyme Disease

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported Lyme disease case or suspect case; and
2. For each Lyme disease case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See the Lyme Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2022
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2025: Clarifying language and test types under the lab criteria.</p> <p>2023: Moved case classification of high-incidence jurisdictions to the comments section.</p> <p>2022: Added differentiation of case classification based on incidence; increased specificity within the probable case classification used by low-incidence states by removing “other physician diagnoses”; single-tier IgG immunoblot moved to presumptive testing; updated and expanded laboratory criteria for evidence of infection; updated criteria to distinguish a new case from an existing case.</p> <p>2017: Exposure (epidemiological) criteria were revised to include a definition of a high-incidence state. Laboratory evidence now includes more information to help interpret results. Classification modified to use new epidemiological criteria. Changes were based on CDC/CSTE definition.</p> <p>2013: ADHS definition changed to match CDC/CSTE.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV) is a rodent-borne arenavirus which is endemic in house mice throughout the world. Infection has also been documented in pet rodents such as mice, guinea pigs, and hamsters. Transmission to humans can occur through direct contact with infected rodents or rodent-contaminated environments. LCMV infection in humans can range from asymptomatic to mild self-limited illness characterized by any or all of the following symptoms: fever, malaise, lack of appetite, muscle aches, headache, nausea, and vomiting. Aseptic meningitis can also occur in some patients. Orchitis, parotitis, arthritis, myocarditis, and rash occasionally occur. Lab findings can include leucopenia and thrombocytopenia.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of the lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus
- Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for LCMV

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Serology indicating a positive IgM or a four-fold increase in IgG
- Complete blood count showing leukopenia and thrombocytopenia
- Cerebral spinal fluid analysis indicating increased protein or an increase in white blood cells with an increase in lymphocytes

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically-compatible illness that is laboratory confirmed by culture or PCR

Probable

A clinically-compatible illness that has at least one of the presumptive tests listed

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-358](#) Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a lymphocytic choriomeningitis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported lymphocytic choriomeningitis case or suspect case; and

3. For each lymphocytic choriomeningitis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

Contact ADHS.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	Before 2013
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

The first symptoms of malaria (most often fever, chills, sweats, headaches, muscle pains, nausea and vomiting) are often not specific and are also found in other diseases (such as influenza and other common viral infections). Likewise, the physical findings are often not specific (elevated temperature, perspiration, tiredness). In severe malaria (caused by *P. falciparum*), clinical findings (confusion, coma, neurologic focal signs, severe anemia, respiratory difficulties) are more striking and may increase the suspicion index for malaria.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Detection of circulating malaria-specific antigens using rapid diagnostic test (RDT); OR
- Detection of species specific parasite DNA in a sample of peripheral blood using a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test*; OR
- Detection of malaria parasites in thick or thin peripheral blood films, determining the species by morphologic criteria, and calculating the percentage of red blood cells infected by asexual malaria parasites (parasitemia).

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Detection and specific identification of malaria parasites by microscopy on blood films in a laboratory with appropriate expertise in any person (symptomatic or asymptomatic) diagnosed in the United States, regardless of whether the person experienced previous episodes of malaria while outside the country; OR
- Detection of *Plasmodium* species by nucleic acid test* in any person (symptomatic or asymptomatic) diagnosed in the United States, regardless of whether the person experienced previous episodes of malaria while outside the country; OR
- Detection of unspiciated malaria parasite by microscopy on blood films in a laboratory with appropriate expertise in any person (symptomatic or asymptomatic) diagnosed in the United States, regardless of whether the person experienced previous episodes of malaria while outside the country.

Suspect

- Detection of *Plasmodium* species by rapid diagnostic antigen testing without confirmation by microscopy or nucleic acid testing in any person (symptomatic or asymptomatic) diagnosed in the United States, regardless of whether the person experienced previous episodes of malaria while outside the country.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should be counted as a new case in the following situations:

- A subsequent attack caused by a different *Plasmodium* species

- A subsequent attack caused by the same species in the United States may indicate a relapsing infection or treatment failure caused by drug resistance or a separate attack. A relapse (only for *P. vivax* or *P. ovale* species) or a subsequent episode of malaria should be counted as a new case unless the case is indicated as a treatment failure within 4 weeks of initial presentation (recrudescence of original infection). Potentially relapsing cases should be carefully investigated to assess if the person had traveled since their previous illness.

Comment

* Laboratory-developed malaria PCR tests must fulfill CLIA requirements, including validation studies.

Blood smears from questionable cases should be referred to the CDC Division of Parasitic Diseases Diagnostic Laboratory for confirmation of the diagnosis.

Based on the case investigation, CDC classifies each malaria case according to the following definitions. An understanding of these distinctions may be helpful for health departments and investigators to guide follow-up and in conducting any enhanced case investigations (ref: <https://www.cdc.gov/malaria/php/surveillance/case-definitions.html>).

- **Congenital malaria:** Malaria infection transmitted directly from mother to child during pregnancy or childbirth.
- **Cryptic malaria:** An isolated case of malaria that cannot be epidemiologically linked to additional cases, and for which epidemiologic investigation does not identify the mode of acquisition.
- **Imported malaria:** Malaria acquired outside the U.S. The patient must have a recent (within ~2 years) travel history to a [country or territory](#) with ongoing malaria transmission.
- **Locally acquired malaria:** In the U.S., a non-endemic setting without indigenous malaria transmission, locally acquired malaria cases are typically classified into two categories:
 - **Induced malaria:** Malaria transmission through a blood transfusion, tissue or organ transplantation, or another parenteral route, not mosquito-borne or congenital transmission.
 - **Introduced:** Malaria likely acquired by mosquito transmission from an imported case in an area where malaria is not a regular occurrence.
- **Recrudescent malaria:** A repeated attack of malaria due to the survival of malaria parasites in red blood cells can occur for any *Plasmodium* species and typically occurs in the first four weeks after an initial illness due to failure of the antimalarial treatment to clear all parasites. Some explanations for recrudescence include: (i) incomplete adherence to an appropriate antimalarial regimen, (ii) inappropriate use of oral antimalarials for severe illness (especially if there is hyperparasitemia, where $\geq 5\%$ of red blood cells are infected), and (iii) antimalarial drug resistance.
- **Relapsing malaria:** *P. vivax* and *P. ovale* species can reactivate dormant liver-stage parasites (hypnozoites), resulting in a malaria **relapse**, typically 3 months to 3 years after the initial infection. *P. falciparum* and *P. malariae* species do not have liver hypnozoites that can be reactivated, so illnesses caused by these species do not result in relapses.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-359](#) Malaria

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported malaria case or suspect case; and

- For each malaria case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Environmental Control Measures

In cooperation with the Department, a local health agency or another local agency responsible for vector control within a jurisdiction

- Shall conduct an assessment of the environment surrounding each malaria case or suspect case and implement vector control measures as necessary.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See the Malaria Case Surveillance Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2014
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2025: Criteria to distinguish a new case from an existing case updated. Comments updated.</p> <p>2017: Added criteria to distinguish a new case from an existing case to match 2013 CDC/CSTE case definition.</p> <p>2014: Modifications were made to the laboratory criteria to include the determination of the parasite species and the quantification of the parasitemia; confirmed case definition was changed to include detection of unspiciated parasite; modifications were made to match the 2014 CDC/CSTE case definition.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An acute illness characterized by:

- A generalized, maculopapular rash lasting ≥ 3 days; AND
- A temperature $\geq 101.0^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($\geq 38.3^{\circ}\text{C}$); AND
- Cough, coryza, or conjunctivitis.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Isolation of measles virus[†] from a clinical specimen; OR
- Detection of measles-virus specific nucleic acid[†] from a clinical specimen using polymerase chain reaction; OR
- IgG seroconversion[†] or a significant rise in measles immunoglobulin G antibody[†] using any evaluated and validated method; OR
- A positive serologic test for measles immunoglobulin M^{†§} antibody.

[†]Not explained by MMR vaccination during the previous 6-45 days

[§]Not otherwise ruled out by other confirmatory testing or more specific measles testing in a public health laboratory.

Case Classification

Confirmed

An acute febrile rash illness[‡] with:

- Any of the laboratory criteria for surveillance listed above; OR
- Direct epidemiologic linkage to a case confirmed by one of the laboratory criteria for surveillance listed above.

Probable

In the absence of a more likely diagnosis, an illness that meets the clinical description with:

- No epidemiologic linkage to a laboratory-confirmed measles case; AND
- Noncontributory or no measles laboratory testing.

[‡]Temperature does not need to reach $\geq 101^{\circ}\text{F}/38.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ and rash does not need to last ≥ 3 days.

Epidemiologic Classification of Internationally-Imported and U.S-Acquired

Internationally imported case

An internationally imported case is defined as a case in which measles results from exposure to measles virus outside the United States as evidenced by at least some of the exposure period (7–21 days before rash onset) occurring outside the United States and rash onset occurring within 21 days of

entering the United States and there is no known exposure to measles in the U.S. during that time. All other cases are considered U.S.-acquired.

U.S.-acquired case

An U.S.-acquired case is defined as a case in which the patient had not been outside the United States during the 21 days before rash onset or was known to have been exposed to measles within the United States. U.S.-acquired cases are subclassified into four mutually exclusive groups:

- **Import-linked case:** Any case in a chain of transmission that is epidemiologically linked to an internationally imported case.
- **Imported-virus case:** a case for which an epidemiologic link to an internationally imported case was not identified, but for which viral genetic evidence indicates an imported measles genotype, i.e., a genotype that is not occurring within the United States in a pattern indicative of endemic transmission. An endemic genotype is the genotype of any measles virus that occurs in an endemic chain of transmission (i.e., lasting ≥ 12 months). Any genotype that is found repeatedly in U.S.-acquired cases should be thoroughly investigated as a potential endemic genotype, especially if the cases are closely related in time or location.
- **Endemic case:** a case for which epidemiological or virological evidence indicates an endemic chain of transmission. Endemic transmission is defined as a chain of measles virus transmission that is continuous for ≥ 12 months within the United States.
- **Unknown source case:** a case for which an epidemiological or virological link to importation or to endemic transmission within the U.S. cannot be established after a thorough investigation.

These cases must be carefully assessed epidemiologically to assure that they do not represent a sustained U.S.-acquired chain of transmission or an endemic chain of transmission within the U.S.

Note: Internationally imported, import-linked, and imported-virus cases are considered collectively to be import-associated cases. States may also choose to classify cases as “out-of-state-imported” when imported from another state in the United States. For national reporting, however, cases will be classified as either internationally imported or U.S.-acquired.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-360](#) Measles (Rubeola)

Case Control Measures:

1. An administrator of a school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Exclude a measles case from the school or child care establishment and from school- or child-care-establishment-sponsored events from the onset of illness through the fourth calendar day after the rash appears; and
 - b. Exclude a measles suspect case from the school or child care establishment and from school- or child-care-establishment-sponsored events until the local health agency has determined that the suspect case is unlikely to infect other individuals.
2. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and institute airborne precautions for a measles case from onset of illness through the fourth calendar day after the rash appears.
3. An administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall exclude a measles:
 - a. Case from working at the health care institution from the onset of illness through the fourth calendar day after the rash appears; and

- b. Suspect case from working at the health care institution until the local health agency has determined that the suspect case may return to work.
4. A local health agency shall:
 - a. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 or R9-6-203 of a measles case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
 - b. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported measles case or suspect case;
 - c. For each measles case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
 - d. In consultation with the Department, ensure that one or more specimens from each measles case or suspect case, as required by the Department, are submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.
5. An administrator of a correctional facility or shelter, either personally or through a representative, shall comply with the measles control measures recommended by a local health agency or the Department.

Contact Control Measures:

1. When a measles case has been at a school or child care establishment, the administrator of the school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Consult with the local health agency to determine who shall be excluded and how long each individual shall be excluded from the school or child care establishment, and
 - b. Comply with the local health agency's recommendations for exclusion.
2. A local health agency shall:
 - a. Determine which measles contacts will be quarantined or excluded, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission; and
 - b. Provide or arrange for immunization of each non-immune measles contact within 72 hours after last exposure, if possible.
3. An administrator of a health care institution shall ensure that a paid or volunteer full-time or part-time worker at a health care institution does not participate in the direct care of a measles case or suspect case unless the worker is able to provide evidence of immunity to measles through one of the following:
 - a. A record of immunization against measles with two doses of live virus vaccine given on or after the first birthday and at least one month apart;
 - b. A statement signed by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse practitioner, state health officer, or local health officer affirming serologic evidence of immunity to measles; or
 - c. Documentary evidence of birth before January 1, 1957.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Measles Case Surveillance Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2013
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2013
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

Description of changes	2013: ADHS definition was edited to match the new 2013 CDC/CSTE definition. Changes including adding PCR to the laboratory criteria and removing the Suspect case classification.
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Clinical presentation of the disease varies on a case-by-case basis. The following characteristics are typical of melioidosis (also known as Whitmore's Disease).

- An acute or chronic localized infection which may or may not include symptoms of fever and muscle aches. Such infection often results in ulcer, nodule, or skin abscess.
- An acute pulmonary infection with symptoms of fever, headache, chest pain, anorexia, and general muscle soreness.
- A bloodstream infection with symptoms of fever, headache, respiratory distress, abdominal discomfort, joint pain, muscle tenderness, and/or disorientation.
- A disseminated infection with symptoms of fever, weight loss, stomach or chest pain, muscle or joint pain, and/or headache or seizure. Abscesses in the liver, lung, spleen, and prostate are often observed in patients diagnosed with disseminated infections; less frequently, brain abscesses may be seen.

Clinical Criteria

In the absence of a more likely diagnosis, at least one of the following signs or symptoms:

- Fever (temperature > 38.0°C [100.4°F])
- Muscle aches
- Ulcer
- Nodule
- Skin abscess
- Pneumonia
- Headache
- Chest pain
- Anorexia
- Respiratory distress
- Abdominal discomfort
- Joint pain
- Disorientation
- Weight loss
- Seizure
- Organ abscess (liver, lung, spleen, prostate, or brain)
- Encephalomyelitis/meningitis/extra-meningeal disease

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of *B. pseudomallei* from a clinical specimen.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Evidence of a fourfold or greater rise in *B. pseudomallei* antibody titer by indirect hemagglutination assay (IHA) between acute- and convalescent-phase serum specimens obtained greater than or equal to 2 weeks apart.

- Evidence of *B. pseudomallei* DNA (for example, by LRN-validated nucleic acid amplification test) in a clinical specimen

Supportive laboratory evidence

- Single *B. pseudomallei* total antibody titer of greater than or equal to 1:40 by serology in one or more serum specimens.

Epidemiologic Linkage

A person with at least one of the following findings:

- History of travel to or residency in a region endemic for melioidosis, OR
- Known exposure to *B. pseudomallei* as a result of intentional release or known product/source exposure (outside of laboratory), OR
- Known exposure to *B. pseudomallei* as a result of an occupational risk (i.e. laboratory exposure)

Vital Records Criteria

- A person whose death certificate lists melioidosis as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death.

Other Criteria

- A person whose healthcare record contains a recent diagnosis of melioidosis.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the confirmatory laboratory criteria, with or without clinical evidence.

Probable

A case that meets:

- Clinical criteria AND presumptive laboratory evidence AND epidemiologic linkage, OR
- Vital records criteria AND presumptive laboratory evidence AND epidemiologic linkage, OR
- Other criteria AND presumptive laboratory evidence AND epidemiologic linkage.

Suspect

A case that meets:

- Clinical criteria AND supportive laboratory evidence AND epidemiologic linkage, OR
- Vital records criteria AND supportive laboratory evidence AND epidemiologic linkage, OR
- Other criteria AND supportive laboratory evidence AND epidemiologic linkage.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

Recurrent melioidosis can be defined as a re-presentation with *B. pseudomallei* culture-positive clinical disease occurring <18 months following initial diagnosis and after the time designated for treatment completion (both intravenous and oral phases) for the previous episode, irrespective of whether the patient was adherent to the therapy or initially lost to follow-up. Recurrent cases will not be counted as a new case for surveillance purposes. Epidemiological and exposure information can be used to determine if it is a new or recurrent infection, as can whole genome sequencing, if an isolate is available.

An infection would be counted as a new infection if a person is culture-positive within an 18-month time period with an isolate that is distinct from the previous infection by whole genome sequencing.

CONTROL MEASURES[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-361](#) MelioidosisCase Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a melioidosis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported melioidosis case or suspect case;
3. For each melioidosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
4. In consultation with the Department, ensure that an isolate or a specimen, as available, from each melioidosis case or suspect case is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2023
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2023
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2023: Expanded the list of clinical signs and symptoms; added a suspect case classification and moved the epidemiological criteria in a separate section. Also Vital Records and Other criteria and the criteria to distinguish a new case were added to match the CDC/CSTE definition.</p> <p>2013: edited content to match CDC/CSTE. Moved <i>B. mallei</i> to a separate case definition.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Meningococcal disease presents most commonly as meningitis and/or meningococcemia that may progress rapidly to purpura fulminans, shock, and death. However, other manifestations may be observed.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of *Neisseria meningitidis* from a normally sterile site (e.g., blood or CSF or, less commonly, synovial, pleural, or pericardial fluid) or from purpuric lesions, OR
- Detection of *N. meningitidis*-specific nucleic acid in a specimen obtained from a normally sterile body site, using a validated polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of *N. meningitidis* antigen in a formalin-fixed tissue by immunochemistry (IHC), or in CSF by latex agglutination.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the confirmatory laboratory criteria for surveillance.

Probable

A case that meets the presumptive laboratory criteria for surveillance.

Suspect

- Clinical purpura fulminans in the absence of a positive blood culture, OR
- Gram-negative diplococci, not yet identified, isolated from a normally sterile site (e.g., blood or CSF)

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

When two or more different serogroups are identified in one or more specimens from the same individual, each should be reported as a separate case.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

See [Appendix 1](#) for guidance on interpreting whether a specimen is from a “normally sterile body site”.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-362](#) Meningococcal Invasive Disease

Case Control Measures:

1. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and institute droplet precautions for a meningococcal invasive disease case for 24 hours after the initiation of treatment.
2. A local health agency shall:
 - a. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 or R9-6-203 of a meningococcal invasive disease case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
 - b. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported meningococcal invasive disease case or suspect case;
 - c. For each meningococcal invasive disease case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
 - d. In consultation with the Department, ensure that an isolate or a specimen, as available, from each meningococcal invasive disease case is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Contact Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Evaluate the level of risk of transmission from each contact's exposure to a meningococcal invasive disease case and, if indicated, provide or arrange for each contact to receive prophylaxis.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Meningococcal Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2015
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2015
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2015: PCR of normally sterile sites specimen moved from a presumptive to confirmatory test, matching the CDC/CSTE change.

**METHICILLIN-RESISTANT
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS
(INVASIVE)**

LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5 WORKING
DAYS

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Staphylococcus aureus can produce a variety of presentations, ranging from skin or soft tissue infection to bacteremia or the involvement of various organs (e.g., endocarditis, pneumonia, osteomyelitis). Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) is resistant to beta-lactam antibiotics. Only MRSA from normally sterile sites (invasive disease) is reportable.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of *Staphylococcus aureus* by culture from a normally sterile site. Examples of sterile sites include but are not limited to: CSF, blood, peritoneal fluid, pericardial fluid, or pleural fluid; AND
- Resistance of *Staphylococcus aureus* isolate to oxacillin* or cefoxitin**, detected and defined according to the standards and guidelines approved by the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS).

Interpretive Criteria (in µg/ml) for <i>S. aureus</i> MIC (Minimum Inhibitory Concentration) Tests			
	Susceptible	Intermediate	Resistant
Oxacillin	≤ 2 µg/ml	N/A	≥ 4 µg/ml
Cefoxitin	≤ 4 µg/ml	N/A	≥ 8 µg/ml

* Methicillin is no longer commercially available in the United States and oxacillin maintains its activity during storage better than methicillin and is more likely to detect heteroresistant strains. Oxacillin, which is in the same class of drugs as methicillin, was chosen as the agent of choice for testing staphylococci in the early 1990s. The acronym MRSA is still used by many to describe these isolates because of its historic role.

** Cefoxitin is used as a surrogate for oxacillin; report oxacillin susceptible or resistant based on the cefoxitin result. If both cefoxitin and oxacillin are tested against *S. aureus* and either result is resistant, the organism should be reported as oxacillin resistant.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

Identification of MRSA from a normally sterile body site by a culture-independent diagnostic test (CIDT) without isolation of the bacteria.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the laboratory criteria for surveillance.

Probable

A case that meets the presumptive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

See [Appendix 1](#) for guidance on interpreting whether a specimen is from a “normally sterile body site”.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-363](#) Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)

Case Control Measures:

1. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution transferring a known methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* case with active infection to another health care provider or health care institution or to a correctional facility shall, either personally or through a representative, ensure that the receiving health care provider, health care institution, or correctional facility is informed that the patient is a known methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* case.
2. If a known methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* case with active infection is being transferred from a correctional facility to another correctional facility or to a health care institution, an administrator of the correctional facility, either personally or through a representative, shall ensure that the receiving correctional facility or health care institution is informed that the individual is a known methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* case.

Outbreak control measures:

A local health agency, in consultation with the Department, shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported outbreak of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* in a health care institution or correctional facility; and
2. For each outbreak of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* in a health care institution or correctional facility, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E).

When an outbreak of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* occurs in a health care institution or correctional facility, the administrator of the health care institution or correctional facility, either personally or through a representative, shall comply with the control measures recommended by a local health agency or the Department.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2020
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A

ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	2020: Presumptive laboratory evidence added to allow for tests other than culture. Presumptive laboratory evidence used for a new probable definition. 2017: MIC values updated and table added.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical and Epidemiological Criteria

These criteria serve as guidance for testing; however, patients should be evaluated and discussed with public health departments on a case-by-case basis if their clinical presentation or exposure history is equivocal (e.g., uncertain history of health care exposure).

Clinical Features		Epidemiologic Risk
<p>Severe illness Fever¹ and pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome (based on clinical or radiological evidence)</p>	and	<p>A history of travel from countries in or near the Arabian Peninsula² within 14 days before symptom onset, or close contact³ with a symptomatic traveler who developed fever¹ and acute respiratory illness (not necessarily pneumonia) within 14 days after traveling from countries in or near the Arabian Peninsula².</p> <p>– or –</p> <p>A member of a cluster of patients with severe acute respiratory illness (e.g., fever¹ and pneumonia requiring hospitalization) of unknown etiology in which MERS is being evaluated, in consultation with state and local health departments in the US.</p>
<p>Milder illness Fever¹ and symptoms of respiratory illness (not necessarily pneumonia; e.g., cough, shortness of breath)</p>	and	<p>A history of being in a healthcare facility (as a patient, worker, or visitor) within 14 days before symptom onset in a country or territory in or near the Arabian Peninsula² in which recent healthcare-associated cases of MERS have been identified.</p>
<p>Fever¹ or symptoms of respiratory illness (not necessarily pneumonia; e.g., cough, shortness of breath)</p>	and	<p>Close contact³ with a confirmed MERS case while the case was ill.</p>

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Confirmatory laboratory testing requires a positive PCR on at least two specific genomic targets or a single positive target with sequencing on a second.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A person with laboratory confirmation of MERS infection.

Probable

A person meeting the clinical and epidemiological criteria listed above, with absent or inconclusive laboratory results for MERS infection, who is a close contact³ of a laboratory-confirmed MERS case. Examples of laboratory results that may be considered inconclusive include a positive test on a single PCR target, a positive test with an assay that has limited performance data available, or a negative test on an inadequate specimen.

Comment

The MERS case definition may be subject to change as the situation evolves. Please refer to CDC website for the most up-to-date information.

Footnotes

1. Fever may not be present in some patients, such as those who are very young, elderly, immunosuppressed, or taking certain medications. Clinical judgment should be used to guide testing of patients in such situations.
2. Countries considered in the Arabian Peninsula and neighboring include: Bahrain; Iraq; Iran; Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza; Jordan; Kuwait; Lebanon; Oman; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Syria; the United Arab Emirates (UAE); and Yemen, as of January 2016. Check <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/case-def.html> for the most up-to-date list of countries.
3. Close contact is defined as: a) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) or within the room or care area for a prolonged period of time (e.g., healthcare personnel, household members) while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment (i.e., gowns, gloves, respirator, eye protection— see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/infection-prevention-control.html>); or b) having direct contact with infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on) while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment (i.e., gowns, gloves, respirator, eye protection –see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/infection-prevention-control.html>). Data to inform the definition of close contact are limited. At this time, brief interactions, such as walking by a person, are considered low risk and do not constitute close contact.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-364](#) Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)

Case Control Measures

In consultation with the Department or the applicable local health agency, a diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and institute both airborne precautions and contact precautions for a Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) case, until evaluated and determined to be noninfectious by a physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse practitioner or otherwise advised by the Department or the applicable local health agency.

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a MERS case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. In consultation with the Department, ensure that isolation and both airborne precautions and contact precautions have been instituted for a hospitalized MERS case or suspect case to prevent transmission, unless otherwise advised by the Department;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported MERS case or suspect case; and
4. For each MERS case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency, in consultation with the Department, shall:

Determine which MERS contacts will be quarantined or excluded, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See MERS Patient Under Investigation Form at
<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2016
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2015
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2016: Case definition was added to this manual.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Mpox (formerly Monkeypox) usually begins with fever, headache, muscle aches, and exhaustion. It also causes lymph nodes to swell (lymphadenopathy). Shortly after the onset of other symptoms, a rash appears. Lesions typically begin to develop simultaneously and evolve together on any given part of the body. The evolution of lesions progresses through four stages – macular, papular, vesicular, to pustular – before scabbing over and resolving. Rash lesions caused by Mpox virus (MPXV—a member of the orthopoxvirus family) infection can be confused with other diseases that are more commonly encountered in clinical practice (e.g., syphilis, herpes, and varicella zoster; co-infections have been documented). Individuals suspected of having mpox virus infection should also receive diagnostic work-up for other, more common infections, as indicated by the clinical presentation.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of MPXV nucleic acid by molecular testing in a clinical specimen; OR
- Detection of MPXV by genomic sequencing in a clinical specimen.

*Presumptive laboratory evidence**

- Detection of orthopoxvirus nucleic acid by molecular testing in a clinical specimen; OR
- Detection of presence of orthopoxvirus by immunohistochemistry in tissue; OR
- Detection of orthopoxvirus by genomic sequencing in a clinical specimen; OR
- Detection of anti-orthopoxvirus IgM antibody using a validated assay on a serum sample drawn 4–56 days after rash onset, with no recent history (last 60 days) of vaccination**.

**Since the 2022 outbreak, there have been no other circulating orthopoxviruses detected in the United States, so a positive test is probable for mpox infection. If an individual meets presumptive laboratory evidence but has a plausible exposure to another non-variola orthopoxvirus, then confirmatory testing should be pursued and can be used to rule cases out (e.g., laboratorian that works with cowpox virus).*

***Recent administration of ACAM2000 and Jynneos needs to be considered when interpreting an antibody titer. RABORAL V-RG is an oral rabies vaccine product for wildlife, is a recombinant vaccinia virus, and could lead to an antibody response in an individual exposed to the liquid vaccine; this is expected to be an extremely rare occurrence.*

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should be counted as a new case in the following situations:

- Healthy tissue has replaced the site of all previous lesions after they have scabbed and fallen off; AND new lesions are present which have tested positive for orthopoxvirus or MPXV DNA by molecular methods or genomic sequencing.
- If there is a known difference in clade from any existing case (i.e. if the current case is Clade I and previous case is Clade II).

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-335](#) Mpox

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported mpox case or suspect case;
2. As part of the epidemiologic investigation, provide education to a mpox case, including:
 - a. A description of the disease or syndrome caused by the Monkeypox virus, the symptoms of mpox, treatment options, and how mpox is passed to others; and
 - b. Risk reduction strategies for preventing re-infection;
3. For each mpox case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-206(D); and
4. For each mpox case seeking care at the local health agency, either provide care to the mpox case or refer the mpox case to another facility for treatment or services..

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency, shall:

1. Notify a contact named by a mpox case of the exposure;
2. Provide education about the mpox to the contact; and
3. Provide recommendations for prevention of mpox to the contact.

Outbreak Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported outbreak of mpox; and
2. For each outbreak of mpox, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2023
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No

Description of changes	<p>2025: Updated criteria to distinguish a new case from existing to include guidance on difference in clades.</p> <p>2023: Changed morbidity nomenclature from Monkeypox to Mpox.</p> <p>2022: Removed suspect case classification, which included clinical criteria and epidemiologic linkage. Added general clinical description and a note on the presumptive lab criteria.</p>
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MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN CHILDREN (MIS-C)

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS

Cases should be reported under the [Emerging or Exotic Disease requirement](#). See [COVID-19 \(SARS-CoV-2\)](#) for the case definition specific to COVID-19.

Enter in MEDSIS as Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children.

CASE DEFINITION**Clinical Criteria**

An illness characterized by all of the following, in the absence of a more likely alternative diagnosis*:

- Subjective or documented fever (temperature $\geq 38.0^{\circ}$ C), AND
- Clinical severity requiring hospitalization or resulting in death, AND
- Evidence of systemic inflammation indicated by C-reactive protein ≥ 3.0 mg/dL (30 mg/L), AND
- New onset manifestations in at least two of the following categories:
 - Cardiac involvement indicated by:
 - Left ventricular ejection fraction $< 55\%$, OR
 - Coronary artery dilatation, aneurysm, or ectasia, OR
 - Troponin elevated above laboratory normal range, or indicated as elevated in a clinical note
 - Mucocutaneous involvement indicated by:
 - Rash, OR
 - Inflammation of the oral mucosa (e.g., mucosal erythema or swelling, drying or fissuring of the lips, strawberry tongue), OR
 - Conjunctivitis or conjunctival injection (redness of the eyes), OR
 - Extremity findings (e.g., erythema [redness] or edema [swelling] of the hands or feet)
 - Shock†
 - Gastrointestinal involvement indicated by:
 - Abdominal pain, OR
 - Vomiting, OR
 - Diarrhea
 - Hematologic involvement indicated by
 - Platelet count $< 150,000$ cells/uL, OR
 - Absolute lymphocyte count (ALC) $< 1,000$ cells/uL

*If documented by the clinical treatment team, a final diagnosis of Kawasaki Disease should be considered an alternative diagnosis. These cases should not be reported to national MIS-C surveillance.

†Clinician documentation of shock meets this criterion.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance**Confirmatory laboratory criteria**

- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in a clinical specimen** up to 60 days prior to or during hospitalization, or in a post-mortem specimen using a diagnostic molecular amplification test (e.g., polymerase chain reaction [PCR]), OR

- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 specific antigen in a clinical specimen** up to 60 days prior to or during hospitalization, or in a post-mortem specimen, OR
- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 specific antibodies^ in serum, plasma, or whole blood associated with current illness resulting in or during hospitalization

**Positive molecular or antigen results from self-administered testing using over-the-counter test kits meet laboratory criteria.

^Includes a positive serology test regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status. Detection of anti-nucleocapsid antibody is indicative of SARS-CoV-2 infection, while anti-spike protein antibody may be induced either by COVID-19 vaccination or by SARS-CoV-2 infection.

Epidemiologic Linkage

Close contact*** with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 disease in the 60 days prior to hospitalization.

***Close contact is generally defined as being within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes (cumulative over a 24-hour period). However, it depends on the exposure level and setting; for example, in the setting of an aerosol-generating procedure in healthcare settings without proper personal protective equipment (PPE), this may be defined as any duration.

Vital Records

A person whose death certificate lists MIS-C or multisystem inflammatory syndrome as an underlying cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death.

Case Classification

Confirmed

Meets the clinical criteria AND the confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

Meets the clinical criteria AND the epidemiologic linkage criteria

Suspect

Meets the vital records criteria

Note: For cases initially identified as suspect, jurisdictions may conduct investigations of clinical and laboratory records to determine if confirmed or probable case criteria are met.

Comments

- A person meeting the [case definition for COVID-19](#) and for MIS-C should be entered in MEDSIS under both morbidities, and classified appropriately for each. For example, a confirmed MIS-C case will likely also count as a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case.
- Some individuals may fulfill full or partial criteria for Kawasaki Syndrome but should be reported if they meet the case definition for MIS-C.
- Consider MIS-C in any pediatric death with evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should be counted as a new case if a previously infected individual meets the confirmed or probable case definition more than 90 days after illness onset date (if available) or hospital admission date.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-338](#) Emerging or Exotic Disease

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of an emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. In consultation with the Department, isolate an emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case as necessary to prevent transmission;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case; and
4. For each emerging or exotic disease case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency, in consultation with the Department, shall:

1. Shall quarantine or exclude an emerging or exotic disease contact as necessary, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See the Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children Investigation Form at <https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2023
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2023
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2023: Updated epidemiological linkage, laboratory criteria, and clinical criteria. Implemented standardized case definitions criteria, including probable and suspect classification, to match CDC/CTSE case definition.</p> <p>2020: New CDC/CSTE case definition; added to Arizona case definition manual in June 2020.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

In the absence of a more likely diagnosis, an acute illness characterized by:

- Parotitis or swelling of other (non-parotid) salivary gland(s) or any duration; OR
- At least one of the following mumps-associated complication(s):
 - Orchitis
 - Oophoritis
 - Aseptic meningitis
 - Encephalitis
 - Hearing loss
 - Mastitis
 - Pancreatitis

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance^a

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of mumps virus from clinical specimen; OR
- Detection of mumps nucleic acid via reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)^b; OR
- Significant rise (i.e., at least a 4-fold rise in a quantitative titer or seroconversion^c) in paired acute and convalescent serum mumps IgG antibody^b

Supportive laboratory evidence

- Detection of serum mumps IgM antibody^{b,d}

^a A negative lab result in a person with compatible mumps symptoms does not rule out mumps.

^b Not explained by MMR vaccination during the previous 6–45 days.

^c Seroconversion is defined as a negative serum mumps IgG followed by a positive serum mumps IgG.

^d May be ruled out by a negative convalescent mumps IgG antibody using any validated method.

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

- Exposure to or contact with a confirmed mumps case; OR
- Member of a group or population identified by public health authorities as being at increased risk for acquiring mumps because of an outbreak

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- Meets clinical criteria AND epidemiologic linkage criteria; OR

- Meet supportive laboratory evidence AND:
 - Meets clinical criteria of:
 - ≥ 2 day duration of parotitis or other salivary gland swelling; OR
 - A mumps-related complication
 - AND
 - Does NOT meet epidemiologic linkage criteria

Suspect

- Meets the clinical criteria but does not meet laboratory or epidemiologic linkage criteria; OR
- Meets supportive laboratory evidence but does not meet the clinical criteria AND has documentation that mumps was suspected.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

With previous contact with mumps virus either through vaccination (particularly with 2 doses) or natural infection, serum mumps IgM test results may be negative; IgG test results may be positive at initial blood draw and viral detection in RT-PCR or culture may have low yield if the buccal swab is collected too long after parotitis onset. Therefore, mumps cases should not be ruled out by negative laboratory results. Serologic tests should be interpreted with caution, as false positive and false negative results are possible with IgM tests.

States may also choose to classify cases as “out-of-state-imported” when imported from another state in the United States. For national reporting, however, cases will be classified as either internationally imported or U.S.-acquired.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-366](#) Mumps

Case Control Measures

1. An administrator of a school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Exclude a mumps case from the school or child care establishment for five calendar days after the onset of glandular swelling; and
 - b. Exclude a mumps suspect case from the school or child care establishment and from school- or child-care-establishment-sponsored events until evaluated and determined to be noninfectious by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse practitioner, or local health agency.
2. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and institute droplet precautions with a mumps case for five calendar days after the onset of glandular swelling.
3. An administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall exclude a mumps:
 - a. Case from working at the health care institution for five calendar days after the onset of glandular swelling; and

- b. Suspect case from working at the health care institution until evaluated and determined to be noninfectious by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse practitioner, or local health agency.
4. A local health agency shall:
 - a. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 or R9-6-203 of a mumps case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
 - b. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported mumps case or suspect case;
 - c. For each mumps case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
 - d. In consultation with the Department, ensure that one or more specimens from each mumps case or suspect case, as required by the Department, are submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.
5. An administrator of a correctional facility or shelter, either personally or through a representative, shall comply with the mumps control measures recommended by a local health agency or the Department.

Contact Control Measures

1. When a mumps case has been at a school or child care establishment, the administrator of the school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Consult with the local health agency to determine who shall be excluded and how long each individual shall be excluded from the school or child care establishment, and
 - b. Comply with the local health agency's recommendations for exclusion.
2. An administrator of a health care institution shall ensure that a paid or volunteer full-time or part-time worker at a health care institution does not participate in the direct care of a mumps case or suspect case unless the worker is able to provide evidence of immunity to mumps through one of the following:
 - a. A record of immunization against mumps with two doses of live virus vaccine given on or after the first birthday and at least one month apart; or
 - b. A statement signed by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse practitioner, state health officer, or local health officer affirming serologic evidence of immunity to mumps.
3. A local health agency shall determine which mumps contacts will be:
 - a. Quarantined or excluded, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission; and
 - b. Advised to obtain an immunization against mumps.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Mumps Surveillance Worksheet Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2024
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

Description of changes	2024: ADHS case definition was updated to match the approved CDC/CSTE. 2013: ADHS definition was updated to match the 2012 CDC/CSTE definition.
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Mycoplasma genitalium (*Mgen*) is a bacterial infection that can cause infection in those who are sexually active. *Mgen* can infect the cervix, inside the penis, or rectum. It can be treated with antibiotics; however, *Mgen* can be harder to treat due to antibiotic resistance to macrolide antibiotics such as azithromycin.¹

- *M. genitalium* may or may not cause symptoms. Some symptoms include discharge from vagina or penis, dysuria, or an unusual sore
- *M. genitalium* may cause urethritis in men and it has been associated with cervicitis, pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), preterm delivery, spontaneous abortion, and infertility in women.¹

¹Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About *Mycoplasma genitalium*.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mgen/about/index.html>

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of ribosomal RNA (rRNA) of *Mgen* in a clinical specimen by nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT)

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Detection of *Mgen* in a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) from urine, urethral, penile meatal, endocervical, and vaginal swab samples.

Probable

- Meets clinical criteria, has a known exposure, and chlamydia and gonorrhea have been ruled out as a cause of persistent or recurrent urethritis, cervicitis or PID, but laboratory criteria are not met.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should be counted as a new case in the following situations:

- If the previous case was not treated or inappropriately treated (as defined by the treatment guidelines) and the current infection’s specimen collection date is 30 days or more after a previously reported infection’s collection date.
- **OR**

	Antibiotic Resistance Testing		
	Macrolide Resistant or Unknown Resistance	Macrolide Sensitive	No Resistance Test and No Moxifloxacin Available
Case	Current infection’s <u>specimen collection date</u> is >35 days or 5 weeks after prior infection’s <u>treatment date</u> . (Previous case must have completed all treatment as defined in the treatment guidelines)	Current infection’s <u>specimen collection date</u> is >31 days after prior infection’s <u>treatment date</u> . (Previous case must have completed all treatment as defined in the treatment guidelines)	Current infection’s <u>specimen collection date</u> must be after the prior infection’s <u>test of cure</u> . (Test of cure must happen at least 21 days after alternative treatment is completed as defined in the treatment guidelines).

Note: The current infection’s specimen date must be ≥21 days after the prior infection’s completion of appropriate treatment.²

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Currently, the main known test to detect *Mgen* cases is the Hologic Aptima® *Mycoplasma genitalium* Assay. However additional tests might meet the lab criteria above.

<https://www.hologic.com/package-inserts/diagnostic-products/aptima-mycoplasma-genitalium-assay>

For *M. genitalium* treatment failures:

- Complete CDC registry form: [Mycoplasma genitalium Treatment Failure Registry](#).

²Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Sexually Transmitted Infections Treatment Guidelines, 2021-Mycoplasma genitalium. <https://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment-guidelines/mycoplasmagenitalium.htm>

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-367](#) *Mycoplasma genitalium* Infection

Case control measures

A local health agency, shall:

1. Offer or arrange for treatment for each *Mycoplasma genitalium* infection case that seeks treatment from the local health agency;
2. Provide education to the *Mycoplasma genitalium* infection case about *Mycoplasma genitalium* that includes a description of *Mycoplasma genitalium* infection, symptoms, treatment options,

measures to prevent transmission and re-infection, and the confidential nature of test results and services; and

3. Inform the *Mycoplasma genitalium* infection case about the importance of notifying sexual contacts and the options for notification

Contact control measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Offer or arrange for treatment for any contact of a *Mycoplasma genitalium* infection case that seeks care at the local health agency; and
2. Provide education to a contact of a *Mycoplasma genitalium* infection case that includes a description of *Mycoplasma genitalium* infection, symptoms, treatment options, measures to prevent transmission and re-infection, and the confidential nature of test results and services.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	<p>June 2025: <i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> (MGen) added as a reportable condition in Arizona, moved into the reportable condition section.</p> <p>2025: ADHS Case definition created</p>

Outbreaks should be reported under the [Diarrhea, Nausea, or Vomiting](#) requirement.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Norovirus usually causes a self-limited, mild-to-moderate disease that often occurs in outbreaks. Clinical symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, or other symptoms typical of gastrointestinal illnesses.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Identification of norovirus through nucleic acid testing at the Arizona State Public Health Laboratory, CDC, or other approved laboratory.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the laboratory criteria for surveillance.

Suspect

A case with clinically compatible symptoms of norovirus and epi-linked to a confirmed norovirus case OR a confirmed norovirus outbreak.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-368](#) Norovirus

Outbreak Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported norovirus outbreak;
2. Submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E); and
3. Exclude each case that is part of a norovirus outbreak from working as a food handler, caring for patients or residents in a health care institution, or caring for children in or attending a child care establishment until:
 - a. Diarrhea has resolved, or
 - b. The local health agency has determined that the case or suspect case is unlikely to infect other individuals.

Environmental Control Measures

A local health agency shall

1. Conduct a sanitary inspection or ensure that a sanitary inspection is conducted of each facility or location regulated under 9 A.A.C. 8 that is associated with a norovirus outbreak.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Outbreak Summary Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2015
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	<p>2015: deleted “reference” from “approved reference laboratory” in the laboratory criteria.</p> <p>2014: addition of suspect case definition to capture epi-linked/outbreak cases without laboratory testing available, that were not captured in the previous case definition.</p> <p>2013: testing from other approved labs accepted</p>

See [COVID-19 \(SARS-CoV-2\)](#) for separate case definition.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-369](#) Novel Coronavirus

Case Control Measures

In consultation with the Department or the applicable local health agency, a diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and institute both airborne precautions and contact precautions for a novel coronavirus case or suspect case, until evaluated and determined to be noninfectious by a physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse practitioner or otherwise advised by the Department or the applicable local health agency.

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a novel coronavirus case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. In consultation with the Department, ensure that isolation and both airborne precautions and contact precautions have been instituted for a hospitalized novel coronavirus case or suspect case to prevent transmission;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported novel coronavirus case or suspect case; and
4. For each novel coronavirus case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency, in consultation with the Department, shall:

1. Determine which novel coronavirus contacts will be quarantined or excluded, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission.

Cases should be reported under the [ARBOVIRAL INFECTION](#) authority. Enter in MEDSIS under Emerging or exotic disease morbidity (Specify field= Oropouche virus).

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Non-congenital OROV disease:

A person with one of the following not explained by another etiology:

- Acute onset of fever (measured or reported) or chills; **OR**
- Acute onset of two or more of the following: headache, myalgia, arthralgia, retro-orbital pain, or generalized rash; **OR**
- Meningitis, encephalitis, acute flaccid paralysis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, or other acute sign of central or peripheral neurologic dysfunction (e.g., altered mental status, ataxia, paresis, seizures), as documented by a physician; **OR**
- Loss of a fetus at greater or equal to 20 weeks gestation.

Congenital OROV disease:

A liveborn infant without an identified genetic or other cause for the findings, including a positive test for another more likely etiology¹, and one or more of the following congenital anomalies typically identifiable in the neonatal period:

- Microcephaly (defined as head circumference measurement >2 standard deviations below the average [or <3rd percentile] for the same age and sex, notation of microcephaly in the medical record, or diagnostic code of microcephaly [e.g., ICD-10 code Q02]); **OR**
- Structural brain anomaly (e.g., ventriculomegaly, cortical hypoplasia, abnormal gyral patterns such as lissencephaly, corpus callosum abnormalities); **OR**
- Structural eye anomaly (e.g., microphthalmia, chorioretinal atrophy, optic nerve hypoplasia); **OR**
- Congenital contractures of major joints (arthrogryposis).

¹ Other infectious etiologies (e.g., Zika virus, cytomegalovirus, rubella virus, varicella zoster virus, herpes simplex virus, lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus, *Toxoplasma gondii*, or *Treponema pallidum*) may have similar clinical findings, and testing for these infections should be considered as part of the complete evaluation for congenital disease.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Non-congenital OROV disease:

Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence

- Detection of Oropouche virus, viral antigen, or viral RNA in a body fluid or tissue²; **OR**
- Four-fold or greater change in OROV-specific neutralizing antibody titers in paired acute and convalescent blood specimens collected optimally ≥ 2 weeks apart; **OR**
- Detection of OROV-specific IgM antibodies in blood or CSF with positive OROV-specific neutralizing antibodies in the same or a later specimen.

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence

- Detection of OROV-specific IgM or neutralizing antibodies in blood or CSF.

Congenital OROV disease³:**Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence**

- Detection of Oropouche virus, viral antigen, or viral RNA in the infant's body fluid or tissue; **OR**
- Detection of OROV-specific IgM antibodies in infant blood or CSF with positive OROV-specific neutralizing antibody titers.

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence

- Detection of Oropouche virus, viral antigen, or viral RNA in amniotic fluid, placenta, umbilical cord, or cord blood⁴; **OR**
- Detection of OROV-specific IgM antibodies in infant blood or CSF.

Epidemiological Linkage Criteria

- Resided in or traveled to an area with a risk⁵ of OROV transmission in the 14 days before symptom onset, in the 28 days before onset of Guillain-Barré syndrome, or during pregnancy; **OR**
- Sexual contact, in the 14 days before symptom onset or during pregnancy, with a person who has recently been diagnosed with OROV infection or has recently been in an area with a risk⁵ of OROV transmission⁶; **OR**
- Laboratory exposure to OROV before onset of symptoms or during pregnancy; **OR**
- Receipt of blood products, solid organs, or human cellular or tissue-based products in the 30 days before symptom onset or during pregnancy from a person who has either been diagnosed with OROV infection or has been in an area with a risk⁵ of OROV transmission⁷.

² This includes pregnancy related specimens such as amniotic fluid, placenta, or products of conception.

³ To prevent misclassifying postnatal OROV disease as congenital cases, in OROV endemic areas, specimens should be collected within 4 weeks after birth.

⁴ Positive laboratory findings in amniotic fluid, placenta, umbilical cord, or cord blood are considered presumptive evidence of congenital OROV disease since they may detect infection in the mother in the absence of congenital infection.

⁵ Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/oropouche/data-maps/countries-and-territories-at-risk-for-oropouche.html> for geographic areas with known current or previous risk of OROV; for areas where cases have not been previously identified, consult with CDC for assistance on risk determination.

⁶ Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/oropouche/hcp/clinical-overview/possible-sexual-transmission.html> for current information on Oropouche sexual transmission risk

⁷ Contact CDC for further guidance given limited data on these potential modes of transmission. Some immunocompromised patients may experience a prolonged incubation period for arboviral diseases.

Case ClassificationNon-congenital OROV disease:**Confirmed**

- Meets clinical description and confirmatory laboratory evidence and meets epidemiological linkage criteria.

Probable

- Meets clinical description and probable laboratory evidence and meets epidemiological linkage criteria.

Congenital OROV disease:

Confirmed

- Infant meets the clinical description for congenital OROV disease, **AND**
- Infant meets the confirmatory laboratory evidence for congenital OROV disease, **AND**
- Infant's mother meets:
 - Epidemiologic linkage criteria, **OR**
 - Confirmatory or presumptive laboratory evidence for non-congenital OROV disease during this pregnancy.

Probable

- Infant meets the clinical description for congenital OROV disease, **AND**
- Infant meets the presumptive laboratory evidence for congenital OROV disease, **AND**
- Infant's mother meets:
 - Epidemiologic linkage criteria, **OR**
 - Confirmatory or presumptive laboratory evidence for non-congenital OROV disease during this pregnancy.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A person not previously enumerated as a case that meets confirmed or probable case classification.

Note: Current understanding is that infection with Oropouche virus is expected to provide lifelong immunity. However, in persons who are severely immunocompromised, viral persistence following infection may occur, which can lead to persistent disease. Immunocompromised individuals may also be vulnerable to reinfection with Oropouche virus.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-309](#) Arboviral Infection

Case Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported arboviral infection case or suspect case;
2. For each arboviral infection case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
3. Ensure that each arboviral infection case is provided with health education that includes measures to:
 - c. Avoid mosquito bites, and
 - d. Reduce mosquito breeding sites.

Environmental Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an assessment of the environment surrounding each arboviral infection case or suspect case and implement vector control measures as necessary.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2026
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2025
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2026: Update of the CDC/CSTE interim case definition. Congenital OROV disease added. Updated lab criteria. Epi linkage criteria added.</p> <p>2025: Case definition created. CDC had suggested case definition in 2024.</p>

Cases should be reported under the [Salmonellosis](#) requirement. Enter in MEDSIS as Paratyphoid Fever.

CASE DEFINITION

Background

S. Paratyphi A, B (tartrate negative), and C are bacteria that often cause a potentially severe and occasionally life-threatening bacteremic illness. While fever and gastrointestinal symptoms are common, the clinical presentation varies, including mild and atypical infections. In the United States, approximately 80 cases of paratyphoid fever caused by *S. Paratyphi* A are reported each year, 90% of which are acquired during international travel. Cases of paratyphoid fever caused by serotypes *S. Paratyphi* B (tartrate negative) and C are reported much less frequently. Ongoing surveillance of *S. Paratyphi* infections is essential to detect and control outbreaks, determine public health priorities, monitor trends in illness, and assess effectiveness of public health interventions.

Of note, *S. Paratyphi* B (tartrate positive), previously known as *S. Java*, typically causes an uncomplicated gastroenteritis, with lower rates of hospitalization and recent international travel compared with *S. Paratyphi* A, B (tartrate negative), and C. For these reasons, *Paratyphi* B (tartrate positive) is categorized as salmonellosis instead of an *S. Paratyphi* Infection.

Clinical Description

An illness caused by *Salmonella enterica* serotypes *Paratyphi* A, *Paratyphi* B (tartrate negative), and *Paratyphi* C that is often characterized by insidious onset of sustained fever, headache, malaise, anorexia, relative bradycardia, constipation or diarrhea, and nonproductive cough. However, mild and atypical infections may occur. Carriage of paratyphoidal *Salmonella* may be prolonged.

Clinical Criteria

One or more of the following:

- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal cramps
- Constipation
- Anorexia
- Relative bradycardia

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Isolation of *Salmonella Paratyphi* A, *Paratyphi* B (tartrate negative) or *Paratyphi* C from a clinical specimen.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

Detection of *Salmonella Paratyphi* A, *Paratyphi* B (tartrate negative) or *Paratyphi* C in a clinical specimen using a culture-independent diagnostic test (CIDT).

*Serologic testing (i.e., detection of antibodies to *S. Paratyphi* A, B, or C) should not be utilized for case classification.

Epidemiologic Linkage

- Epidemiological linkage to a confirmed case of paratyphoid fever; OR
- Epidemiological linkage to a probable case of paratyphoid fever with laboratory evidence; OR
- Member of a risk group as defined by public health authorities during an outbreak.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the confirmatory laboratory criteria.

Probable

- A clinically compatible illness in a person that meets the presumptive laboratory criteria.
- A clinically compatible illness in a person with an epidemiological linkage.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 365 days of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

When two or more different serotypes are identified from one or more specimens from the same individual, each should be reported as a separate case.

Comment

Several serological tests have been developed to detect antibodies to *S. Paratyphi* A, B, and C. However, no current serological test is sufficiently sensitive or specific to replace culture-based tests for the identification of *S. Paratyphi* infections. Whether public health follow-up for positive serologic testing is conducted and how is at the discretion of the jurisdiction. The percentage of persons with *S. Paratyphi* A, B (tartrate negative), or C infections that become chronic carriers is not known.

Differentiating whether a person is a chronic carrier or is experiencing a new infection often relies on a variety of factors, including advanced laboratory testing (e.g., pulsed-field gel electrophoresis [PFGE], whole genome sequencing [WGS]) to compare the isolate from the previous infection to the new isolate. While these methodologies can provide detailed information about the genetic make-up of the organisms, there is still significant variability in how two organisms can be defined as different.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-382](#) Salmonellosis

Case Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report of a salmonellosis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Exclude a salmonellosis case or suspect case with diarrhea from:

- a. Working as a food handler, caring for children in or attending a child care establishment, or caring for patients or residents in a health care institution until:
 - i. Diarrhea has resolved,
 - ii. A stool specimen negative for *Salmonella* spp. is obtained from the salmonellosis case or suspect case, or
 - iii. The local health agency has determined that the case or suspect case is unlikely to infect other individuals; and
- b. Using an aquatic venue until diarrhea has resolved;
- 3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported salmonellosis case or suspect case; and
- 4. For each salmonellosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever Surveillance Report Form at <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2019
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2019
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2019: Clinical criteria added, presumptive lab testing (CIDT) added (counting as probable classification), and epidemiological linkage defined. Changes based on new CDC/CSTE definition for <i>S. Paratyphi</i> infections.</p> <p>2018: Paratyphoid fever should be reported separately from salmonellosis, per CDC request, but no national case definition is available for paratyphoid fever with relevant clinical and laboratory criteria. An Arizona-specific case definition is created here, based on both salmonellosis and typhoid fever CDC/CSTE definitions.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Background

Bordetella pertussis is among the most poorly controlled bacterial vaccine-preventable diseases in the U.S. Pertussis vaccine was introduced in the 1940s, and the routine childhood immunization program has resulted in substantial reductions of disease. However, the number of reported pertussis cases has increased steadily since the late 1980s, with a considerable resurgence observed over the last 10 years. The most notable peak was in 2012 when more than 48,000 cases and 18 deaths were reported, the largest number of cases in the U.S. since the mid-1950s. Significant numbers of cases were also reported in 2004, 2010 and 2014, ranging from 25,000–32,000 cases. Reasons for the increase in reported disease are likely multifactorial, with improved provider recognition and reporting of pertussis disease, changing diagnostic practices, molecular changes in the organism, and waning immunity from acellular pertussis vaccines potentially responsible.

Clinical Description

In the absence of a more likely diagnosis, a cough illness lasting ≥ 2 weeks, with at least one of the following symptoms:

- Paroxysms of coughing, OR
- Inspiratory whoop, OR
- Post-tussive vomiting, OR
- Apnea (with or without cyanosis).

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Isolation of *Bordetella pertussis* from clinical specimen; OR
- Positive polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for *B. pertussis*.

Epidemiologic Linkage

Contact with a laboratory-confirmed case of pertussis.

Case Classification

Confirmed

Acute cough illness of any duration, in a case that meets the laboratory criteria for surveillance:

- Isolation of *B. pertussis* from a clinical specimen, OR
- PCR positive for *B. pertussis*

Probable

- In the absence of a more likely diagnosis, illness meeting the criteria listed in the Clinical Description

OR

- Illness with cough of any duration, with
 - At least one of the following signs or symptoms:

- Paroxysms of coughing; OR
- Inspiratory "whoop"; OR
- Post-tussive vomiting; OR
- Apnea (with or without cyanosis);

AND

- Contact with a laboratory-confirmed case (epidemiologic linkage).

OR

- A case with positive PCR results and unknown information on clinical symptoms.

Suspect

In the absence of a more likely diagnosis, a case that has positive serological tests against *B. pertussis* with unknown clinical symptoms. In the absence of other positive pertussis test results, cases with positive serology that are known to *not* meet the clinical case definition should be ruled out.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 2 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

The clinical case definition above is appropriate for endemic or sporadic cases. In outbreak settings, a case may be defined as a cough illness lasting at least 2 weeks (as reported by a health professional). Because direct fluorescent antibody testing of nasopharyngeal secretions has been demonstrated in some studies to have low sensitivity and variable specificity, such testing should not be relied on as a criterion for laboratory confirmation. Serologic testing for pertussis is available in some areas but is not standardized and, therefore, should not be relied on as a criterion for laboratory confirmation.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-372](#) Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Case Control Measures:

1. An administrator of a school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Exclude a pertussis case from the school or child care establishment for 21 calendar days after the date of onset of cough or for five calendar days after the date of initiation of antibiotic treatment for pertussis; and
 - b. Exclude a pertussis suspect case from the school or child care establishment until evaluated and determined to be noninfectious by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse practitioner, or local health agency.
2. An administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Exclude a pertussis case from working at the health care institution for 21 calendar days after the date of onset of cough or for five calendar days after the date of initiation of antibiotic treatment for pertussis; and
 - b. Exclude a pertussis suspect case from working at the health care institution until evaluated and determined to be noninfectious by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse practitioner, or local health agency.

3. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and initiate droplet precautions for a pertussis case for five calendar days after the date of initiation of antibiotic treatment for pertussis.
4. A local health agency shall:
 - a. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 or R9-6-203 of a pertussis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
 - b. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported pertussis case or suspect case; and
 - c. For each pertussis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).
5. An administrator of a correctional facility or shelter, either personally or through a representative, shall comply with the pertussis control measures recommended by a local health agency or the Department.

Contact Control Measures:

1. When a pertussis case has been at a school or child care establishment, the administrator of the school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Consult with the local health agency to determine who shall be excluded and how long each individual shall be excluded from the school or child care establishment, and
 - b. Comply with the local health agency’s recommendations for exclusion.
2. A local health agency shall identify contacts of a pertussis case and shall:
 - a. Determine which pertussis contacts will be quarantined or excluded, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission; and
 - b. If indicated, provide or arrange for a pertussis contact to receive antibiotic prophylaxis.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Pertussis Investigation Form at <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2020
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2020
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No
Description of changes	2020: An acute cough of any duration is now sufficient clinical evidence for confirming PCR-positive cases. Clinical criteria for infants no longer differ from older persons. Epidemiologically-linked cases without PCR or culture confirmation are now classified as probable, not confirmed. These changes are based on modifications to the CDC/CSTE definition. ADHS also retains a separate Suspect case classification, and the last option for Probable classification (PCR-positive but no information on symptoms).

	<p>2018: Changes were made mid-year, to apply to all 2018 cases, removing the cough duration criterion for PCR-confirmed cases. Ensuring two weeks of cough is a burden on investigators and analysis of past years' data showed that criterion rarely changed the final classification. PCR-positive infants were moved from probable to confirmed classifications for consistency with this change. Both changes differ from the national case definition.</p> <p>2014: changes were made to include apnea to the list of case-defining clinical signs and symptoms for infants; the probable classification was modified to PCR positive or epi-linked cases occurring among infants with cough of any duration and at least one other clinical symptom. Both changes follow the CDC/CSTE changes.</p> <p>2013: ADHS case definition includes a Suspect classification for use in tracking serological results, including serologic cases that cannot be investigated. The probable case definition includes a classification for PCR positive individuals who are lost to follow up or are missing clinical information. The confirmed case classification matches the CDC/CSTE definitions.</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Background

The plague bacterium (*Yersinia pestis*) exists in enzootic cycles of rodents and their fleas in the western United States. People are infected with the plague bacterium through flea bites and direct contact with infected animal tissues or fluids. People are also infected by inhalation of droplets coughed by an infected human or animal.

Clinical Description

An illness characterized by acute onset of fever as reported by the patient or healthcare provider with or without one or more of the following specific clinical manifestations:

- Regional lymphadenitis (bubonic plague)
- Septicemia (septicemic plague)
- Pneumonia (pneumonic plague)
- Pharyngitis with cervical lymphadenitis (pharyngeal plague)

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of *Yersinia pestis* from a clinical specimen with culture identification validated by a secondary assay (e.g., bacteriophage lysis assay, direct fluorescent antibody assay) as performed by a CDC or Laboratory Response Network (LRN) laboratory*; **OR**
- Fourfold or greater change in paired serum antibody titer to *Yersinia pestis* F1 antigen.

*CDC and ASPHL positive cultures are routinely confirmed with a secondary assay. Clinical laboratories using automated blood culture systems may not use secondary assays and so their results may not be confirmatory.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Elevated serum antibody titer(s) to *Yersinia pestis* fraction 1 (F1) antigen (without documented fourfold or greater change) in a patient with no history of plague vaccination; **OR**
- Detection of *Yersinia pestis* specific DNA or antigens, including F1 antigen, in a clinical specimen by direct fluorescent antibody assay (DFA), immunohistochemical assay (IHC), or PCR.

Note: Other laboratory tests, including rapid bedside tests, are in use in some low resourced international settings but are not recommended as laboratory evidence of plague infection in the United States.

Epidemiologic Linkage

- Person that is epidemiologically linked to a person or animals with confirmatory laboratory evidence within the prior two weeks;

- Close contact with a confirmed pneumonic plague case, including but not limited to presence within two meters of a person with active cough due to pneumonic plague; OR
- A person that lives in, or has traveled within two weeks of illness onset to a geographically-localized area with confirmed plague epizootic activity in fleas or animals as determined by the relevant local authorities.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- A clinically-compatible case with confirmatory laboratory evidence; OR
- A clinically-compatible case with presumptive laboratory evidence AND epidemiologic linkage.

Probable

A clinically-compatible case with presumptive laboratory evidence without epidemiologic linkage in absence of an alternative diagnosis.

Suspect

- A clinically-compatible case with epidemiologic linkage without laboratory evidence; OR
- Confirmed or presumptive laboratory evidence without any associated clinical information.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

Serial or subsequent plague infections in one individual should only be counted if there is a new epidemiologically-compatible exposure and new onset of symptoms.

For the purposes of entering new laboratory information for an existing case, the timeframe of 6 months can be used as a rule of thumb for creating a new case, until evidence is obtained to determine whether there is an epidemiologically-compatible exposure and new onset of symptoms.*

*Based on ADHS guidelines

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-373](#) Plague

Case Control Measures

1. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and institute droplet precautions for a pneumonic plague case or suspect case until 72 hours of antibiotic therapy have been completed with favorable clinical response.
2. An individual handling the body of a deceased plague case shall use droplet precautions.
3. A local health agency shall:
 - a. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a plague case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
 - b. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported plague case or suspect case;
 - c. For each plague case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
 - d. In consultation with the Department, ensure that an isolate or a specimen, as available, from each plague case or suspect case is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Provide follow-up to pneumonic plague contacts for seven calendar days after last exposure to a pneumonic plague case.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Plague Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2020
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2020
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2020: Allows for febrile illness alone to be considered a clinically-compatible illness. Added newer diagnostic modalities as laboratory evidence of infection. Added Epidemiologic linkage criteria to be included in confirmed and suspect case classifications. Added criteria to distinguish a new case including a six month time frame.</p> <p>2013: Suspect category added to ADHS definition to match CDC/CSTE definition. Slight rewording of laboratory criteria.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Acute onset of a flaccid paralysis of one or more limbs with decreased or absent tendon reflexes in the affected limbs, in the absence of a more likely alternative diagnosis.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Poliovirus detected by sequencing of the capsid region of the genome by the CDC Poliovirus Laboratory; OR
- Poliovirus detected in an appropriate clinical specimen (e.g., stool [preferred], cerebrospinal fluid, oropharyngeal secretions) using a properly validated assay[^], AND specimen is not available for sequencing by the CDC Poliovirus Laboratory.

[^] *The Global Polio Laboratory Network (GPLN) provides guidelines on acceptance of results from labs that are not in GPLN, assays would have to be validated and approved by GPLN. CDC is a part of GPLN.*

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the clinical description AND confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

Post-polio syndrome is a condition that can affect survivors of poliovirus infection decades after recovering from their initial infection. A person with post-polio syndrome should not be counted as a new case.

Comment

All suspected cases of paralytic poliomyelitis are reviewed by a panel of expert consultants before final classification occurs. Confirmed cases are then further classified based on epidemiologic and laboratory criteria (classification described in Sutter RW, et al. 1989. AJPH: 79(4):495-498).

- I. **SPORADIC**: A case of paralytic poliomyelitis not linked epidemiologically to another case of paralytic poliomyelitis
 - a. Wild virus poliomyelitis: Virus characterized as wild virus
 - b. Vaccine-associated poliomyelitis
 - i. Recipient—OPV was received 4 to 30 days before onset of illness
 - ii. Contact—illness onset was 4 to 75 days after OPV was fed to a recipient in contact with patient and contact occurred within 30 days before onset of illness
 - iii. Community—No history of receiving OPV or of contact with an OPV recipient, as defined in 1 and 2, and virus isolated and characterized as vaccine-related
 - c. Poliomyelitis with no history of receiving OPV or of contact with an OPV recipient, as defined in BI and B2, and virus not isolated or not characterized
- II. **EPIDEMIC**: A case of paralytic poliomyelitis linked epidemiologically to another case of paralytic poliomyelitis.

- a. Not a recipient of OPV
 - i. Virus characterized as wild virus
 - ii. Virus characterized as vaccine-related
 - iii. Virus not isolated or not characterized
 - b. OPV recipient—OPV received 4 to 30 days before onset of illness
 - i. Virus characterized as wild virus
 - ii. Virus characterized as vaccine-related
 - iii. Virus not isolated or not characterized
- III. **IMMUNOLOGICALLY ABNORMAL:** Proven or presumed
- a. Wild virus poliomyelitis—Virus characterized as wild virus
 - b. Vaccine-associated poliomyelitis
 - i. Recipient—OPV was received 4 to 30 days before onset of illness
 - ii. Contact—Illness onset was 4 to 75 days after OPV was fed to a recipient in contact with patient and contact occurred within 30 days before onset of illness
 - iii. Community—No history of receiving OPV or of contact with an OPV recipient, as defined in 1 and 2, and virus isolated and characterized as vaccine-related
 - c. Poliomyelitis with no history- of receiving OPV or of contact with an OPV recipient, as defined in BI and B2, and virus not isolated or not characterized.
- IV. **IMPORTED:** Poliomyelitis in a person (US resident or other) who has entered the United States
- a. Virus characterized as wild virus
 - b. Virus characterized as vaccine-related
 - c. Indeterminate—Virus not isolated or characterized

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-374](#) Poliomyelitis (Paralytic or Non-paralytic)

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a poliomyelitis case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported poliomyelitis case or suspect case;
3. For each poliomyelitis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
4. In consultation with the Department, ensure that one or more specimens from each poliomyelitis case or suspect case, as required by the Department, are submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Suspected Polio Case Worksheet Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2024
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

Description of changes	ADHS definition was updated to match the approved CDC/CSTE definition.
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Most poliovirus infections are asymptomatic or cause mild febrile disease. Poliovirus infections occasionally cause aseptic meningitis and one out of 200 infections from poliovirus type 1 results in paralytic poliomyelitis, characterized by acute onset of flaccid paralysis that is typically asymmetric and associated with a prodromal fever. Poliovirus is spread through fecal material, oral secretions, some aerosols, and fomites.

*Note that this case definition applies only to poliovirus infections found in asymptomatic persons or those with mild, nonparalytic disease (e.g., those with a nonspecific febrile illness, diarrhea, or aseptic meningitis). Isolation of polioviruses from persons with acute paralytic poliomyelitis should continue to be reported as “paralytic poliomyelitis.”

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Poliovirus detected by sequencing of the capsid region of the genome by the CDC Poliovirus Laboratory; OR
- Poliovirus detected in an appropriate clinical specimen (e.g., stool [preferred], cerebrospinal fluid, oropharyngeal secretions) using a properly validated assay[^], AND specimen is not available for sequencing by the CDC Poliovirus Laboratory.

[^] *The Global Polio Laboratory Network (GPLN) provides guidelines on acceptance of results from labs that are not in GPLN, assays would have to be validated and approved by GPLN. CDC is a part of GPLN.*

Case Classification

Confirmed

Any person without symptoms of paralytic poliomyelitis who meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

Post-polio syndrome is a condition that can affect survivors of poliovirus infection decades after recovering from their initial infection. A person with post-polio syndrome should not be counted as a new case.

Comment

In 2005, a vaccine-derived poliovirus (VDPV) type 1 was identified in a stool specimen obtained from an immunodeficient Amish infant and, subsequently, from 4 other children in 2 other families in the infant's central Minnesota community¹. Epidemiological and laboratory investigations determined that the VDPV had been introduced into the community about 3 months before the infant was identified and that there had been virus circulation in the community. Investigations in other communities in Minnesota and nearby states and Canada did not identify any additional infections or any cases of paralytic poliomyelitis.

Although oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) is still widely used in most countries, inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) replaced OPV in the United States in 2002. Therefore, the Minnesota poliovirus infections were the result of importation of a vaccine-derived poliovirus into the United States and the first time a VDPV has been shown to circulate in a community in a developed country³. Circulating VDPVs commonly revert to a wild poliovirus phenotype and have increased transmissibility & high risk for paralytic disease; they have recently caused polio infections and outbreaks of paralytic poliomyelitis in several countries³. Contacts between persons in communities with low polio vaccination coverage pose the potential for transmission of polioviruses and outbreaks of paralytic poliomyelitis.

Because of the success of the routine childhood immunization program in the U.S. and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, polio has been eliminated in the Americas since 1991. Because the U.S. has used IPV exclusively since 2000, the occurrence of any poliovirus infections in the U.S. is a cause for concern. Reflecting the global concern for poliovirus importations into previously polio-free countries, the World Health Assembly, W.H.O., has added circulating poliovirus to the notifiable events in the International Health Regulations (IHR)⁴.

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CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-374](#) Poliomyelitis (Paralytic or Non-paralytic)

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a poliomyelitis case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported poliomyelitis case or suspect case;
3. For each poliomyelitis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
4. In consultation with the Department, ensure that one or more specimens from each poliomyelitis case or suspect case, as required by the Department, are submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Suspected Polio Case Worksheet Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2024
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Poliovirus infection (non-paralytic), continued

Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	ADHS definition was updated to match the approved CDC/CSTE definition.

PRIMARY AMEBIC MENINGOENCEPHALITIS (PAM), <i>Naegleria fowleri</i> DISEASE	PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS
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Cases should be reported under the [Encephalitis, parasitic](#) requirement. Enter in MEDSIS as Encephalitis, parasitic.

CASE DEFINITION

N. fowleri is a free-living amoeboflagellate that invades the brain and meninges via the nasal mucosa and olfactory nerve to cause acute, fulminant hemorrhagic meningoencephalitis (primary amebic meningoencephalitis – PAM), primarily in healthy children and young adults with a recent history of exposure to warm fresh water. Initial signs and symptoms of PAM begin 1 to 14 days after infection and include sudden onset of headache, fever, nausea, vomiting, and stiff neck accompanied by positive Kernig's and Brudzinski's signs. In some cases, abnormalities in taste or smell, nasal obstruction and nasal discharge might be seen. Other symptoms might include photophobia, mental-state abnormalities, lethargy, dizziness, loss of balance, other visual disturbances, hallucinations, delirium, seizures, and coma. After the onset of symptoms, the disease progresses rapidly and usually results in death within 3 to 7 days. Although a variety of treatments have been shown to be active against amoebae in vitro and have been used to treat infected persons, most infections have still been fatal.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Detection of *N. fowleri* antigen or nucleic acid from a clinical specimen (e.g., immunohistochemistry or PCR).

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Visualization of motile amoebae in a wet mount of CSF; OR
- Isolation of *N. fowleri* in culture from a clinical specimen.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the clinical criteria and confirmatory laboratory criteria for surveillance.

Probable

A case that meets the clinical criteria and the presumptive laboratory criteria for surveillance.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

N. fowleri might cause clinically similar illness to bacterial meningitis, particularly in its early stages. Definitive diagnosis by a reference laboratory might be required. Unlike *Balamuthia mandrillaris* and

Acanthamoeba spp., *Naegleria fowleri* is commonly found in CSF of patients with PAM. After the onset of symptoms, the disease progresses rapidly and usually results in death within 3 to 7 days. Patients presenting with the above clinical criteria and found to have a history of recreational freshwater exposure in the two weeks prior to presentation or are known to have performed nasal irrigation (e.g., use of a neti pot for treatment of sinus conditions or practice ritual ablution including nasal rinsing) in the absence of another explanation for their condition, should be investigated further. Urgent confirmatory testing and treatment should be initiated. Notify ADHS as soon as possible.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-339](#) Encephalitis, Viral or Parasitic

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report of encephalitis under R9-6-202, notify the Department:
 - a. For a case or suspect case of parasitic encephalitis, within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report; and
 - b. For a case or suspect case of viral encephalitis, within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported viral or parasitic encephalitis case or suspect case; and
3. For each encephalitis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

Contact ADHS. Depending on the etiology of the encephalitis, an investigation form may or may not be available.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2017
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2017
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2017: Separated from encephalitis, parasitic and a separate case definition created. Laboratory criteria and confirmatory case classification updated to include confirmatory and probable classifications. Comments expanded. All to match 2016 CSTE position statement.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical description

Psittacosis is an illness characterized by fever, chills, headache, myalgia, and a dry cough with pneumonia often evident on chest x-ray. Severe pneumonia requiring intensive-care support, endocarditis, hepatitis, and neurologic complications occasionally occur.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Isolation of *Chlamydophila psittaci* from respiratory specimens (e.g., sputum, pleural fluid, or tissue), or blood; OR
- Fourfold or greater increase in antibody (Immunoglobulin G [IgG]) against *C. psittaci* by complement fixation (CF) or microimmunofluorescence (MIF) between paired acute- and convalescent-phase serum specimens obtained at least 2-4 weeks apart; OR
- Supportive serology (e.g. *C. psittaci* antibody titer [Immunoglobulin M (IgM)] of greater than or equal to 32 in at least one serum specimen obtained after onset of symptoms); OR
- Detection of *C. psittaci* DNA in a respiratory specimen (e.g. sputum, pleural fluid or tissue) via amplification of a specific target by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay.

Case Classification

Confirmed

An illness characterized by fever, chills, headache, cough and myalgia, and laboratory confirmed by either:

- Isolation of *Chlamydophila psittaci* from respiratory specimens (e.g., sputum, pleural fluid, or tissue), or blood; OR
- Fourfold or greater increase in antibody (Immunoglobulin G [IgG]) against *C. psittaci* by complement fixation (CF) or microimmunofluorescence (MIF) between paired acute- and convalescent-phase serum specimens obtained at least 2-4 weeks apart.

Probable

An illness characterized by fever, chills, headache, cough and myalgia that has either:

- Supportive serology (e.g., *C. psittaci* antibody titer [Immunoglobulin M, IgM] of greater than or equal to 32 in at least one serum specimen obtained after onset of symptoms); OR
- Detection of *C. psittaci* DNA in a respiratory specimen (e.g. sputum, pleural fluid or tissue) via amplification of a specific target by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay.

Comment

Although MIF has shown greater specificity to *C. psittaci* than CF, positive serologic findings by both techniques may occur as a result of infection with other *Chlamydophila* species and should be interpreted with caution. To increase the reliability of test results, acute- and convalescent-phase serum specimens should be analyzed at the same time in the same laboratory. A real time polymerase chain reaction (rtPCR) has been developed and validated in avian specimens but has not yet been validated for use in humans (1).

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CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-375](#) Psittacosis (Ornithosis)

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported psittacosis case or suspect case; and
2. For each psittacosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Environmental Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. If a bird infected with *Chlamydia psittaci* or *Chlamydophila psittaci* is located in a private residence:
 - a. Provide health education for the bird's owner about psittacosis and the risks of becoming infected with psittacosis, and
 - b. Advise the bird's owner to obtain treatment for the bird; and
2. If a bird infected with *Chlamydia psittaci* or *Chlamydophila psittaci* is located in a setting other than a private residence:
 - a. Provide health education for the bird's owner about psittacosis and the risks of becoming infected with psittacosis,
 - b. Ensure that the bird is treated or destroyed and any contaminated structures are disinfected, and
 - c. Require the bird's owner to isolate the bird from contact with members of the public and from other birds until treatment of the bird is completed or the bird is destroyed.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Psittacosis Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2010
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2010
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

CASE DEFINITION

Exposure

Exposure is usually via aerosol, is broadly interpreted, and may be unknown (especially for chronic infection), but often includes the presence of goats, sheep, or other livestock, especially during periods of parturition. Direct contact with animals is not required, and variable incubation periods may be dose dependent.

Q Fever, Acute

Clinical Description

Acute fever usually accompanied by rigors, myalgia, malaise, and a severe retrobulbar headache. Fatigue, night-sweats, dyspnea, confusion, nausea, diarrhea, abdominal pain, vomiting, non-productive cough, and chest pain have also been reported. Severe disease can include acute hepatitis, atypical pneumonia with abnormal radiograph, and meningoencephalitis. Pregnant women are at risk for fetal death and abortion. Clinical laboratory findings may include elevated liver enzyme levels, leukocytosis, and thrombocytopenia. Asymptomatic infections may also occur.

Note: Serologic profiles of pregnant women infected with acute Q fever during gestation may progress frequently and rapidly to those characteristic of chronic infection.

Clinical Evidence

Acute fever and one or more of the following: rigors, severe retrobulbar headache, acute hepatitis, pneumonia, or elevated liver enzyme levels.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Serological evidence of a fourfold change in immunoglobulin G (IgG)-specific antibody titer to *C. burnetii* phase II antigen by indirect immunofluorescence assay (IFA) between paired serum samples, (CDC suggests one taken during the first week of illness and a second 3-6 weeks later, antibody titers to phase I antigen may be elevated or rise as well), OR
- Detection of *C. burnetii* DNA in a clinical specimen via amplification of a specific target by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay, OR
- Demonstration of *C. burnetii* in a clinical specimen by immunohistochemical methods (IHC), OR
- Isolation of *C. burnetii* from a clinical specimen by culture.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Has a single supportive IFA IgG titer of $\geq 1:128$ to phase II antigen (phase I titers may be elevated as well).
- Has serologic evidence of elevated phase II IgG or IgM antibody reactive with *C. burnetii* antigen by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), dot-ELISA, or latex agglutination.

Note: For acute testing, CDC uses in-house IFA IgG testing (cutoff of $\geq 1:128$), preferring simultaneous testing of paired specimens, and does not use IgM results for routine diagnostic testing.

Case Classification

Confirmed acute Q fever

A laboratory confirmed case that either meets clinical case criteria or is epidemiologically linked to a lab confirmed case.

Probable acute Q fever

A clinically compatible case of acute illness (meets clinical evidence criteria for acute Q fever illness) that has laboratory presumptive results for past or present acute disease (antibody to Phase II antigen) but is not laboratory confirmed.

Q Fever, Chronic

Clinical Description

Infection that persists for more than 6 months. Potentially fatal endocarditis may evolve months to years after acute infection, particularly in persons with underlying valvular disease. Infections of aneurysms and vascular prostheses have been reported. Immunocompromised individuals are particularly susceptible. Rare cases of chronic hepatitis without endocarditis, osteomyelitis, osteoarthritis, and pneumonitis have been described.

Clinical Evidence

Newly recognized, culture-negative endocarditis, particularly in a patient with previous valvulopathy or compromised immune system, suspected infection of a vascular aneurysm or vascular prosthesis, or chronic hepatitis, osteomyelitis, osteoarthritis, or pneumonitis in the absence of other known etiology.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory Testing

- Serological evidence of IgG antibody to *C. burnetii* phase I antigen $\geq 1:800$ by IFA (while phase II IgG titer will be elevated as well; phase I titer is higher than the phase II titer); OR
- Detection of *C. burnetii* DNA in a clinical specimen via amplification of a specific target by PCR assay; OR
- Demonstration of *C. burnetii* antigen in a clinical specimen by IHC; OR
- Isolation of *C. burnetii* from a clinical specimen by culture.

Presumptive Testing

Has an antibody titer to *C. burnetii* phase I IgG antigen $\geq 1:128$ and $< 1:800$ by IFA.

Note: Samples from suspected chronic patients should be evaluated for IgG titers to both phase I and phase II antigens. Current commercially available ELISA tests (which test only for phase 2) are not quantitative, cannot be used to evaluate changes in antibody titer, and hence are not useful for serological confirmation. IgM tests are not strongly supported for use in serodiagnosis of acute disease, as the response may not be specific for the agent (resulting in false positives) and the IgM response may be persistent. Complement fixation (CF) tests and other older test methods are neither readily available nor commonly used.

Serologic test results must be interpreted with caution, because baseline antibodies acquired as a result of historical exposure to Q fever may exist, especially in rural and farming areas.

Case Classification

Confirmed chronic Q fever

A clinically compatible case of chronic illness (meets clinical evidence criteria for chronic Q fever) that meets the confirmatory laboratory criteria for chronic infection.

Probable chronic Q fever

A clinically compatible case of chronic illness (meets clinical evidence criteria for chronic Q fever) that has laboratory presumptive results for past or present chronic infection (antibody to Phase I antigen).

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 12 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-376](#) Q-Fever

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a Q fever case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported Q fever case or suspect case; and
3. For each Q fever case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Q Fever Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2010
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2009
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

CASE DEFINITION

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- A positive rabies virus direct fluorescent antibody test; OR
- A positive rabies virus direct rapid immunohistochemical test (dRIT); OR
- A positive rabies virus test by immunohistochemistry (IHC) on formalin-fixed tissue; OR
- A positive pan-lyssavirus probe-based real time reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction RT-PCR test; OR
- Detection of lyssavirus nucleic acid by genomic sequencing; OR
- Isolation of rabies virus (in cell culture or in a laboratory animal).

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that is laboratory confirmed

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6 Articles 5 and 6](#) Rabies Control and Reporting Post-Exposure Rabies Prophylaxis

INVESTIGATION (REPORTING) FORMS

- Manual: <http://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/rabies/index.php#manual>
- Animal Bite or Exposure Form: <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2023
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2023
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2023: Updated Confirmatory laboratory evidence to match revised CDC/CSTE case definition.

RABIES, HUMAN

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS

LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 1 WORKING DAY

CASE DEFINITION**Clinical Description**

Rabies is an acute encephalomyelitis that almost always progresses to coma or death within 10 days of the first symptom.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Detection by direct fluorescent antibody of Lyssavirus antigens in a clinical specimen (preferably the brain or the nerves surrounding hair follicles in the nape of the neck); OR
- Isolation (in cell culture or in a laboratory animal) of rabies virus from saliva, CSF (cerebrospinal fluid) or central nervous system tissue; OR
- Identification of Lyssavirus specific antibody (i.e. by indirect fluorescent antibody (IFA) test or complete rabies virus neutralization at 1:5 dilution) in the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF); OR
- Identification of Lyssavirus specific antibody (i.e. by indirect fluorescent antibody (IFA) test or complete rabies virus neutralization at 1:5 dilution) in the serum of an unvaccinated person; OR
- Detection of Lyssavirus viral RNA (using reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction [RT-PCR]) in saliva, CSF, or tissue.

Case Classification***Confirmed***

A clinically compatible illness that is laboratory confirmed.

Comment

- Laboratory confirmation by all of the above methods is strongly recommended.
- All confirmatory testing must be performed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Contact the Arizona Department of Health Services (602) 364-4562 to consult on suspected rabies cases.
- Serology performed by a commercial laboratory is not recognized for diagnosis of rabies.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-377](#) Rabies in a Human

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a human rabies case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported human rabies case or suspect case;
3. For each human rabies case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and

4. In consultation with the Department, ensure that a specimen from each human rabies case or suspect case, as required by the Department, is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Contact Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Evaluate the level of risk of transmission from each contact's exposure to a human rabies case and, if indicated, provide or arrange for each contact to receive prophylaxis.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Possible Human Rabies Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Case Definition Matches 2018 ADHS Case Definition?	Yes
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2011
Description of changes	N/A

RELAPSING FEVER (SOFT TICK)

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 1 WORKING DAY
LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS

CASE DEFINITION**Background**

Tickborne relapsing fever (TBRF) also called soft tick relapsing fever (STRF) is caused by infection with some species of the genus *Borrelia* (including *Borrelia hermsii* and *Borrelia turicatae*) and is among the most common tick-borne diseases in the western United States. These spirochetes bacteria are transmitted by the bite of soft ticks of the genus *Ornithodoros*. *O. hermsi* is typically found in rodent nests in mountainous areas above 450 m (1,500 ft) elevation where chipmunks or squirrels are present. *O. turicata* typically lives in caves and in the nests and burrows of prairie dogs and ground squirrels in the plains regions of the Southwest.

NOTE: Other *Borrelia* species can cause [Lyme disease](#) (*Borrelia burgdorferi* and *Borrelia mayonii*) or hard tick relapsing fever (HTRF) (*Borrelia miyamotoi*). **Enter other (non-Lyme) relapsing fever *Borrelia* spp. under the Emerging or Exotic Disease (EED) morbidity in MEDSIS.**

Clinical Criteria

An acute illness, with:

- Measured fever $\geq 38.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ (102°F) or relapse of fever (two or more episodes of subjective or measured fever, commonly separated by 2-14 days), OR
- Two or more of the following signs or symptoms: lower measured fever $<38.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ (102°F) or subjective fever or chills, headache, myalgias or arthralgias, or nausea or vomiting.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance**Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence**

- Detection of STRF *Borrelia* spp. by nucleic acid testing such as PCR or sequencing that differentiates STRF *Borrelia* spp. from other relapsing fever *Borrelia* spp. (such as those that cause HTRF or louse-borne relapsing fever), in any clinical specimen, OR
- Isolation of *Borrelia hermsii*, *B. turicatae*, or other STRF-group *Borrelia* spp. from any clinical specimen using a *Borrelia*-specific medium such as Barbour-Stoenner-Kelly (BSK) broth medium.

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence

- Visualization of spirochetes in blood products, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), or bone marrow by microscopy, OR
- Serologic evidence of infection by enzyme immunoassay (EIA), immunofluorescence assay (IFA), immunoblot, or another serologic test for relapsing fever *Borrelia* spp. within 6 months of illness onset, OR
- Detection in any clinical specimen of relapsing fever *Borrelia* spp. by nucleic acid testing that does not differentiate STRF *Borrelia* spp. from other relapsing fever *Borrelia* spp.¹

¹ This includes PCR tests that are specific to relapsing fever *Borrelia* spp. but that cannot differentiate soft tick relapsing fever *Borrelia* spp. from hard-tick and louse-borne relapsing fever *Borrelia* spp. This does not include pan-*Borrelia* PCR tests, as they do not differentiate from etiologic agents of Lyme disease.

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

Within 21 days of illness onset:

- Had a shared exposure site with a confirmed case, OR
- Spent time in a county where *Ornithodoros* soft ticks are present or presumed to be present or where a confirmed autochthonous (i.e., locally acquired) case of STRF has been previously reported, AND
 - Spent time in possible soft tick habitat² (e.g., caves, cabins, or other rodent-infested structure), camping, or handling firewood.

² The habitats where relapsing fever-group *Borrelia* spp. are present overlap with that of their *Ornithodoros* spp. tick vectors. *O. hermsi*, the soft tick vector for *B. hermsii*, is typically found in rodent nests in mountainous areas above 450 m (1,500 ft) elevation where chipmunks or squirrels are present. *O. turicata*, the soft tick vector for *B. turicatae*, occurs in caves and in the nests and burrows of prairie dogs and ground squirrels in the plains regions of the Southwest.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets clinical criteria AND meets confirmatory laboratory evidence, OR
- Meets clinical criteria AND meets presumptive laboratory evidence AND meets epidemiologic linkage criteria.

Probable

- Meets clinical criteria AND meets presumptive laboratory evidence, OR
- Meets clinical criteria AND had a shared exposure site with a confirmed case, OR
- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence but does not meet clinical criteria, or no additional information is available³.

³ May or may not meet epidemiologic linkage criteria.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case may be counted as a new case when there is a new onset of clinically compatible illness with new laboratory evidence (not including serology due to persistence of antibodies), 6 months or more after previously reported infection.

Comment

A description of criteria to determine how public health should classify a case of STRF:

Most serologic and PCR tests do not distinguish between *Borrelia* spp. that cause STRF and *B. miyamotoi*, the agent HTRF. In the absence of confirmatory lab evidence, public health agencies should use a combination of available test results, information about the location of possible exposures, clinical manifestations, and the incidence of a particular disease in the geographic area to help determine the

appropriate case definition to apply for an individual case. STRF and HTRF can have similar clinical presentations, though available data suggest that recurring febrile episodes are less common in HTRF. Individuals should not be classified as cases of both STRF and HTRF based on presumptive laboratory evidence.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-378](#) Relapsing Fever (Borreliosis)

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a borreliosis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported borreliosis case or suspect case; and
3. For each borreliosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2026
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2025
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes (confirmed/probable only)
Description of changes	<p>2026: ADHS case definition updated to match CDC/CSTE with some minor semantic differences (i.e., not splitting epidemiologic criteria into tiers). Changes from previous definition include expanded clinical criteria; expanded lab criteria (divided into confirmatory and presumptive); added epi linkage criteria section.</p> <p>2005: Newly created case definition for AZ.</p>

RESPIRATORY DISEASE IN A HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION OR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES REPORT OUTBREAKS WITHIN 24 HOURS

CASE DEFINITION

Coming soon

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-379](#) Respiratory Disease in a Health Care Institution or Correctional Facility

Outbreak Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported outbreak of respiratory disease in a health care institution or correctional facility; and
2. For each outbreak of respiratory disease in a health care institution or correctional facility, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E).

When an outbreak of respiratory disease occurs in a health care institution or correctional facility, the administrator of the health care institution or correctional facility, either personally or through a representative, shall comply with the control measures recommended by a local health agency.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2018
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	2018: Newly reportable in Arizona. New case definition.

RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV)

LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS

CASE DEFINITION**Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance**

- RSV isolation in tissue cell culture from nasopharyngeal secretions;
- Reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) testing of respiratory specimens;
- Immunofluorescent antibody staining (direct or indirect) of respiratory specimens;
- Rapid RSV diagnostic testing of respiratory specimens; OR
- Four-fold rise in antibody titer in paired acute and convalescent sera.

Case Classification***Confirmed***

A case that meets the laboratory criteria for surveillance.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 4 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

RSV is laboratory reportable, but RSV mortality is not routinely monitored. In situations where RSV-associated mortality needs to be defined, see the [RSV-associated mortality](#) section in this document under “Case Definitions for Communicable Morbidities of Public Health Significance which are not Reportable in Arizona”.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2006
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED
FEVER**

PROVIDERS AND LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT
WITHIN 1 WORKING DAY

See [Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis](#) in this document.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

In the absence of a more likely alternative diagnosis:

- Acute onset of generalized maculopapular rash, AND
- Fever (measured >99.0°F or subjective), AND
 - Lymphadenopathy (cervical), OR
 - Arthralgia or arthritis, OR
 - Conjunctivitis

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence

- Detection of rubella virus (e.g., RT-PCR, culture, next generation sequencing [NGS]), OR
- Significant rise, defined as seroconversion or at least a 4-fold rise in titer, observed in paired acute and convalescent serum rubella IgG antibody levels*, OR
- Positive serologic rubella IgM antibody^{*,**} AND low IgG avidity*

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence[†]

- Positive serologic rubella immunoglobulin IgM antibody^{*,**,†}

*In the absence of rubella vaccination during the previous 6-45 days.

** Acquired rubella was suspected, testing not conducted as part of routine immunity screening (e.g., titers for employment documentation).

†When not superseded by more specific testing in a public health laboratory.

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

- Contact with a laboratory-confirmed[^] rubella or congenital rubella case during the case's likely infectious period, OR
- Gave birth to an infant with confirmed congenital rubella^{^^}

[^] "Laboratory-confirmed" case is a case that meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

^{^^} When residency criteria are met for pregnant person at time of presumed illness

Other Criteria

- Lacks presumptive evidence of rubella immunity prior to infection

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence, OR
- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence AND epidemiologic linkage criterion of “contact with a laboratory-confirmed[^] rubella or congenital rubella case during the case’s likely infectious period”, OR
- Meets clinical criteria AND meets epidemiologic linkage criterion of “contact with a laboratory-confirmed[^] rubella or congenital rubella case during the case’s likely infectious period”
- Meets epidemiologic linkage criterion of “gave birth to an infant with confirmed congenital rubella”.

Probable

- Meets clinical criteria AND meets presumptive laboratory evidence AND lacks presumptive evidence of rubella immunity prior to infection.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should always be counted as a new case unless determined to be persistent or congenital rubella infections.

Comment

Serum rubella IgM test results that are false positives have been reported in persons with other viral infections (e.g., acute infection with Epstein-Barr virus [infectious mononucleosis], recent cytomegalovirus infection, and parvovirus infection) or in the presence of rheumatoid factor. Patients who have laboratory evidence of recent measles infection are excluded.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-380](#) Rubella (German Measles)

Case Control Measures

An administrator of a school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative, shall:

1. Exclude a rubella case from the school or child care establishment and from school- or child-care-establishment-sponsored events from the onset of illness through the seventh calendar day after the rash appears; and
2. Exclude a rubella suspect case from the school or child care establishment and from school- or child-care-establishment-sponsored events until evaluated and determined to be noninfectious by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse practitioner, or local health agency.

A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, and in consultation with the local health agency, shall isolate and institute droplet precautions for a rubella case through the seventh calendar day after the rash appears.

An administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall exclude a rubella:

1. Case from working at the health care institution from the onset of illness through the seventh calendar day after the rash appears; and
2. Suspect case from working at the health care institution until evaluated and determined to be noninfectious by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse practitioner, or local health agency.

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 or R9-6-203 of a rubella case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported rubella case or suspect case;
3. For each rubella case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
4. In consultation with the Department, ensure that one or more specimens from each rubella case or suspect case, as required by the Department, are submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

An administrator of a correctional facility or shelter, either personally or through a representative, shall comply with the rubella control measures recommended by a local health agency or the Department.

Contact Control Measures:

An administrator of a health care institution shall ensure that a paid or volunteer full-time or part-time worker at a health care institution does not participate in the direct care of a rubella case or suspect case or of a patient who is or may be pregnant unless the worker first provides evidence of immunity to rubella consisting of:

1. A record of immunization against rubella given on or after the first birthday; or
2. A statement signed by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse practitioner, state health officer, or local health officer affirming serologic evidence of immunity to rubella.

When a rubella case has been at a school or child care establishment, the administrator of the school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative, shall:

1. Consult with the local health agency to determine who shall be excluded and how long each individual shall be excluded from the school or child care establishment, and
2. Comply with the local health agency’s recommendations for exclusion.

A local health agency shall:

1. Determine which rubella contacts will be quarantined or excluded, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission; and
2. Provide or arrange for immunization of each non-immune rubella contact within 72 hours after last exposure, if possible.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Rubella Surveillance Worksheet Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

<p>Description of changes</p>	<p>2025: Suspect classification removed to improve specificity to reduce false-positive reports. Revision of criteria to emphasize laboratory criteria and epidemiological linkage.</p> <p>2023: Updated comments to clarify cases that may be ruled out if investigation shows a high likelihood of false positive lab results.</p> <p>2013: ADHS definition was edited to match CDC/CSTE, including addition of PCR testing.</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Presence of any defect(s) or laboratory data consistent with congenital rubella infection. Infants with congenital rubella syndrome usually present with more than one sign or symptom consistent with congenital rubella infection. However, infants may present with a single defect. Hearing impairment is most common single defect.

Clinical Case Definition

An illness, usually manifesting in infancy, resulting from rubella infection in utero and characterized by signs or symptoms from the following categories:

- a. Cataracts/congenital glaucoma, congenital heart disease (most commonly patent ductus arteriosus or peripheral pulmonary artery stenosis), hearing impairment, pigmentary retinopathy.
- b. Purpura, hepatosplenomegaly, jaundice, microcephaly, developmental delay, meningoencephalitis, radiolucent bone disease.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Isolation of rubella virus; OR
- Demonstration of rubella-specific immunoglobulin M (IgM) antibody; OR
- Infant rubella antibody level that persists at a higher level and for a longer period than expected from passive transfer of maternal antibody (i.e., rubella titer that does not drop at the expected rate of a twofold dilution per month); OR
- A specimen that is PCR positive for rubella virus.

Case Classification

Confirmed

An infant with at least one of the symptoms listed in the clinical case definition and meets the laboratory criteria for surveillance.

Probable*

A case that is not laboratory confirmed and that has any two complications listed in paragraph "a" of the clinical case definition or one complication from paragraph "a" and one from paragraph "b", and lacks evidence of any other etiology.

Suspect

A case with one or more compatible clinical findings but not meeting the criteria for a probable case.

Infection only*

A case that demonstrates laboratory evidence of infection, but without any clinical symptoms or signs.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should never be counted as a new case if there was a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

*In probable cases, either or both of the eye-related findings (cataracts and congenital glaucoma) count as a single complication. In cases classified as infection only, if any compatible signs or symptoms (e.g., hearing loss) are identified later, the case is reclassified as confirmed.

Epidemiologic Classification of Internationally-Imported and U.S.-Acquired

Congenital rubella syndrome cases will be classified epidemiologically as internationally imported or U.S.-acquired, according to the source of infection in the mother, using the definitions below, which parallel the classifications for rubella cases.

Internationally imported case: To be classified as an internationally imported CRS case, the mother must have acquired rubella infection outside the U.S. or in the absence of documented rubella infection, the mother was outside the United States during the period when she may have had exposure to rubella that affected her pregnancy (from 21 days before conception and through the first 24 weeks of pregnancy).

U.S.-acquired case: A US-acquired case is one in which the mother acquired rubella from an exposure in the United States. U.S.-acquired cases are subclassified into four mutually exclusive groups:

- **Import-linked case:** Any case in a chain of transmission that is epidemiologically linked to an internationally imported case.
- **Imported-virus case:** A case for which an epidemiologic link to an internationally imported case was not identified but for which viral genetic evidence indicates an imported rubella genotype, i.e., a genotype that is not occurring within the United States in a pattern indicative of endemic transmission. An endemic genotype is the genotype of any rubella virus that occurs in an endemic chain of transmission (i.e., lasting ≥ 12 months). Any genotype that is found repeatedly in U.S.-acquired cases should be thoroughly investigated as a potential endemic genotype, especially if the cases are closely related in time or location.
- **Endemic case:** A case for which epidemiological or virological evidence indicates an endemic chain of transmission. Endemic transmission is defined as a chain of rubella virus transmission continuous for ≥ 12 months within the United States.
- **Unknown source case:** A case for which an epidemiological or virological link to importation or to endemic transmission within the U.S. cannot be established after a thorough investigation. These cases must be carefully assessed epidemiologically to assure that they do not represent a sustained U.S.-acquired chain of transmission or an endemic chain of transmission within the U.S.

Note: Internationally imported, import-linked, and imported-virus cases are considered collectively to be import-associated cases.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-381](#) Rubella Syndrome, Congenital

Case Control Measures:

A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and implement contact precautions for an infant congenital rubella syndrome case until:

1. The infant congenital rubella syndrome case reaches one year of age; or

2. Two successive negative virus cultures, from specimens collected at least one month apart, are obtained from the infant congenital rubella syndrome case after the infant congenital rubella syndrome case reaches three months of age.

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a congenital rubella syndrome case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported congenital rubella syndrome case or suspect case;
3. For each congenital rubella syndrome case, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
4. In consultation with the Department, ensure that one or more specimens from each congenital rubella syndrome case or suspect case, as required by the Department, are submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Contact Control Measures

An administrator of a health care institution shall

1. Ensure that a paid or volunteer full-time or part-time worker at a health care institution who is known to be pregnant does not participate in the direct care of a congenital rubella syndrome case or suspect case unless the worker first provides evidence of immunity to rubella that complies with R9-6-371(B)(1).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Congenital Rubella Syndrome Case Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2008
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2007
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

CASE DEFINITION

Note: For cases of infection with Salmonella serotypes Paratyphi A, Paratyphi B [tartrate negative] and Paratyphi C, please see the [Paratyphoid Fever](#) case definition. Salmonella enterica serotype Typhi infections should be classified under [Typhoid Fever](#).

Clinical Description

An illness of variable severity commonly manifested by diarrhea, abdominal pain, nausea, and sometimes vomiting. Asymptomatic infections may occur and the organism may cause extraintestinal infections.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Isolation of *Salmonella* from a clinical specimen.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

Detection of *Salmonella* from a clinical specimen using a culture-independent diagnostic test (CIDT).

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the confirmatory laboratory criteria

Probable

- A case that meets the presumptive laboratory criteria; OR
- A clinically compatible illness that is epidemiologically linked to a case that meets the presumptive or confirmatory laboratory criteria.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 365 days of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

When two or more different serotypes are identified from one or more specimens from the same individual, each should be reported as a separate case.

Comment

Both asymptomatic infections and infections at sites other than the gastrointestinal tract, if laboratory confirmed, are considered confirmed cases that should be reported.

The use of CIDTs as stand-alone tests for the direct detection of *Salmonella* in stool is increasing. Specific performance characteristics such as sensitivity, specificity, and positive predictive value of these assays likely depend on the manufacturer and are currently unknown. It is therefore useful to collect information on the type(s) of testing performed for reported salmonellosis cases. When a specimen is positive using a CIDT it is also helpful to collect information on all culture results for the specimen, even if those results are negative.

Culture confirmation of CIDT-positive specimens is ideal, although it might not be practical in all instances. State and local public health agencies should make efforts to encourage reflexive culturing by clinical laboratories that adopt culture-independent methods, should facilitate submission of isolates/clinical material to state public health laboratories, and should be prepared to perform reflexive culture when not performed at the clinical laboratory as isolates are currently necessary for molecular typing (PFGE and whole genome sequencing) that are essential for outbreak detection.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-382](#) Salmonellosis

Case Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report of a salmonellosis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Exclude a salmonellosis case or suspect case with diarrhea from:
 - a. Working as a food handler, caring for children in or attending a child care establishment, or caring for patients or residents in a health care institution until:
 - i. Diarrhea has resolved,
 - ii. A stool specimen negative for *Salmonella* spp. is obtained from the salmonellosis case or suspect case, or
 - iii. The local health agency has determined that the case or suspect case is unlikely to infect other individuals; and
 - b. Using an aquatic venue until diarrhea has resolved;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported salmonellosis case or suspect case; and
4. For each salmonellosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9- 6-206(D).

Environmental Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. If an animal infected with *Salmonella* spp. is located in a private residence, provide health education for the animal's owner about salmonellosis and the risks of becoming infected with *Salmonella* spp.; and
2. If an animal infected with *Salmonella* spp. is located in a setting other than a private residence:
 - a. Provide health education for the animal's owner about salmonellosis and the risks of becoming infected with *Salmonella* spp., and
 - b. Require the animal's owner to provide information to individuals with whom the animal may come into contact about salmonellosis and methods to reduce the risk of transmission.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Salmonellosis Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2018
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2017
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2018: Paratyphoid fever (specific serotypes of <i>Salmonella enterica</i>) was separated into its own morbidity for reporting nationally. All other salmonellosis remains unchanged.</p> <p>2017: Supportive laboratory evidence modified to allow for tests other than culture. Supportive laboratory evidence used for a new probable definition. Added criteria to distinguish a new case from an existing case. Suspect definition removed. Changes based on CDC/CSTE definition.</p> <p>2013: ADHS definition was changed to match CDC/CSTE, including the addition of non-culture based testing and a suspect case classification.</p>

SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (SARS)

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS
LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS

CASE DEFINITION**Clinical Description****Early illness**

Presence of two or more of the following features: fever (might be subjective), chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, diarrhea, sore throat, or rhinorrhea.

Mild-to-moderate respiratory illness

- Temperature of >100.4° F (>38° C); AND
- One or more clinical findings of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing).

Severe respiratory illness

- Meets clinical criteria of mild-to-moderate respiratory illness; AND
- One or more of the following findings:
 - Radiographic evidence of pneumonia; OR
 - Acute respiratory distress syndrome; OR
 - Autopsy findings consistent with pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome without an identifiable cause.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance*

Tests to detect SARS-CoV are being refined and their performance characteristics assessed; therefore, criteria for laboratory surveillance of SARS-CoV are changing. The following are general criteria for laboratory confirmation of SARS-CoV:

- Detection of serum antibody to SARS-CoV by a test validated by CDC (e.g., enzyme immunoassay); OR
- Isolation in cell culture of SARS-CoV from a clinical specimen; OR
- Detection of SARS-CoV RNA by a reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction test validated by CDC and with subsequent confirmation in a reference laboratory (e.g., CDC).

*Information about the current criteria for laboratory surveillance of SARS-CoV is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/sars/lab/testing.html>.

Exposure

One or more of the following exposures in the 10 days before onset of symptoms:

- Close contact with a person with confirmed SARS-CoV disease; OR

- Close contact with a person with mild-to-moderate or severe respiratory illness for whom a chain of transmission can be linked to a confirmed case of SARS-CoV disease in the 10 days before onset of symptoms.

Case Classification

SARS-CoV disease

Confirmed case of SARS-CoV disease

Clinically compatible illness (i.e., early, mild-to-moderate, or severe) that is laboratory confirmed.

Probable case of SARS-CoV disease

Meets the clinical criteria for severe respiratory illness and the epidemiologic criteria for likely exposure to SARS-CoV.

Other Criteria

SARS Report Under Investigation (RUI)

Reports in persons from areas where SARS is not known to be active

- SARS RUI-1: Cases compatible with SARS in groups likely to be first affected by SARS-CoV if SARS-CoV is introduced from a person without clear epidemiologic links to known cases of SARS-CoV disease or places with known ongoing transmission of SARS-CoV

Reports in persons from areas where SARS activity is occurring

- SARS RUI-2: Cases meeting the clinical criteria for mild-to-moderate illness and the epidemiologic criteria for possible exposure (spring 2003 CDC definition for suspect cases)
- SARS RUI-3: Cases meeting the clinical criteria for severe illness and the epidemiologic criteria for possible exposure (spring 2003 CDC definition for probable cases)
- SARS RUI-4: Cases meeting the clinical criteria for early or mild-to-moderate illness and the epidemiologic criteria for likely exposure to SARS-CoV

Exclusion Criteria

A case may be excluded as a SARS report under investigation (SARS RUI), including as a CDC-defined probable SARS-CoV case, if any of the following apply:

- An alternative diagnosis can explain the illness fully; OR
- Antibody to SARS-CoV is undetectable in a serum specimen obtained >28 days after onset of illness; OR
- The case was reported on the basis of contact with a person who was excluded subsequently as a case of SARS-CoV disease; then the reported case also is excluded, provided other epidemiologic or laboratory criteria are not present.

Comment

See the [MMWR report from December 12, 2003](#) /52(49); 1202-1206 for more information and the full list of comments.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-383](#) Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)

Case Control Measures

In consultation with the Department of the applicable local health agency, a diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and institute both airborne precautions and contact precautions for a Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) case, until evaluated and determined to be noninfectious by a physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse practitioner or otherwise advised by the Department or the applicable local health agency.

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a SARS case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. In consultation with the Department, ensure that isolation and both airborne precautions and contact precautions have been instituted for a hospitalized SARS case or suspect case to prevent transmission, unless otherwise advised by the Department;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported SARS case or suspect case, unless otherwise advised by the Department; and
4. For each SARS case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency, in consultation with the Department, shall:

1. Determine which SARS contacts will be quarantined or excluded, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

Contact ADHS.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2013
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2003
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2013: ADHS definition was changed to match CDC/CSTE, including modifying the exposure criteria for the situation in which SARS is not currently known to be circulating in the world.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An illness of variable severity characterized by diarrhea, fever, nausea, cramps, and tenesmus. Asymptomatic infections occur.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Isolation of *Shigella* species from a clinical specimen.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

Detection of *Shigella* or *Shigella*/Enteroinvasive *Escherichia coli* (EIEC) from a clinical specimen using a culture-independent diagnostic test (CIDT).

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the confirmatory laboratory criteria.

Probable

- A case that meets the presumptive laboratory criteria for surveillance; OR
- A clinically compatible illness that is epidemiologically linked to a case that meets the presumptive or confirmatory laboratory criteria.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 90 days of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

When two or more different serotypes are identified in one or more specimens from the same individual, each should be reported as a separate case.

Comment

Both asymptomatic infections and infection at sites other than the gastrointestinal tract, if laboratory confirmed, are considered confirmed cases that should be reported.

The use of CIDTs as stand-alone tests for the direct detection of *Shigella*/EIEC in stool is increasing. EIEC is genetically very similar to *Shigella* and will be detected in CIDTs that detect *Shigella*. Specific performance characteristics such as sensitivity, specificity, and positive predictive value of these assays likely depend on the manufacturer and are currently unknown. It is therefore useful to collect information on the type(s) of testing performed for reported shigellosis cases. When a specimen is positive using a CIDT, it is also helpful to collect information on all culture results for the specimen, even if those results are negative.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-385](#) Shigellosis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report of a shigellosis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Exclude a shigellosis case or suspect case with diarrhea from:
 - a. Working as a food handler, caring for children in or attending a child care establishment, or caring for patients or residents in a health care institution until:
 - i. Diarrhea has resolved,
 - ii. A stool specimen negative for *Shigella* spp. is obtained from the shigellosis case or suspect case, or
 - iii. The local health agency has determined that the case or suspect case is unlikely to infect other individuals; and
 - b. Using an aquatic venue for one week after diarrhea has resolved;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported shigellosis case or suspect case; and
4. For each shigellosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Shigellosis Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2017
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2017
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2017: Supportive laboratory evidence modified to allow for tests other than culture. Supportive laboratory evidence used for a new probable definition. Suspect definition removed. Added criteria to distinguish a new case from an existing case. Changes based on CDC/CSTE definition.</p> <p>2013: ADHS definition was edited to better match CDC/CSTE, including addition of non-culture based testing and the suspect case classification.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An illness with acute onset of fever $\geq 101^{\circ}\text{F}$ or 38.3°C followed by a rash characterized by firm, deep seated vesicles or pustules in the same stage of development without other apparent cause. Clinically consistent cases are those presentations of smallpox that do not meet this classical clinical case definition: a) hemorrhagic type, b) flat type, and c) *variola sine eruptione*. (Detailed clinical description is available on the CDC web site, see URL: <https://www.cdc.gov/smallpox/index.html>)

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) identification of variola DNA in a clinical specimen; OR
- Isolation of smallpox (variola) virus from a clinical specimen (Level D laboratory only; confirmed by variola PCR).

Note: Laboratory testing of specimens from suspect smallpox vaccine adverse events or smallpox cases takes place in reference level Laboratory Response Network member laboratories and at CDC. Consultation with the state epidemiologist, state health laboratory, and CDC is necessary before sending specimens to CDC.

Generic orthopox PCR and negative strain electron microscopy (EM) identification of a pox virus in a clinical specimen are suggestive of an orthopox virus infection but not diagnostic for smallpox.

Case Classification*

Confirmed

Case of smallpox that is laboratory confirmed, or a case that meets the clinical case definition that is epidemiologically linked to a laboratory confirmed case.

Probable

A case that meets the clinical case definition, or a clinically consistent case that does not meet the clinical case definition and has an epidemiological link to a confirmed case of smallpox.

Suspect

A case with a generalized, acute vesicular or pustular rash illness with fever preceding development of rash by 1-4 days, without another apparent cause.

*Exclusion Criteria: A case may be excluded as a suspect or probable smallpox case if an alternative diagnosis fully explains the illness or appropriate clinical specimens are negative for laboratory criteria for smallpox.

Comment

The smallpox case definition is to be used only during post-event surveillance or once an outbreak has been confirmed. Different criteria may be used for evaluating a suspect case. See CDC guidance for Public Health Response Activities at <https://www.cdc.gov/smallpox/bioterrorism-response-planning/public-health/index.html>.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-386](#) Smallpox

Case Control Measures

A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and institute both airborne precautions and contact precautions for a smallpox case or suspect case, until evaluated and determined to be noninfectious by a physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse practitioner.

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a smallpox case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. In consultation with the Department:
 - a. Ensure that isolation and both airborne precautions and contact precautions have been instituted for a smallpox case or suspect case to prevent transmission, and
 - b. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported smallpox case or suspect case;
3. For each smallpox case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
4. In consultation with the Department, ensure that a specimen from each smallpox case or suspect case, as required by the Department, is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency, in consultation with the Department, shall:

1. Quarantine or exclude a smallpox contact as necessary, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission; and
2. Monitor the contact for smallpox symptoms, including fever, each day for 21 calendar days after last exposure.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

Contact ADHS in the event of a suspect case of smallpox.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2017 (comment and note only)
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2010
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2017: Comment and Lab Note revised to remove references to the CDC Smallpox Response Plan, which is no longer available.

**SPOTTED FEVER
RICKETTSIOSIS (e.g., Rocky
Mountain spotted fever)**

PROVIDERS AND LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT
WITHIN 1 WORKING DAY

Enter Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever in MEDSIS under Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Other spotted fever rickettsioses (SFR), such as *Rickettsia parkeri* rickettsiosis and Pacific Coast tick fever (caused by infection with *Rickettsia* species 364D), should be entered under Spotted Fever Group Rickettsiosis.

CASE DEFINITION

Background

Spotted fever rickettsioses (SFR) are a group of tick-borne infections caused by some members of the genus *Rickettsia*.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF) is an illness caused by *Rickettsia rickettsii*, a bacterial pathogen transmitted to humans through contact with ticks. In Arizona, the tick species primarily associated with the transmission of RMSF is the brown dog tick, *Rhipicephalus sanguineus*. In the rest of the United States, the American dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*) and the Rocky Mountain wood tick (*Dermacentor andersoni*) are associated with RMSF transmission.

In addition to RMSF, human illness associated with other spotted fever group *Rickettsia* species, including infection with *Rickettsia parkeri* (associated with *Amblyomma maculatum* ticks), has also been reported in Arizona and in the rest of the US. In these patients, clinical presentation appears similar to, but may be milder than RMSF.

Clinical Description

Fever as reported by the patient or a healthcare provider, AND one or more of the following:

- rash
- eschar
- headache
- myalgia
- anemia
- thrombocytopenia, or
- any hepatic transaminase elevation.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of Spotted Fever Group *Rickettsiae* (SFGR) nucleic acid in a clinical specimen via amplification of a *Rickettsia* genus- or species-specific target by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay; OR
- Serological evidence of a fourfold increase in IgG-specific antibody titer reactive with SFGR antigen by immunofluorescence assay (IFA) between paired serum specimens (one taken in the first two weeks after illness onset and a second taken two to ten weeks after acute specimen collection)*; OR
- Demonstration of SFGR antigen in a biopsy or autopsy specimen by immunohistochemical methods (IHC); OR

- Isolation of SFGR from a clinical specimen in cell culture and molecular confirmation (e.g., PCR or sequence).

*A four-fold rise in titer should not be excluded (as confirmatory laboratory criteria) if the acute and convalescent specimens are collected within two weeks of one another.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Serologic evidence of elevated IgG antibody at a titer $\geq 1:128$ reactive with SFGR antigen by IFA in a sample taken within 60 days of illness onset.**

**This includes paired serum specimens without evidence of fourfold rise in titer, but with at least one single titer $\geq 1:128$ in IgG-specific antibody titers reactive with SFGR antigen by IFA. The 60-day cut-off is especially important for probable cases with a single IgG titer to better capture real acute infection.

Suspect laboratory evidence

- Serologic evidence of elevated IgG antibody at a titer $< 1:128$ reactive with SFGR antigen by IFA in a sample taken within 60 days of illness onset.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A person who meets the clinical description and has confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

A person who meets the clinical description and has presumptive laboratory evidence.

Suspect

- A case with confirmatory or presumptive laboratory evidence of infection with no clinical information available; OR
- A person who meets the clinical description and has supportive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A person previously reported as a probable or confirmed case-patient may be counted as a new case-patient when there is an episode of new clinically compatible illness with confirmatory laboratory evidence.

For the purposes of entering new laboratory information for an existing case, the timeframe of 6 months can be used as a rule of thumb for creating a new case, until evidence is obtained to determine whether there is a new episode of clinically compatible illness.*

*Based on ADHS guidelines

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-387](#) Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis (e.g., Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever)

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a spotted fever rickettsiosis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Ensure that a spotted fever rickettsiosis case or, if the case is a child or incapacitated adult, the parent or guardian of the case receives health education about reducing the risks of becoming reinfected with or of having others become infected with spotted fever rickettsiosis;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported spotted fever rickettsiosis case or suspect case; and
4. For each spotted fever rickettsiosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Environmental Control Measures

In cooperation with the Department, a local health agency or another local agency responsible for vector control within a jurisdiction shall

1. Conduct an assessment of the environment surrounding each spotted fever rickettsiosis case or suspect case and implement vector control measures as necessary.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Tick-Borne Rickettsial Disease Case Report Form at <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2020
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2020
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes (with different background information)
Description of changes	<p>2020: Updated clinical description to focus on the list of symptoms. Changed laboratory criteria for serological tests, including cut-off values and time frame of sample collection. Removed exposure section as it is not needed for classification. Updated criteria to distinguish a new case.</p> <p>2013: ADHS has added additional criteria to the suspect case definition. Many cases do not go in for convalescent testing and most acute specimens are negative. For cases meeting clinical criteria with missing convalescent testing, ADHS is classifying these as suspect cases.</p>

**ST. LOUIS ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS
DISEASE**

LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5
WORKING DAYS

See [Arboviral infection](#) in this document.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Invasive group A streptococcal infections may present with any of several clinical syndromes including pneumonia, bacteremia in association with cutaneous infection (cellulitis, erysipelas, or infection of a surgical or nonsurgical wound), deep soft tissue infection (myositis or necrotizing fasciitis), meningitis, peritonitis, osteomyelitis, septic arthritis, postpartum sepsis (puerperal fever), neonatal sepsis, and non-focal bacteremia.

Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome (STSS)

The streptococcal toxic shock syndrome is a severe illness associated with invasive or noninvasive group A streptococcal (*Streptococcus pyogenes*) infection. STSS may occur with infection at any site, but most often occurs in association with infection of a cutaneous lesion. Signs of toxicity and a rapidly progressive clinical course are characteristic, and the case fatality rate may exceed 50 percent. STSS cases should be reported and classified under [Toxic Shock Syndrome - Streptococcal](#).

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Isolation of group A *Streptococcus* (*Streptococcus pyogenes*) by culture from a normally sterile site.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

Identification of group A *Streptococcus* (*Streptococcus pyogenes*) from a normally sterile body site by a culture-independent diagnostic test (CIDT) without isolation of the bacteria.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

A case that meets the presumptive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

See [Appendix 1](#) for guidance on interpreting whether a specimen is from a “normally sterile body site”.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-388](#) Streptococcal Group A Infection

Non-invasive streptococcal group A infection:Case Control Measures

An administrator of a school, child care establishment, or health care institution or a person in charge of a food establishment, either personally or through a representative

1. Shall exclude a streptococcal group A infection case with streptococcal lesions or streptococcal sore throat from working as a food handler, attending or working in a school, caring for children in or attending a child care establishment, or caring for patients or residents in a health care institution for 24 hours after the initiation of treatment for streptococcal group A infection.

Invasive streptococcal group A infection:Outbreak Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported outbreak of streptococcal group A invasive infection;
2. For each streptococcal group A invasive infection case involved in an outbreak, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
3. For each outbreak of streptococcal group A invasive infection, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2019
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	1995 (no longer nationally notifiable after 2009)
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No
Description of changes	<p>2019: Presumptive laboratory evidence added to allow for tests other than culture. Presumptive laboratory evidence used for a new probable definition, which was not part of the CDC/CSTE definition.</p> <p>2014: Removed “clinically compatible” from confirmed definition. Matches the latest CDC/CSTE definition.</p>

**STREPTOCOCCAL GROUP B
INFECTION IN AN INFANT
YOUNGER THAN 90 DAYS OF
AGE, INVASIVE DISEASE**

LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5 WORKING
DAYS

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Group B Streptococcus can produce a variety of syndromes in neonates. Clinical manifestations include pneumonia, bloodstream infection, and meningitis.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Isolation of Group B Streptococcus (*Streptococcus agalactiae*) by culture from a normally sterile site

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible case of invasive Group B Streptococcus that is laboratory-confirmed in a sterile site in children < 90 days of age.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should never be counted as a new case if there was a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

See [Appendix 1](#) for guidance on interpreting whether a specimen is from a “normally sterile body site”.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-389](#) Streptococcal Group B Infection in an Infant Younger Than 90 Days of Age

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Confirm the diagnosis of streptococcal group B invasive infection for each reported case or suspect case of streptococcal group B invasive infection in an infant younger than 90 days of age; and
2. For each case of streptococcal group B infection in an infant younger than 90 days of age, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-202(C).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2005 or before
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE
**INFECTION (Pneumococcal
invasive disease)**

LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5 WORKING
DAYS

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Streptococcus pneumoniae causes many clinical syndromes, depending on the site of infection (e.g., acute otitis media, pneumonia, bacteremia, or meningitis). Starting in 2000, a conjugate pneumococcal vaccine is recommended for prevention of pneumococcal disease in the pediatric population.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Isolation of *S. pneumoniae* by culture from a normally sterile body site (e.g., blood, cerebrospinal fluid, or, less commonly, joint, pleural, or pericardial fluid).

Presumptive laboratory evidence

Identification of *S. pneumoniae* from a normally sterile body site by a culture-independent diagnostic test (CIDT) without isolation of the bacteria.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

A case that meets the presumptive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A single case should be defined as a health event with a specimen collection date that occurs more than 30 days from the last known specimen with a positive lab finding.

Comment

See [Appendix 1](#) for guidance on interpreting whether a specimen is from a “normally sterile body site”. In 2010 a new 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV 13) was licensed. Surveillance should be enhanced to provide baseline and ongoing data for the assessment of disease burden and immunization program effects.

In January 2008, the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute published new Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) breakpoints for defining susceptibility of *S. pneumoniae* isolates to penicillin (1). The new breakpoints are estimated to decrease the number of isolates classified as antibiotic-resistant by approximately 5% (2). The changes in breakpoints will likely result in a surveillance artifact in drug resistant *S. pneumoniae* reporting and further complicate interpretation of the reported data.

The use of CIDTs as stand-alone tests for the direct detection of *S. pneumoniae* from clinical specimens is increasing. Data regarding their performance indicate variability in the sensitivity, specificity, and positive predictive value of these assays depending on the manufacturer and validation methods used. It is therefore useful to collect information on the laboratory conducting the testing, and

the type and manufacturer of the CIDT used to diagnose each invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) case. Culture confirmation of CIDT-positive specimens is still the ideal method of confirming a case of IPD.

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CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-390](#) *Streptococcus pneumoniae* Infection

Outbreak Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported outbreak of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* invasive infection; and
2. For each outbreak of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* invasive infection, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2017
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2017
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2017: Presumptive laboratory evidence added to allow for tests other than culture. Presumptive laboratory evidence used for a new probable definition. Suspect definition removed. Changes were based on CDC/CSTE definition.</p> <p>2014: Suspect case definition added, and slight rewording of confirmed case definition, to match CDC/CSTE.</p>

Cases should be reported under the [emerging or exotic disease](#) requirement.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Strongyloidiasis can be both asymptomatic and symptomatic. In severe forms of the disease, the helminth can cause hyperinfection syndrome or disseminated strongyloidiasis. An illness is typically characterized by one or more of the following:

- Stomachache, bloating, and heartburn
- Intermittent episodes of diarrhea and constipation
- Nausea and loss of appetite
- Dry cough
- Throat irritation
- An itchy, red rash that occurs where the worm entered the skin
- Recurrent raised red rash typically along the thighs and buttocks

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Strongyloides larvae or eggs* detected in stool by ova and parasites exam, OR
- Strongyloides larvae detected in body tissues or fluid aspirates

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- *S. stercoralis* specific IgG antibody detected in blood by ELISA, immunoassay, or monoclonal antibody test

**S. fuelleborni* releases eggs rather than larvae into host stool.

Note: The categorical labels used here to stratify laboratory evidence are intended to support the standardization of case classifications for public health surveillance. The categorical labels should not be used to interpret the utility or validity of any laboratory test methodology.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

A case that meets the presumptive laboratory evidence.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-338](#) Emerging or Exotic Disease

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of an emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. In consultation with the Department, isolate an emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case as necessary to prevent transmission;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case; and
4. For each emerging or exotic disease case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency, in consultation with the Department,

1. Shall quarantine or exclude an emerging or exotic disease contact as necessary, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2023
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2023
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	New for 2023. CSTE approved a new case definition, although the condition is not nationally notifiable.

SYPHILIS

Primary, Secondary, Early Non-Primary Non-Secondary, Unknown Duration or Late, Congenital, and Stillbirth

PROVIDERS AND LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS

CASE DEFINITION

BACKGROUND

Syphilis is a complex, systemic, predominantly sexually transmitted infection that has a highly variable clinical course. If untreated or inadequately treated, syphilis can cause a variety of clinical manifestations, as well as latent infections (i.e., those lacking any clinical signs or symptoms). The following guidance is intended to be used for the purposes of syphilis surveillance. It is not intended to be used as a guide to the clinical or public health management of syphilis cases.

These syphilis case definitions are separated by [stage of acquired syphilis](#) (primary syphilis; secondary syphilis; early non-primary non-secondary syphilis; or unknown duration or late syphilis) and congenital syphilis, including syphilitic stillbirth.

STAGE OF ACQUIRED SYPHILIS

SYPHILIS, PRIMARY

A stage of infection with *Treponema pallidum* characterized by the presence of a chancre or chancres at the site(s) of inoculation.

Clinical Criteria

In the absence of a more likely alternative diagnosis, meets at least one of the following signs:

- One or more ulcerative lesions (i.e., chancre), which may differ considerably in clinical presentation, OR
- Syphilitic balanitis of Follmann.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence

Meets at least one of the following criteria:

- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by darkfield microscopy in a specimen that was both not obtained from the oropharynx and not potentially contaminated by stool, OR
- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by immunohistochemistry (IHC) staining in a specimen that was both not obtained from the oropharynx and not potentially contaminated by stool, OR
- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by nucleic acid amplification test (e.g., polymerase chain reaction [PCR], loop-mediated isothermal amplification [LAMP]) or a diagnostically equivalent molecular method in any specimen.

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence

Meets at least one of the following criteria:

- A current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody (lipoidal antigen-based) test (i.e., Venereal Disease Research Laboratory [VDRL], rapid plasma reagin [RPR], point-of-care, or equivalent nontreponemal method), OR
- A current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test (i.e., *T. pallidum* particle agglutination [TP-PA], enzyme immunoassay [EIA], chemiluminescence immunoassay [CIA], multiplex flow immunoassay [MFI or MIA], fluorescent treponemal antibody-absorption [FTA-ABS], point-of-care, or equivalent treponemal method).

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets clinical criteria AND meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- Meets clinical criteria AND meets presumptive laboratory evidence.

SYPHILIS, SECONDARY

A stage of infection with *T. pallidum* that reflects systemic dissemination and is characterized by a wide variety of signs and symptoms.

Clinical Criteria

In the absence of a more likely alternative diagnosis, meets at least one of the following signs^{*^}:

- Localized or diffuse body rash classically described as copper-colored lesions that can be any combination of macular, papular, squamous, or pustular in appearance and typically involve the chest, back, palms of the hands, and/or soles of the feet, OR
- Mucous patches, OR
- Condylomata lata, OR
- Patchy alopecia that is often described as “moth-eaten” in appearance.

*The primary ulcerative lesion may still be present.

^Given that syphilis is often referred to as “the great imitator”, this list is not exhaustive, and signs and symptoms may be nonspecific (e.g., secondary syphilis with visceral organ manifestations).

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence

Meets at least one of the following criteria:

- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by darkfield microscopy in a specimen that was both not obtained from the oropharynx and not potentially contaminated by stool, OR
- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by IHC staining in a specimen that was both not obtained from the oropharynx and not potentially contaminated by stool, OR
- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by nucleic acid amplification test (e.g., PCR, LAMP) or a diagnostically equivalent molecular method in any specimen.

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence

- A current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test (i.e., VDRL, RPR, point-of-care, or equivalent nontreponemal method), AND
- A reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test (i.e., TP-PA, EIA, CIA, MFI or MIA, FTA-ABS, point-of-care, or equivalent treponemal method)***.

Supportive Laboratory Evidence

- A current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test (i.e., VDRL, RPR, point-of-care, or equivalent nontreponemal method) with a titer that is greater than or equal to 1:32 AND
- No evidence of a concurrent nonreactive blood-based treponemal antibody test.

***Current or historical reactive treponemal antibody tests can be used to satisfy this criterion.

Case Classification

Confirmed:

- Meets clinical criteria AND meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable:

- Meets clinical criteria AND either:
 - meets presumptive laboratory evidence, OR
 - meets supportive laboratory evidence.

SYPHILIS, EARLY NON-PRIMARY NON-SECONDARY

A stage of infection with *T. pallidum* characterized by no clinical signs or symptoms of primary or secondary syphilis and evidence that the infection occurred during the previous 12 months.

Clinical Criteria

Documented history of syphilis.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence

- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by nucleic acid amplification test (e.g., PCR, LAMP) or a diagnostically equivalent molecular method in any specimen.

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence

- A current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test (i.e., VDRL, RPR, point-of-care, or equivalent nontreponemal method), AND
- A reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test (i.e., TP-PA, EIA, CIA, MFI or MIA, FTA-ABS, point-of-care, or equivalent treponemal method)**.

Supportive Laboratory Evidence

- A current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) blood-based nontreponemal antibody test titer demonstrating a fourfold or greater increase*** AND
- No evidence of a concurrent nonreactive blood-based treponemal antibody test.

**Current or historical reactive treponemal antibody tests can be used to satisfy this criterion.

***For surveillance purposes, the blood-based nontreponemal antibody test is not required to be repeated.

However, in the absence of treatment initiation, when blood-based nontreponemal antibody testing is repeated, if the repeat specimen is collected less than or equal to 30 days after the specimen that demonstrated a fourfold increase in titers, and the repeat specimen demonstrates that the fourfold increase in titers was not sustained, the case does not meet the supportive laboratory evidence for early non-primary non-secondary syphilis.

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

- Sexual exposure to a partner during the previous 12 months who had primary, secondary, or early non-primary non-secondary syphilis (documented independently as duration of syphilitic infection less than or equal to 12 months), OR
- Only sexual contact (sexual debut) was during the previous 12 months.

Other Evidence of Infection Acquired During Previous 12 Months

- Does not meet clinical criteria AND has evidence of seroconversion of a blood-based nontreponemal antibody or treponemal antibody test in a specimen that was collected during the previous 12 months, OR
- Meets clinical criteria AND has evidence of a current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) blood-based nontreponemal antibody test titer demonstrating a fourfold or greater increase in a specimen that was collected during the previous 12 months, OR
- Signs or symptoms consistent with primary or secondary syphilis during the previous 12 months, OR
- Greater than or equal to fourfold increase in a blood-based nontreponemal antibody test titer from a specimen that was collected between the initial specimen collection date and the treatment initiation date.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence AND meets epidemiologic linkage criteria, OR
- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence AND meets other evidence of infection acquired during previous 12 months.

Probable

- Does not meet clinical criteria AND meets presumptive laboratory evidence AND meets epidemiologic linkage criteria, OR
- Does not meet clinical criteria AND meets presumptive laboratory evidence AND meets other evidence of infection acquired during previous 12 months, OR
- Meets clinical criteria AND meets supportive laboratory evidence AND meets epidemiologic linkage criteria, OR
- Meets clinical criteria AND meets supportive laboratory evidence AND meets other evidence of infection acquired during the previous 12 months.

SYPHILIS, UNKNOWN DURATION OR LATE

A stage of infection with *T. pallidum* characterized by no clinical signs or symptoms of primary or secondary syphilis and either the infection occurred greater than 12 months prior or there is insufficient evidence to conclude that infection was acquired during the previous 12 months.

Clinical Criteria

Documented history of syphilis.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance**Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence**

- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by IHC staining in a specimen that was both not obtained from the oropharynx and not potentially contaminated by stool, OR
- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by nucleic acid amplification test (e.g., PCR, LAMP) or a diagnostically equivalent molecular method in any specimen.

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence

- A current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test (i.e., VDRL, RPR, point-of-care, or equivalent nontreponemal method), AND
- A reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test (i.e., TP-PA, EIA, CIA, MFI or MIA, FTA-ABS, point-of-care, or equivalent treponemal method)**.

Supportive Laboratory Evidence

- A current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) blood-based nontreponemal antibody test titer demonstrating a fourfold or greater increase*** AND
- No evidence of a concurrent nonreactive blood-based treponemal antibody test.

**Current or historical reactive treponemal antibody tests can be used to satisfy this criterion.

***For surveillance purposes, there is no requirement that the blood-based nontreponemal antibody test be repeated. However, in the absence of treatment initiation, when blood-based nontreponemal antibody testing is repeated, if the repeat specimen is collected less than or equal to 30 days after the specimen that demonstrated a fourfold increase in titers, and the repeat specimen demonstrates that the fourfold increase in titers was not sustained, the case does not meet the supportive laboratory evidence for unknown duration or late syphilis.

Case Classification**Confirmed**

- No evidence of having acquired the infection within the preceding 12 months^^^ AND meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- No evidence of having acquired the infection within the preceding 12 months^^^ AND does not meet clinical criteria AND meets presumptive laboratory evidence, OR
- No evidence of having acquired the infection within the preceding 12 months^^^ AND meets clinical criteria AND meets supportive laboratory evidence, OR
- Does not otherwise meet the ADHS surveillance case definition for any other stage of syphilis as described above AND no evidence of having acquired the infection within the preceding 12 months^^^ AND meets the definition for likely or verified neurologic, ocular, otic, or late clinical manifestations of syphilis as described later in this position statement.

^^^See epidemiologic linkage criteria and other evidence of infection acquired during previous 12 months in Syphilis, Early Non-Primary Non-Secondary case definition.

Comment

Although cases of syphilis of unknown duration are grouped together with late syphilis for the purposes of surveillance, the conservative clinical and public health responses to these cases will differ when there is uncertainty about the duration of infection. When faced with uncertainty, clinicians should act conservatively and treat unknown duration syphilis as if it were late infection, with three doses of benzathine penicillin. In contrast, the most conservative approach for STI control programs would be to manage cases of syphilis of unknown duration as early non-primary non-secondary infections and search for partners who may have been recently infected.

The objective of treating persons in this stage of disease is to prevent long-term complications and transmission from a pregnant person to their fetus. Persons diagnosed with unknown duration or late syphilis should be treated with Benzathine penicillin G (Bicillin L-A) 7.2 million units total, administered as 3 doses of 2.4 million units IM each at 1-week (7-day) intervals. Pregnant persons allergic to penicillin MUST be desensitized and treated with penicillin. For surveillance purposes, persons who receive doses at 6-9 day intervals will be considered adequately treated. Pregnant persons who miss any dose of therapy OR are treated outside a 6-9 day interval MUST repeat the full course of treatment or they will be considered inadequately treated. Any unknown duration or late syphilis case who receives a dose less than 6 days apart will need to receive a fourth dose spaced 6-9 days after the third dose to be considered adequately treated for surveillance.

SYPHILIS, CONGENITAL

An infection of a stillbirth, neonate, or older child with *T. pallidum* contracted via transplacental transmission or, more rarely, exposure to genital lesions during birth. Congenital syphilis is commonly asymptomatic but may present with early or late signs and symptoms which are often non-specific.

Clinical Criteria

- A liveborn infant or child aged less than 2 years with any of the following signs or symptoms where there is not another more likely cause[^]:
 - Rhinitis (i.e., copious nasal secretions, “syphilitic snuffles”)
 - Skin rash (e.g., maculopapular, consisting of small dark red-copper spots that is most severe on the hands and feet or vesicular rash – pemphigus syphiliticus); the skin rash can be associated with desquamation/sloughing
 - Condylomata lata
 - Pseudoparalysis of an extremity due to osteochondritis or periostitis
 - Nonimmune hydrops or edema; nephrotic syndrome
 - Conjugated or direct hyperbilirubinemia
 - Cholestatic jaundice or cholestasis
 - Hepatosplenomegaly
 - Other nonspecific signs/symptoms such as those listed below may provide supportive clinical evidence:
 - Lymphadenopathy
 - Fever
 - Mucocutaneous lesions
 - Pneumonia/pneumonitis
 - Hemolytic anemia or thrombocytopenia during the first 8 weeks after birth
 - Another clinical sign or symptom documented by a clinician to be consistent with a diagnosis of congenital syphilis

OR

- An older child (greater than or equal to 2 years of age) with any of the following signs or symptoms where there is not another more likely cause[^]:
 - Interstitial keratitis
 - Nerve deafness
 - Anterior bowing of shins
 - Frontal bossing
 - Mulberry molars
 - Hutchinson teeth
 - Saddle nose
 - Rhagades
 - Clutton joints

[^]Given that congenital syphilis is a multisystemic condition with varying presentations, this list is not exhaustive, and signs and symptoms of congenital syphilis may be nonspecific.

Other Fetal Death/Stillbirth Criteria

A fetal death/stillbirth that occurs either:

- at or after 20 weeks of gestation, OR
- in which the fetus weighs greater than or equal to 350 grams

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence

Meets at least one of the following criteria in an appropriate specimen^{^^}:

- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by darkfield microscopy in a specimen that was both not obtained from the oropharynx and not potentially contaminated by stool, OR
- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by IHC staining in a specimen that was both not obtained from the oropharynx and not potentially contaminated by stool, OR
- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by nucleic acid amplification test (e.g., PCR, LAMP) or a diagnostically equivalent molecular method in any specimen.

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence

- A current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test (i.e., VDRL, RPR, point-of-care, or equivalent nontreponemal method) collected from an infant or child.

Supportive Laboratory/Radiographic Evidence

Meets at least one of the following criteria in an infant or child, with no other identifiable causes for these abnormalities:

- In a lumbar puncture without visibly blood-contaminated cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)^{^^^}, a reactive CSF VDRL test or an elevated CSF leukocyte† (white blood cell, WBC) count, OR
- A blood-based nontreponemal antibody test titer at least fourfold higher than the maternal blood-based nontreponemal antibody test titer in specimens collected during the immediate postnatal period (i.e., within 7 days), OR
- Evidence on radiographs of long bone abnormalities consistent with congenital syphilis.

^{^^} An appropriate specimen is defined for each test type in the CDC Laboratory Recommendations for Syphilis Testing or equivalent guidance documents.

^{^^^} For the purposes of the surveillance case definition, visibly blood-contaminated CSF is defined as a CSF red blood cell (RBC) count of greater than or equal to 500 RBCs/μL or, in the absence of an available CSF RBC

count, CSF that is described as bloody in appearance in a medical record.

† Suggested parameters for abnormal CSF WBC count may be found in the most recent CDC STI Treatment Guidelines or equivalent CDC clinical management guidelines. Whenever possible, the treating clinician should be consulted to interpret the CSF values for the specific patient.

†† Parameters for abnormal CSF WBC values: During the first 30 days of life, a CSF WBC count of >15 WBC/mm³. After the first 30 days of life, a CSF WBC count of >5 WBC/mm³.

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

A stillborn infant, liveborn infant, or child born to a person with untreated or inadequately† treated syphilis at delivery.

‡ Inadequate treatment for a non-pregnant person is any treatment given that differs from the recommended or alternative treatments listed in the [CDC STI Treatment Guidelines](#) or equivalent CDC clinical management guidelines. Inadequate treatment in pregnancy is anything other than completion of a recommended regimen, in accordance with CDC STI Treatment Guidelines or equivalent CDC clinical management guidelines, initiated 30 or more days before delivery. Persons diagnosed with unknown duration or late syphilis should be treated with Benzathine penicillin G (Bicillin L-A) 7.2 million units total, administered as 3 doses of 2.4 million units IM each at 1-week (7-day) intervals. Pregnant persons allergic to penicillin MUST be desensitized and treated with penicillin. For surveillance purposes, persons who receive doses at 6-9 day intervals will be considered adequately treated. Pregnant persons who miss any dose of therapy OR are treated outside a 6-9 day interval MUST repeat the full course of treatment or they will be considered inadequately treated. Any unknown duration or late syphilis case who receives a dose less than 6 days apart will need to receive a fourth dose spaced 6-9 days after the third dose to be considered adequately treated for surveillance. Infants born to persons that are considered inadequately treated, using the above treatment intervals, will be considered a congenital syphilis case for surveillance purposes, if adequate treatment is not re-initiated 30 days prior to delivery. It is also recommended that non-pregnant persons with unknown duration or late syphilis who were treated at inadequate intervals (i.e., outside the 6-9 day range) re-initiate treatment.

Vital Records Criteria

A fetal death in which syphilis is specified on the Report of Fetal Death as the cause of, or a condition contributing to, fetal death.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- A liveborn infant or child who meets confirmatory laboratory evidence AND the suspected or most likely source of exposure is in utero,
OR
- A fetal death or stillbirth that meets other fetal death/stillbirth criteria AND meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- A liveborn infant or child who meets epidemiologic linkage criteria,
OR
- A liveborn infant or child who meets presumptive laboratory evidence AND the suspected or most likely source of exposure is *in utero* AND either:
 - Meets clinical criteria, OR
 - Meets supportive laboratory/radiographic evidence,
OR
- A fetal death or stillbirth that meets other fetal death/stillbirth criteria AND either:

- Meets epidemiologic linkage criteria, OR
- Meets vital records criteria.

Congenital Syphilis Comments

Congenital and acquired syphilis may be difficult to distinguish when a child has a positive/reactive syphilis test after infancy: signs of congenital syphilis may not be obvious; stigmata may not yet have developed; and abnormal values for a cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) Venereal Disease Research Laboratory (VDRL) test and CSF white blood cell (WBC) count may be found in either congenital or acquired syphilis. Findings on radiographs of long bones may help because radiographic changes in the metaphysis and epiphysis are considered classic signs of congenital syphilis. The congenital syphilis diagnosis may ultimately be based on maternal history and clinical judgment. In a young child, the possibility of sexual abuse should be considered as a cause of acquired rather than congenital syphilis, depending on the clinical picture. For surveillance purposes, congenital syphilis includes cases of congenital syphilis among infants and children, as well as syphilitic stillbirths. If syphilis is acquired close to delivery, syphilis test results among mothers and newborns may initially be negative. Positive/reactive syphilis test results in an infant can represent infant infection or trans-placental passage of antibodies. In the absence of congenital infection, antibodies are expected to decline and clear by 18 months of age. Infant nontreponemal antibody test titer at least fourfold higher than the maternal titer (using the same nontreponemal testing method) at delivery supports a diagnosis of congenital syphilis.

CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS OF SYPHILIS

The following provides guidance for local health jurisdictions to use for the classification of acquired syphilis cases with neurologic, ocular, otic, and/or late clinical manifestations of syphilis. These manifestations do not apply to congenital syphilis cases.

NEUROLOGIC MANIFESTATIONS

Neurologic manifestations (neurosyphilis) can occur at any stage of syphilitic infection. If neurologic manifestations of syphilis are present in a previously unreported case of syphilis, the case should be reported with the appropriate stage of infection, and neurologic manifestations should be included with the case data.

Neurologic Clinical Criteria

Has clinical signs or symptoms consistent with infection of the central nervous system with *T. pallidum*, as evidenced by manifestations including syphilitic meningitis, meningovascular syphilis, general paresis, or tabes dorsalis, without other clear causes for these clinical abnormalities.

Neurologic Laboratory Criteria

- A reactive CSF VDRL or CSF RPR test in the absence of visibly blood-contaminated CSF^{^^}, OR
- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* in CSF by nucleic acid amplification test (e.g., PCR, LAMP) or diagnostically equivalent molecular method.

^{^^} For the purposes of the surveillance case definition, visibly blood-contaminated CSF is defined as a CSF red blood cell (RBC) count of greater than or equal to 500 RBCs/μL or, in the absence of an available CSF RBC count, CSF that is described as bloody in appearance in a medical record

Neurologic Sub-classifications

Verified

- Meets the ADHS surveillance case definition for primary, secondary, or early non-primary non-secondary syphilis AND meets neurologic clinical criteria AND meets neurologic laboratory criteria,
OR
- Has a reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test result** AND has a current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test result# AND meets neurologic clinical criteria AND meets neurologic laboratory criteria

Likely

- Meets the ADHS surveillance case definition for primary, secondary, or early non-primary non-secondary syphilis AND meets neurologic clinical criteria AND a diagnosis of neurosyphilis was made by a clinical provider,
OR
- Has a reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test result** AND has a current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test result# AND meets neurologic clinical criteria AND a diagnosis of neurosyphilis was made by a clinical provider,
OR
- Meets the ADHS surveillance case definition for primary, secondary, or early non-primary non-secondary syphilis AND meets neurologic clinical criteria AND treatment for neurosyphilis was advised, ordered, or initiated by a clinical provider,
OR
- Has a reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test result** AND has a current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test result# AND meets neurologic clinical criteria AND treatment for neurosyphilis was advised, ordered, or initiated by a clinical provider.

#See case definition for syphilis, unknown duration or late.

** Current or historical reactive treponemal antibody tests can be used to satisfy this criterion.

OCULAR MANIFESTATIONS

Ocular manifestations (ocular syphilis) can occur at any stage of syphilitic infection. If ocular manifestations of syphilis are present in a previously unreported case of syphilis, the case should be reported with the appropriate stage of infection, and ocular manifestations should be included with the case data.

Ocular Clinical Criteria

Has clinical signs or symptoms consistent with infection of any eye structure with *T. pallidum*, as evidenced by manifestations including posterior uveitis, panuveitis, anterior uveitis, conjunctivitis, optic neuropathy, retinal vasculitis, and interstitial keratitis, without other clear causes for these clinical abnormalities. Ocular syphilis may lead to permanent decreases in visual acuity, including permanent blindness.

Ocular Laboratory Criteria

Direct detection of *T. pallidum* in aqueous or vitreous fluid by nucleic acid amplification test (e.g., PCR, LAMP) or diagnostically equivalent molecular method.

Ocular Sub-classifications

Verified

- Meets the ADHS case definition for primary, secondary, or early non-primary non-secondary syphilis AND meets ocular clinical criteria AND meets ocular laboratory criteria,
OR
- Has a reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test result** AND has a current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test result# AND meets ocular clinical criteria AND meets ocular laboratory criteria.

Likely

- Meets the ADHS case definition for primary, secondary, or early non-primary non-secondary syphilis AND meets ocular clinical criteria AND a diagnosis of ocular syphilis was made by a clinical provider,
OR
- Has a reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test result** AND has a current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test result# AND meets ocular clinical criteria AND a diagnosis of ocular syphilis was made by a clinical provider,
OR
- Meets the ADHS case definition for primary, secondary, or early non-primary non-secondary syphilis AND meets ocular clinical criteria AND treatment for ocular syphilis was advised, ordered, or initiated by a clinical provider,
OR
- Has a reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test result** AND has a current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test result# AND meets ocular clinical criteria AND treatment for ocular syphilis was advised, ordered, or initiated by a clinical provider.

#See case definition for syphilis, unknown duration or late.

** Current or historical reactive treponemal antibody tests can be used to satisfy this criterion.

OTIC MANIFESTATIONS

Otic manifestations (otosyphilis) can occur at any stage of syphilitic infection. If otic manifestations of syphilis are present in a previously unreported case of syphilis, the case should be reported with the appropriate stage of infection, and otic manifestations should be included with the case data.

Otic Clinical Criteria

Has clinical signs or symptoms consistent with infection of the cochleovestibular system with *T. pallidum*, as evidenced by manifestations including tinnitus, vertigo, and sensorineural or conductive hearing loss that can be permanent, without other clear causes for these clinical abnormalities.

Otic Laboratory Criteria

Direct detection of *T. pallidum* in inner ear fluid by nucleic acid amplification test (e.g., PCR, LAMP) or diagnostically equivalent molecular method.

Otic Sub-classifications

Verified

- Meets the ADHS case definition for primary, secondary, or early non-primary non-secondary syphilis AND meets otic clinical criteria AND meets otic laboratory criteria,
OR
- Has a reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test result** AND has a current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test result# AND meets otic clinical criteria AND meets otic laboratory criteria.

Likely

- Meets the ADHS case definition for primary, secondary, or early non-primary non-secondary syphilis AND meets otic clinical criteria AND a diagnosis of otosyphilis was made by a clinical provider,
OR
- Has a reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test result** AND has a current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test result# AND meets otic clinical criteria AND a diagnosis of otosyphilis was made by a clinical provider,
OR
- Meets the ADHS case definition for primary, secondary, or early non-primary non-secondary syphilis AND meets otic clinical criteria AND treatment for otosyphilis was advised, ordered, or initiated by a clinical provider,
OR
- Has a reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test result** AND has a current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based nontreponemal antibody test result# AND meets otic clinical criteria AND treatment for otosyphilis was advised, ordered, or initiated by a clinical provider.

#See case definition for syphilis, unknown duration or late.

** Current or historical reactive treponemal antibody tests can be used to satisfy this criterion.

LATE CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

Late clinical manifestations of syphilis (tertiary syphilis) usually develop after a period of 10 or more years of untreated syphilitic infection. Therefore, if late clinical manifestations of syphilis are present in a previously unreported case of syphilis, the case should be reported as syphilis, unknown duration or late and late clinical manifestations should be included with the case data.

Late Clinical Criteria

In the absence of other clear causes for the clinical abnormalities,

- Characteristic abnormalities or inflammatory lesions of the cardiovascular system (e.g., aortitis, coronary vessel disease), skin (e.g., gummatous lesions), bone (e.g., osteitis), or other tissues/structures (e.g., upper and lower respiratory tracts, mouth, eye, abdominal organs, reproductive organs, lymph nodes, central nervous system, and skeletal muscle).

Late Clinical Laboratory Criteria

- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by IHC staining in a specimen from a late lesion that was both not obtained from the oropharynx and not potentially contaminated by stool,
OR
- Direct detection of *T. pallidum* by nucleic acid amplification test (e.g., PCR, LAMP) or a diagnostically equivalent molecular method in any specimen from a late lesion,
OR
- Demonstration of pathologic changes that are consistent with *T. pallidum* infection on histologic examination of late lesions.

Late Clinical Sub-classifications

Verified[#]

- Has a current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test result AND meets late clinical criteria AND meets late clinical laboratory criteria,
OR
- Clinical signs and symptoms consistent with late neurologic manifestations of syphilis (i.e., general paresis or tabes dorsalis) in a case that meets the sub-classification criteria for verified neurologic manifestations of syphilis.

Likely[#]

- Has a current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test result AND meets late clinical criteria AND a diagnosis of late clinical manifestations was made by a clinical provider,
OR
- Has a current (i.e., a test performed in the context of this index presentation) reactive blood-based treponemal antibody test result AND meets late clinical criteria AND treatment for late clinical manifestations was advised, ordered, or initiated by a clinical provider,
OR
- Clinical signs and symptoms consistent with late neurologic manifestations of syphilis (i.e., general paresis or tabes dorsalis) in a case that meets the sub-classification criteria for likely neurologic manifestations of syphilis.

[#]See case definition for syphilis, unknown duration or late.

Comment

This case definition provides guidance for subclassifying acquired syphilis neurologic, ocular, and otic manifestations (also known as neurosyphilis, ocular syphilis, and otosyphilis, respectively), as well as late clinical manifestations (also known as tertiary syphilis). Clinical signs or symptoms and laboratory results that meet the likely or verified criteria for neurologic, ocular, or otic manifestations may be present at any stage of acquired syphilitic infection; clinical signs or symptoms and laboratory results that meet the likely or verified criteria for late clinical manifestations may only be present with unknown duration or late syphilis.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

For Acquired Syphilis, persons should be counted as a new case if, following treatment, they newly meet the stage-specific criteria for a confirmed or probable case described above.

Congenital Syphilis cases should only be counted once. Any reinfections should be counted as Acquired Syphilis.

Consult with the ADHS STI Program for any questions about distinguishing new from existing cases, or how to appropriately mark cases in PRISM. Additional details can also be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment-guidelines/default.htm>.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-391](#) Syphilis

Case Control Measures

1. A syphilis case shall obtain serologic testing for syphilis three months, six months, 12 months, and 24 months after initiating treatment, unless more frequent or longer testing is recommended by a local health agency.
2. A health care provider shall order serologic testing for syphilis for a pregnant individual at 28 to 32 weeks gestation and at delivery.
3. A local health agency shall:
 - a. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation, including a review of medical records, of each reported syphilis case or suspect case, confirming the stage of the disease;
 - b. For each syphilis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D);
 - c. If the syphilis case is pregnant, ensure that the syphilis case obtains the serologic testing for syphilis required in subsection (A)(1) and (A)(2); and
 - d. Comply with the requirements specified in R9-6-1103 concerning treatment and health education for a syphilis case.
4. The operator of a blood bank, blood center, or plasma center shall notify a donor of a test result with significant evidence suggestive of syphilis, as required under A.R.S. § 32-1483 and 21 CFR 630.6.

Contact Control Measures

When a syphilis case has named a contact, a local health agency shall:

1. Comply with the requirements specified in R9-6-1103 concerning notification, testing, treatment, and health education for the contact.

Outbreak Control Measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported syphilis outbreak; and
2. For each syphilis outbreak, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2026
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2025

ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
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<p>Description of changes</p>	<p>2026: Revised to the confirmatory, presumptive, and supportive laboratory criteria to accurately reflect changes in available testing and methodologies.</p> <p>Updates to congenital syphilis definitions, including 'confirmed' group for syphilitic stillbirths, eliminating CSF Protein as a symptom, adding 4-fold higher than maternal criteria, and adding threshold of 500 RBCs/μL for a bloody CSF tap. Updating fetus weight to 350 grams (from 500) for syphilitic stillbirth.</p> <p>Revised to neurologic, ocular, and otic manifestations of syphilis to ensure these manifestations can be included with all primary and secondary syphilis case notifications and removes the possible classification category from these manifestations due to challenges with consistent implementation of this category.</p> <p>Clarified that late clinical manifestations should only be included with unknown duration or late syphilis case notifications.</p> <p>All modifications were made to match the 2025 CDC/CSTE case definition.</p> <p>2022: Updated the link to the 2021 STI Treatment guidelines (previously used the 2015 treatment guidelines). Updated the interval for spacing treatment doses under late latent/unknown duration syphilis comment to reflect 6-9 days for all cases. The 9-day cutoff aligns with the 2021 STI treatment guidelines for pregnant persons. This cutoff has implications for congenital syphilis case counting. In Arizona, the 9-day cutoff will be used for both pregnant and non-pregnant persons.</p> <p>2020: Comment about treatment added to Syphilis, Unknown Duration or Late.</p> <p>2018: Re-characterization of syphilis stages and clinical manifestations. Included congenital syphilis and syphilitic stillbirths in same definition.</p> <p>2017: Added criteria to distinguish a new case from an existing case to match 2013 CDC/CSTE case definition.</p>
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	<p>2016: Late latent syphilis probable case definition updated to include no sexual exposure to a partner within the previous 12 months who had primary, secondary, or early latent syphilis.</p> <p>2014: Laboratory criteria updated to reflect the addition of new diagnostic tests (PCR, TP-PA, EIA, CIA) and the removal of old ones (MHA-TP), according to the 2014 CDC/CSTE case definition; elimination of neurosyphilis as a separate category, syphilis, latent and syphilis latent of unknown; modification of clinical descriptions; addition of syphilis late, with clinical manifestations other than neurosyphilis; all modifications were made to match the 2014 CDC/CSTE case definition</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

A parasitic disease characterized by an intestinal infection with the adult stage of large tapeworms. Clinical manifestations are variable and may include nervousness, insomnia, anorexia, weight loss abdominal pain and digestive disturbances. Many cases are asymptomatic.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Recovery of *Taenia scolex*, proglottids or eggs from the stool.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that is laboratory confirmed.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-392](#) Taeniasis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Exclude a taeniasis case with *Taenia* spp. from working as a food handler, caring for children in or attending a child care establishment, or caring for patients or residents in a health care institution until free of infestation;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported taeniasis case; and
3. For each taeniasis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

Contact ADHS.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2005 or before
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

TETANUS

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Acute onset of hypertonia and/or painful muscular contractions (usually of the muscles of the jaw and neck) and generalized muscle spasms without other apparent medical cause (as reported by a health professional)

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

None

Case Classification

Probable

- In the absence of a more likely diagnosis, an acute illness with muscle spasms or hypertonia, AND diagnosis of tetanus by a health care provider; OR
- Death, with tetanus listed on the death certificate as the cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death.

Comment

There is no definition for “confirmed” tetanus.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-393](#) Tetanus

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported tetanus case or suspect case; and
2. For each tetanus case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Tetanus Surveillance Worksheet Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2010
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2010
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes (with additional comments)
Description of changes	N/A

**TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME:
NON-STREPTOCOCCAL**

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 5 WORKING
DAYS

CASE DEFINITION

Note: For cases of Toxic Shock Syndrome with a confirmed etiology of group A streptococcus, please follow the [Toxic Shock Syndrome – Streptococcal](#) case definition.

Clinical Description

For Toxic Shock Syndrome (not Streptococcal)

An illness with the following clinical manifestations:

- Fever: Temperature >38.9°C (102°F)
- Rash: diffuse macular erythroderma
- Desquamation: 1-2 weeks after onset of illness
- Hypotension: systolic blood pressure ≤90 mm Hg for adults or <5th percentile by age for children <16 years of age;
- Multisystem involvement - three or more of the following organ systems:
 - Gastrointestinal (vomiting or diarrhea at onset of illness)
 - Muscular (severe myalgia or creatine phosphokinase level at least twice the upper limit of normal for laboratory):
 - Mucous membrane (vaginal, oropharyngeal, or conjunctival hyperemia);
 - Renal (blood urea nitrogen or creatinine at least twice the upper limit of normal for laboratory or urinary sediment with pyuria [greater than or equal to 5 leukocytes per high-power field] in the absence of urinary tract infection):
 - Hepatic (total bilirubin, AST/SGOT [aspartate aminotransferase enzyme/serum glutamic-oxaloacetic transaminase], or ALT/SGPT [alanine aminotransferase enzyme/serum glutamic - pyruvic transaminase] at least twice the upper limit of normal for laboratory):
 - Hematologic (platelets <100,000/mm³)
 - Central nervous system (disorientation or alterations in consciousness without focal neurologic signs when fever and hypotension are absent)

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

For Toxic Shock Syndrome (not Streptococcal)

Negative results on the following tests, if obtained:

- Blood or cerebrospinal fluid cultures (blood culture may be positive for *Staphylococcus aureus*);
- Negative serologies for Rocky Mountain spotted fever, leptospirosis, or measles

Case Classification

For Toxic Shock Syndrome (not Streptococcal)

Confirmed

A case which meets the laboratory criteria and in which all five of the clinical findings described above are present, including desquamation, unless the patient dies before desquamation occurs.

Probable

A case which meets the laboratory criteria and in which four of the five clinical findings described above are present.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-394](#) Toxic Shock Syndrome

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported toxic shock syndrome case or suspect case; and
2. For each toxic shock syndrome case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Toxic Shock Syndrome Case Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2015
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2011
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2015: Streptococcal and non-Streptococcal TSS split into separate definitions.</p> <p>2013: ADHS case definition includes STSS under TSS. However, both STSS and TSS match the CDC/CSTE case definitions for those morbidities. Previous mistake in ADHS 2011 definition corrected.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Note: This case definition is for cases of Toxic Shock Syndrome with a confirmed etiology of group A streptococcus. For other cases of Toxic Shock Syndrome, please follow the [Toxic Shock Syndrome – Non-Streptococcal](#) case definition.

Clinical Description

For Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome

An illness with the following clinical manifestations:

- Hypotension defined by a systolic blood pressure ≤ 90 mm Hg for adults or < 5 th percentile by age for children < 16 years of age.
- Multi-organ involvement characterized by two or more of the following:
 - Renal impairment: Creatinine greater than or equal to 2 mg/dL (greater than or equal to 177 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) for adults or greater than or equal to twice the upper limit of normal for age. In patients with preexisting renal disease, a greater than twofold elevation over the baseline level.
 - Coagulopathy: Platelets less than or equal to 100,000/ mm^3 (less than or equal to 100 x 10⁶/L) or disseminated intravascular coagulation, defined by prolonged clotting times, low fibrinogen level, and the presence of fibrin degradation products.
 - Liver involvement: Alanine aminotransferase, aspartate aminotransferase, or total bilirubin levels greater than or equal to twice the upper limit of normal for the patient's age. In patients with preexisting liver disease, a greater than twofold increase over the baseline level.
 - Acute respiratory distress syndrome: defined by acute onset of diffuse pulmonary infiltrates and hypoxemia in the absence of cardiac failure or by evidence of diffuse capillary leak manifested by acute onset of generalized edema, or pleural or peritoneal effusions with hypoalbuminemia.
 - A generalized erythematous macular rash that may desquamate.
 - Soft-tissue necrosis, including necrotizing fasciitis or myositis, or gangrene.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Isolation of group A *Streptococcus* (*Streptococcus pyogenes*)

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the clinical case definition and with isolation of group A *Streptococcus* from a normally sterile site (e.g., blood or cerebrospinal fluid or, less commonly, joint, pleural, or pericardial fluid).

Probable

A case that meets the clinical case definition in the absence of another identified etiology for the illness and with isolation of group A *Streptococcus* from a non-sterile site.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Streptococcal toxic-shock syndrome (STSS) is a severe illness associated with invasive or noninvasive group A streptococcal (*Streptococcus pyogenes*) infection. STSS may occur with infection at any site but most often occurs in association with infection of a cutaneous lesion. Signs of toxicity and a rapidly progressive clinical course are characteristic, and the case fatality rate may exceed 50%.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-394](#) Toxic Shock Syndrome

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported toxic shock syndrome case or suspect case; and
2. For each toxic shock syndrome case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Toxic Shock Syndrome Case Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2015
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2010 (Streptococcal TSS)
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2015: Streptococcal and non-Streptococcal TSS split into separate definitions.</p> <p>2013: ADHS case definition includes STSS under TSS. However, both STSS and TSS match the CDC/CSTE case definitions for those morbidities. Previous mistake in ADHS 2011 definition corrected.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

A disease caused by ingestion of *Trichinella* larvae, usually through consumption of *Trichinella*-containing meat—or food contaminated with such meat—that has been inadequately cooked prior to consumption. The disease has variable clinical manifestations. Common signs and symptoms among symptomatic persons include eosinophilia, fever, myalgia, and periorbital edema.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Human Specimens

- Demonstration of larvae of cysts of *T. spiralis* on biopsy; OR
- Positive serology for *T. spiralis*

Food Specimens

- Demonstration of *Trichinella* larvae in the food item (probable)

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible illness that is laboratory confirmed in the patient.

Probable

- A clinically compatible illness in a person who shared an epidemiologically implicated meal or ate an epidemiologically implicated meat product; OR
- A clinically compatible illness in a person who consumed a meat product in which the parasite was demonstrated.

Suspected

Instances where there is no clinically compatible illness should be reported as suspect if the person shared an epidemiologically implicated meal, or ate an epidemiologically implicated meat product, and has a positive serologic test for trichinellosis (and no known prior history of *Trichinella* infection).

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

Serial or subsequent cases of trichinosis experienced by one individual should only be counted if there is an additional epidemiologically compatible exposure. Because the duration of antibodies to *Trichinella* spp. is not known, mere presence of antibodies without a clinically-compatible illness AND an epidemiologically compatible exposure may not indicate a new infection especially among persons with frequent consumption of wild game that is known to harbor the parasite.

Comment

Epidemiologically implicated meals or meat products are defined as a meal or meat product that was consumed by a person who subsequently developed a clinically compatible illness that was laboratory confirmed.

Negative serologic results may not accurately reflect disease status if blood was drawn less than 3-4 weeks from symptom onset.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-395](#) Trichinosis

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a trichinosis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported trichinosis case or suspect case; and
3. For each trichinosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Trichinosis Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2017
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2014
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2017: Added criteria to distinguish a new case from an existing case to match 2013 CDC/CSTE case definition</p> <p>2014: Laboratory criteria were modified to include the identification of the parasite in food as a laboratory criterion for surveillance; suspected and probable case definitions were added; comments were modified to include definition of epidemiologically implicated meals and meat products and criteria to distinguish between new and existing cases; modifications were made to match the 2014 CDC/CSTE case definitions.</p>

Complete the appropriate forms, located on the Tuberculosis Control Program Resources page (<http://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/disease-integration-services/index.php#tb-control-programs>):

- **Report of Verified Case of Tuberculosis Form** for confirmed *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* cases
- **ADHS TB Report of Verified Case of Tuberculosis Form** for all contacts to confirmed *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* cases
- If Interjurisdictional: Complete **Interjurisdictional Tuberculosis Notification Form** and **Interjurisdictional Tuberculosis Notification Follow-up Form**

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

A chronic bacterial infection due to *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex, characterized pathologically by the formation of granulomas. The most common site infection is the lung, but other organs may be involved.

Clinical Case Definition

A case must meet all the following criteria:

- Evidence of tuberculosis infection indicated by a positive tuberculin skin test or positive interferon gamma release assay for *M. tuberculosis*; AND
- Other signs and/or symptoms compatible with tuberculosis, such as an abnormal, unstable (i.e. worsening or improving) chest radiographs, or clinical evidence of current disease; AND
- Treatment with two or more antituberculosis medications; AND
- Completed diagnostic evaluation.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Isolation of *M. tuberculosis* complex from a clinical specimen; OR
- Demonstration of *M. tuberculosis* complex from a clinical specimen by nucleic acid amplification test; OR
- Demonstration of acid-fast bacilli and/or pathology consistent with *M. tuberculosis* in a clinical specimen when a culture has not been or cannot be obtained or is falsely negative or contaminated.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the clinical case definition or is laboratory confirmed.

Comment

Only one case should be counted in a person within any consecutive 12-month period. However, a case in a patient who had previously had verified disease should be reported again if more than 12 months have elapsed since the patient was discharged from treatment. A case should also be reported again if the patient was lost to supervision for >12 months and disease can be verified again. Mycobacterial diseases other than those caused by *M. tuberculosis* complex should not be counted in tuberculosis morbidity statistics unless there is concurrent tuberculosis.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-396](#) Tuberculosis

Case Control Measures:

1. Except as provided in subsection (A)(2), a diagnosing or treating health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and institute airborne precautions for:
 - a. An individual with infectious active tuberculosis within the diagnosing or treating health care provider's or administrator's health care institution until:
 - i. At least three successive sputum smears collected at least eight hours apart, at least one of which is taken first thing in the morning as soon as possible after the individual awakens from sleep, are negative for acid-fast bacilli;
 - ii. Anti-tuberculosis treatment is initiated with multiple antibiotics; and
 - iii. Clinical signs and symptoms of active tuberculosis are improved;
 - b. A suspect case of infectious active tuberculosis within the diagnosing or treating health care provider's or administrator's health care institution until:
 - i. At least two successive tests for tuberculosis, using a product and methodology approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use when making decisions whether to discontinue isolation and airborne precautions, for the suspect case are negative; or
 - ii. At least three successive sputum smears collected from the suspect case as specified in subsection (A)(1)(a)(i) are negative for acid-fast bacilli, anti-tuberculosis treatment of the suspect case is initiated with multiple antibiotics, and clinical signs and symptoms of active tuberculosis are improved; and
 - c. A case or suspect case of multi-drug resistant active tuberculosis within the diagnosing or treating health care provider's or administrator's health care institution until a tuberculosis control officer has approved the release of the case or suspect case.
2. A tuberculosis control officer may approve the release of a case or suspect case even if the release criteria in subsection (A)(1)(a) or (b), as applicable, are not satisfied.
3. An administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall notify a local health agency at least one working day before discharging a tuberculosis case or suspect case.
4. A local health agency shall:
 - a. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a tuberculosis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
 - b. Exclude an individual with infectious active tuberculosis or a suspect case from working, unless the individual's work setting has been approved by a tuberculosis control officer, until the individual with infectious active tuberculosis or suspect case is released from airborne precautions;
 - c. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported tuberculosis case, or suspect case, or latent infection in a child five years of age or younger;
 - d. For each tuberculosis case or suspect case, submit to the Department, as specified in

Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D);

- e. In consultation with the Department, ensure that an isolate or a specimen, as available, from each tuberculosis case is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory; and
- f. Comply with the requirements specified in [R9-6-1202](#).

Contact Control Measures

1. A contact of an individual with infectious active tuberculosis shall allow a local health agency to evaluate the contact's tuberculosis status.
2. A local health agency shall comply with the tuberculosis contact control measures specified in [R9-6-1202](#).

An individual is not a tuberculosis case if the individual has a positive result from an approved test for tuberculosis but does not have clinical signs or symptoms of disease.

For more information on control measures, see [Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-386 and R9-6 Article 12](#).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

Complete the appropriate forms, located on the Tuberculosis Control Program Resources page (<http://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/disease-integration-services/index.php#tb-control-programs>):

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- **ADHS TB Report of Verified Case of Tuberculosis Form** for all contacts to confirmed *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* cases
- If Interjurisdictional: Complete **Interjurisdictional Tuberculosis Notification Form** and **Interjurisdictional Tuberculosis Notification Follow-up Form**

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2022
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2009
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No

Description of changes	<p>2022: Updated the reporting form for confirmed <i>M. tuberculosis</i> cases; Added link for Arizona Administrative Code R9-6 Article 12.</p> <p>2020: Addition of <i>M. tuberculosis</i> complex to the clinical description.</p> <p>2019: Laboratory criteria modified to include isolation of <i>M. tuberculosis</i> complex or pathology consistent with <i>M. tuberculosis</i>. These changes are not part of the current CSTE definition but are consistent with current practice and with RVCT reporting.</p> <p>2016: Instructions and links for completion of forms updated. No changes to case definition itself.</p> <p>2013: Updated the ADHS case definition to match CDC/CSTE, including addition of interferon gamma release assay criteria.</p>
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TULAREMIA

PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS

LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 1 WORKING DAY

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Criteria

In the absence of another more likely etiology, a person with any of the following clinical manifestations, often accompanied by fever:

- Regional lymphadenopathy in absence of cutaneous ulcer (**glandular tularemia**), OR
- Regional lymphadenopathy with cutaneous ulcer (**ulceroglandular tularemia**), OR
- Conjunctivitis AND lymphadenopathy in the head or neck (**oculoglandular tularemia**), OR
- Cervical lymphadenopathy AND pharyngitis, tonsillitis, or stomatitis (**oropharyngeal tularemia**), OR
- Pulmonary disease such as pleural effusion, hilar adenopathy, pulmonary nodule, or pneumonia (**pneumonic tularemia**), OR
- Acute illness lacking localized signs and symptoms, characterized by fever (subjective or objective) AND one or more non-specific symptoms such as headache, myalgia, fatigue/malaise, or gastrointestinal illness (**typhoidal tularemia**), OR
- Other rare clinical manifestation(s) known to be associated with tularemia such as meningitis, septic arthritis, or endocarditis.

Clinical diagnosis is supported by evidence or history of a tick or deerfly bite, exposure to tissues of a mammalian host of *Francisella tularensis*, or exposure to potentially contaminated water.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Culture and identification of *F. tularensis* confirmed by a Laboratory Response Network (LRN) laboratory, OR
- Fourfold or greater change in serum antibody titer between acute and convalescent specimens¹, OR
- Change from a negative IgG AND a negative IgM serologic test result to *F. tularensis* antigen on an acute specimen to either a positive IgG, a positive IgM, or both on a convalescent specimen^{1,2,3}.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of *F. tularensis* DNA directly from a clinical or autopsy specimen by molecular testing (e.g., PCR or sequencing assay), OR
- Demonstration of *F. tularensis* antigen in tissue (e.g., by immunohistochemical staining).

Supportive laboratory evidence

- Positive IgG and/or IgM serologic test detecting antibodies to *F. tularensis* antigen (**without documented fourfold or greater change or without prior negative result**) in a patient with no history of tularemia vaccination².

¹ To ensure consistency in laboratory methodologies, it is recommended that testing of paired sera for the purposes of confirmatory classification be conducted within the same laboratory. It is recommended that paired sera are collected 2-4 weeks apart but can be collected outside the range if clinically compatible or epidemiologic evidence is highly suggestive of tularemia.

² For surveillance purposes, a borderline or equivocal serologic result is not considered as positive or negative.

³ A change from both negative IgG and IgM to positive results for both IgG and IgM is the strongest serologic evidence of tularemia infection; however, change to a positive result for only IgG or IgM may still indicate a true case of tularemia.

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

Within 21 days of illness onset or, when clinical information is not available, within 21 days of specimen collection:

- Known contact (including potential aerosol exposure) with an animal with direct laboratory detection or isolation of *F. tularensis*, OR
- Known handling of an *F. tularensis* isolate in a laboratory setting, OR
- History of a known or suspected tick or deerfly bite, OR
- Contact with an animal suspected to have tularemia (e.g., hunting or veterinary care), OR
- Activities with potential for aerosol-generating exposure (e.g., landscaping, mowing, or high-pressure spraying), OR
- Consumption of material potentially contaminated with *F. tularensis*, OR
- Shared exposure with another confirmed or probable tularemia case (i.e., part of a cluster), OR
- Other activities in occupational or recreational settings that could be linked to *F. tularensis* exposure.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence AND meets clinical criteria, OR
- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence AND meets epidemiologic linkage criteria.

Probable

- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence AND meets the clinical criteria, OR
- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence AND meets epidemiologic linkage criteria, OR
- Meets supportive laboratory evidence AND meets the clinical criteria AND meets epidemiologic linkage criteria.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should be counted as a new case when there is evidence of new clinically compatible acute illness after completing treatment for previous infection AND new laboratory evidence. As duration of antibodies to *F. tularensis* is not known, a person with persistently positive serologic tests in absence of new clinical or epidemiologic linkage criteria should not be counted as a new case.

CONTROL MEASURES[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-397](#) Tularemia**Case Control Measures**

1. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate a pneumonic tularemia case until 72 hours of antibiotic therapy have been completed with favorable clinical response.
2. A local health agency shall:
 - a. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a tularemia case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
 - b. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported tularemia case or suspect case;
 - c. For each tularemia case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
 - d. In consultation with the Department, ensure that an isolate or a specimen, as available, from each tularemia case or suspect case is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Tularemia Case Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>**CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY**

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2026
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2025
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No
Description of changes	<p>2026: Updated case classifications along with the following additions: clinical evidence reworded to include specific symptoms and rarer manifestations. Lab evidence updated reflecting changes in available testing. Epidemiologic linkage criteria added. Changes were based on CDC/CSTE definition but are not completely aligned.</p> <p>2017: PCR included as supportive laboratory evidence. Changes to wording of oropharyngeal clinical form. Changes were based on CDC/CSTE definition.</p> <p>2013: ADHS case definition updated to match CDC/CSTE.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An illness caused by *Salmonella enterica* serotype Typhi (*S. Typhi*) that is often characterized by insidious onset of sustained fever, headache, malaise, anorexia, relative bradycardia, constipation or diarrhea, and nonproductive cough. However, many mild and atypical infections occur. Carriage of *S. Typhi* may be prolonged.

Clinical Criteria

One or more of the following:

- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal cramps
- Constipation
- Anorexia
- Relative bradycardia

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Isolation of *S. typhi* from a clinical specimen.

Presumptive laboratory evidence*

Detection of *S. Typhi* in a clinical specimen using a culture-independent diagnostic test (CIDT).

*Serologic testing (i.e., detection of antibodies to *S. Typhi*) should not be utilized for case classification.

Epidemiologic Linkage

- Epidemiological linkage to a confirmed typhoid fever case; OR
- Epidemiological linkage to a probable typhoid fever case with laboratory evidence; OR
- Member of a risk group as defined by public health authorities during an outbreak.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A person with confirmatory laboratory criteria.

Probable

- A clinically compatible illness in a person with presumptive laboratory evidence.
- A clinically compatible illness in a person with an epidemiological linkage.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A new case should be created when a positive laboratory result is received more than 365 days after the most recent positive laboratory result associated with a previously reported case in the same person.

Comment

It is estimated that approximately 2-5% of persons infected with *S. Typhi* become chronic intestinal carriers who continue to shed *S. Typhi* for more than one year. These people are typically referred to as chronic carriers.

Differentiating whether a person became a chronic carrier or is experiencing a new infection often relies on a variety of factors, including advanced laboratory testing (e.g., pulsed-field gel electrophoresis [PFGE], whole genome sequencing [WGS]) to compare the isolate from the previous infection to the new isolate. While these methodologies can provide detailed information about the genetic make-up of the organisms, there is still significant variability in how two organisms can be defined as different. Given the potential for inconsistent application of the label “different” across jurisdictions, this case definition does not exclude persons with a previously reported *S. Typhi* Infection case from being counted as a new case if the subsequent positive laboratory result is more than 365 days from the most recent positive laboratory result associated with the existing case.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-398](#) Typhoid Fever

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a typhoid fever case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported typhoid fever case or suspect case;
3. For each typhoid fever case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D);
4. Exclude a typhoid fever case or suspect case from working as a food handler, caring for children in or attending a child care establishment, or caring for patients or residents in a health care institution until:
 - a. At least one month after the date of onset of illness,; and
 - b. After two successive stool specimens, collected from the typhoid fever case at least 24 hours apart and at least 48 hours after cessation of antibiotic therapy, are negative for *Salmonella typhi*;
5. If a stool specimen from a typhoid fever case who has received antibiotic therapy is positive for *Salmonella typhi*, enforce the exclusions specified in subsection (A)(4) until two successive stool specimens, collected from the typhoid fever case at least one month apart and 12 or fewer months after the date of onset of illness, are negative for *Salmonella typhi*;
6. If a positive stool specimen, collected at least 12 months after onset of illness, is obtained from a typhoid fever case who has received antibiotic therapy, redesignate the case as a carrier; and
7. Exclude a typhoid fever carrier from working as a food handler, caring for children in or attending a child care establishment, or caring for patients or residents in a health care institution until three successive stool specimens, collected from the typhoid fever carrier at least one month apart, are negative for *Salmonella typhi*.

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency shall

1. Exclude a typhoid fever contact from working as a food handler, caring for children in or attending a child care establishment, or caring for patients or residents in a health care institution until two successive stool specimens, collected from the typhoid fever contact at least 24 hours apart, are negative for *Salmonella typhi*.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever Surveillance Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2019
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2019
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2019: Clinical criteria added. CIDT added as presumptive testing and probable case classification. Epidemiological linkage defined. Changes based on modifications to CDC/CSTE definition.

CASE DEFINITION

Background

Typhus fevers are a group of diseases caused by bacteria that are spread to humans by fleas (murine or flea-borne typhus caused by *Rickettsia typhi*), body lice (epidemic or louse-borne typhus caused by *Rickettsia prowazekii*), and chiggers (scrub typhus caused by *Orientia tsutsugamushi*). In the U.S., rare cases of typhus can occur when people are exposed to flying squirrels and their nests—this is called sylvatic typhus (caused by *R. prowazekii*).

The most common type of typhus fever in the U.S. is flea-borne typhus, which is transmitted to humans via infected fleas, most commonly the Oriental rat flea (*Xenopsylla cheopsis*) and the cat flea (*Ctenocephalides felis*). Fleas become infected when they bite infected animals, such as rats, cats, or opossums.

Clinical Criteria

In the absence of another more likely etiology, two or more of the following clinical manifestations: fever (as reported by patient or healthcare provider) or chills, rash/eschar, headache, myalgia, cough, nausea/vomiting, elevated liver enzymes (AST, ALT, or ALP), thrombocytopenia, or hyponatremia. The rash begins on the trunk and spreads outwardly, with minimal involvement of the palms, soles, and face.

The presence of an eschar at the site of the chigger bite is a hallmark sign of scrub typhus (although not present in all cases) and is generally not seen in murine or epidemic typhus.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence:

- Detection of *Rickettsia prowazekii*, *Rickettsia typhi*, or *Orientia tsutsugamushi* DNA in a clinical or autopsy specimen by molecular testing (e.g., nucleic acid amplification testing, metagenomic sequencing), OR
- Isolation of *R. prowazekii*, *R. typhi*, or *O. tsutsugamushi* from a clinical or autopsy specimen in cell culture with molecular confirmation, OR
- Serological evidence of a fourfold change¹ in IgG-specific antibody titer to *R. prowazekii*, *R. typhi*, or *O. tsutsugamushi* antigen by IFA in paired serum samples (one taken in the first two weeks after illness onset and a second taken two to ten weeks after acute specimen collection)².

¹ A four-fold change in titer is equivalent to a change of two dilutions (e.g., 1:64 to 1:256).

² A four-fold rise in titer should not be excluded as confirmatory laboratory criteria if the acute and convalescent specimens are collected within two weeks of one another.

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence:

- Serological evidence of elevated IgG antibody reactive with *R. prowazekii*, *R. typhi*, or *O.*

- *tsutsugamushi* antigen by IFA at a titer of $\geq 1:128^3$, OR
- Demonstration of typhus fever group rickettsial antigen in a biopsy or autopsy specimen by IHC methods in the absence of molecular confirmation.

³ If testing for *R. prowazekii* or *R. typhi*, ensure a negative or lower IgG antibody titer to spotted fever group *Rickettsia* antigens in a sample taken within 60 days of illness onset. If not, consider exposure history and consult with ADHS epidemiologists.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible case that meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

A clinically compatible case that meets presumptive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should be counted as a new case when there is an episode of a new clinically compatible illness with confirmatory laboratory evidence, excluding serological evidence of a fourfold change.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-399](#) Typhus Fever

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a typhus fever case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported typhus fever case or suspect case; and
3. For each typhus fever case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).
4. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported typhus fever case or suspect case; and
5. For each typhus fever case, submit to the Department, as specified in Article 2, Table 4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Tick-Borne Rickettsial Disease Case Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2026
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2025
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No

Description of changes	2026: ADHS case definition updated similar to 2025 CDC/CSTE flea-borne typhus (FBT) definition but with some differences. Lab criteria revised to include a more comprehensive list of available lab tests and categorized into confirmatory, presumptive. Probable case definition requires (presumptive) lab evidence and removes “exposure to domestic rats and their fleas”. Clinical criteria kept as single tier and epidemiologic linkage not included (in contrast to CDC/CSTE definition). Also, the CDC/CSTE definition is exclusive to FBT but ADHS definition applies to all typhus fevers.
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CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Adverse events may include one or more of the following:

- Common adverse reactions
 - Local skin reaction
 - Nonspecific rashes, e.g., reticular maculopapular, generalized urticarial rash
 - Erythema migrans
- Vaccinia-specific reactions
 - Inadvertent inoculation
 - Ocular vaccinia infection (keratitis)
 - Generalized vaccinia: disseminated, non-centrifugal maculopapular or vesicular rash
 - Progressive vaccinia/vaccinia necrosum: an initial lesion which continues to progress without healing for more than 15 days after the vaccination; painless progressive necrosis at the site with or without metastases to other distant sites
 - Eczema vaccinia: localized or generalized popular, vesicular or pustular rash anywhere on the body, especially at sites of previous atopic dermatitis lesions
 - Encephalopathy or encephalomyelitis: most common in infants; symptoms include fever, headache, change in mental status, lethargy, seizures, coma, and is diagnosed by exclusion of other causes
- Other adverse effects
 - Cardiac, e.g., myocarditis, pericarditis
 - Osteomyelitis
 - Transverse myelitis, seizures, paralysis and neuritis
 - Fetal vaccinia: transmission from mother to fetus resulting in skin diseases and other organ involvement leading to fetal or neonatal death
 - Wound complications

Exposure Criteria

- Vaccination with smallpox vaccine within the three months preceding symptom onset; OR
- Contact exposure to someone vaccinated with smallpox vaccine within the three months preceding symptom onset.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A person who has at least one of the clinical features and meets at least one of the exposure criteria.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-3100](#) Vaccinia-related Adverse Event

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a case or suspect case of a vaccinia-related adverse event, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported case or suspect case of a vaccinia-related adverse event; and
3. For each case of a vaccinia-related adverse event, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

There is no specific investigation form for vaccinia-related adverse events. Events following vaccination may be reported to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#).

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2006
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

**VANCOMYCIN-INTERMEDIATE
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS
(VISA), or
VANCOMYCIN-RESISTANT
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS
(VRSA)**

LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 1 WORKING
DAY

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Staphylococcus aureus can produce a variety of syndromes with clinical manifestations including skin and soft tissue infections, empyema, bloodstream infection, pneumonia, osteomyelitis, septic arthritis, endocarditis, sepsis, and meningitis. *S. aureus* may also colonize individuals who remain asymptomatic. The most frequent site of *S. aureus* colonization is the nares.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Isolation of *Staphylococcus aureus* from any body site; AND
- Intermediate or resistance of the *S. aureus* isolate to vancomycin, detected and defined according to Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI, formerly NCCLS) approved standards and recommendations (Minimum Inhibitory Concentration [MIC]=4-8 µg/ml for VISA and MIC≥16 µg/ml for VRSA).

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case of vancomycin-intermediate or vancomycin-resistant *S. aureus* that is laboratory-confirmed (MIC=4-8 µg/ml for VISA and MIC≥16 µg/ml for VRSA) by a public health laboratory.

Suspect

A case of vancomycin-intermediate or vancomycin-resistant *S. aureus* that is laboratory confirmed (MIC=4-8 µg/ml for VISA and MIC≥16 µg/ml for VRSA), but not confirmed by a public health laboratory.

Note: The suspect definition will generally apply only when testing at a public health laboratory cannot be performed. If a public health laboratory identifies that the specimen/isolate is not vancomycin-intermediate/resistant, the case should be classified as “Not a case”.

References

Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute/NCCLS. Performance Standards for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing. Sixteenth informational supplement. M100-S16. Wayne, PA: CLSI, 2006

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-3101](#) Vancomycin-Resistant or Vancomycin-Intermediate *Staphylococcus aureus*

Case Control Measures

1. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and implement contact precautions for a

- case or suspect case of vancomycin-resistant or vancomycin-intermediate *Staphylococcus aureus*.
2. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution transferring a known case with active infection or a known carrier of vancomycin-resistant or vancomycin-intermediate *Staphylococcus aureus* to another health care provider or health care institution shall, either personally or through a representative, comply with R9-6-305.
 3. A local health agency, in consultation with the Department, shall:
 - a. Upon receiving a report of a case or suspect case of vancomycin-resistant or vancomycin-intermediate *Staphylococcus aureus*, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
 - b. Ensure that a case or suspect case of vancomycin-resistant or vancomycin-intermediate *Staphylococcus aureus* is isolated as necessary to prevent transmission;
 - c. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported case or suspect case of vancomycin-resistant or vancomycin-intermediate *Staphylococcus aureus*;
 - d. For each case of vancomycin-resistant or vancomycin-intermediate *Staphylococcus aureus*, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
 - e. In consultation with the Department, ensure that an isolate or a specimen, as available, from each case of vancomycin-resistant or vancomycin-intermediate *Staphylococcus aureus* is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Vancomycin-Resistant or Vancomycin-Intermediate *Staphylococcus aureus* Investigation Form at <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2019
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2007
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No
Description of changes	<p>2019: Clarified that confirmation at a public health laboratory is required, to eliminate false positive results received from clinical laboratories.</p> <p>Added suspect case definition to capture cases not confirmed by a public health laboratory.</p> <p>CDC/CSTE case definition does not state that a public health laboratory must confirm the test, but the ADHS confirmed definition otherwise matches.</p>

**VANCOMYCIN-RESISTANT
STAPHYLOCOCCUS
EPIDERMIDIS (VRSE)**

PROVIDERS AND LABORATORIES SUBMIT A REPORT
WITHIN 24 HOURS

Cases should be reported under the [emerging or exotic disease](#) requirement. Enter in MEDSIS under VRSE.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (VRSE) can cause a variety of infections ranging from skin infections to deeper tissue/organ involvement such as bacteremia, endocarditis, or urinary tract infections.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Isolation of *Staphylococcus epidermidis* from any body site; AND
- Resistance of *Staphylococcus epidermidis* isolate to vancomycin, detected and defined according to the standards and guidelines approved by the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS) (MIC >32 mg/L (NCCLS 2006)).

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically-compatible case of vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus epidermidis* that is laboratory confirmed.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-338](#) Emerging or Exotic Disease

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of an emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. In consultation with the Department, isolate an emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case as necessary to prevent transmission;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported emerging or exotic disease case or suspect case; and
4. For each emerging or exotic disease case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency, in consultation with the Department,

1. Shall quarantine or exclude an emerging or exotic disease contact as necessary, according to R9-6-303, to prevent transmission.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (VSRE) at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2006
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

In the absence of a more likely alternative diagnosis:

- An acute illness with a generalized rash with vesicles (maculopapulovesicular rash); OR
- An acute illness with a generalized rash without vesicles (maculopapular rash).

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance^a

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of varicella-zostervirus (VZV) from a clinical specimen; OR
- Positive direct fluorescent antibody (DFA) for VZV DNA; OR
- Positive polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for VZV DNA^{b,c}; OR
- Significant rise (i.e., at least a 4-fold rise or seroconversion^{c,d}) in paired acute and convalescent serum VZV immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibody level.^{c,e}

Supportive laboratory evidence

- Positive test for serum VZV immunoglobulin M (IgM) antibody^{c,f}

^a Negative laboratory result in a person with a generalized rash with vesicles does not rule out varicella as a diagnosis.

^b PCR of scabs or vesicular fluid is the preferred method for laboratory confirmation of varicella. In the absence of vesicles or scabs, scrapings of maculopapular lesions can be collected for testing.

^c Not explained by varicella vaccination during the previous 6-45 days.

^d Seroconversion is defined as a negative serum VZV IgG followed by a positive serum VZV IgG.

^e In vaccinated persons, a 4-fold rise may not occur.

^f IgM serology has limited value as a diagnostic method for VZV infection and is not recommended for laboratory confirmation of varicella. However, an IgM positive result in the presence of varicella-like symptoms can indicate a likely acute VZV infection. A positive IgM result in the absence of clinical disease is not considered indicative of active varicella.

Epidemiological Linkage Criteria

Confirmatory epidemiologic linkage

- Exposure to or contact with a laboratory-confirmed varicella case; OR
- Can be linked to a varicella cluster or outbreak containing ≥ 1 laboratory-confirmed case; OR
- Exposure to or contact with a person with herpes zoster (regardless of laboratory confirmation)

Presumptive epidemiologic linkage

- Exposure to or contact with a probable varicella case that had a generalized rash with vesicles.

Case Classification (Varicella Case)

Confirmed

- Meets clinical evidence AND confirmatory laboratory evidence; OR

- Meets clinical evidence with a generalized rash *with* vesicles AND confirmatory epidemiologic linkage evidence.

Probable

- Meets clinical evidence with a generalized rash *with* vesicles; OR
 - Meets clinical evidence with a generalized rash *without* vesicles AND:
 - Confirmatory or presumptive epidemiologic linkage evidence; OR
 - Supportive laboratory evidence.
- OR
- Provider or School reported a case of rash illness without rash description AND:
 - Confirmatory or presumptive epidemiologic linkage evidence; OR
 - Confirmatory or supportive laboratory evidence.

Case Classification (Varicella Death)

Confirmed

A confirmed case of varicella that contributes directly or indirectly to acute medical complications that result in death.

Probable

A probable case of varicella that contributes directly or indirectly to acute medical complications that result in death.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Laboratory confirmation of cases of varicella is now routinely recommended given the changes in the epidemiology of varicella. For reports meeting the laboratory criteria for surveillance, and not reported by a school or a healthcare provider, attempts should be made to identify the presence of compatible symptoms.

In vaccinated persons who develop varicella more than 42 days after vaccination (breakthrough disease), the disease is almost always mild with fewer than 50 skin lesions and shorter duration of illness. The rash may also be atypical in appearance (maculopapular with few vesicles).

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-3102](#) Varicella (Chickenpox)

Case Control Measures:

1. An administrator of a school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative, shall exclude a varicella case from the school or child care establishment and from school- or child-care-establishment-sponsored events until lesions are dry and crusted.
2. An administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and implement airborne precautions for a varicella case until the case is no longer infectious.

3. A local health agency shall:
 - a. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported case of death due to primary varicella infection; and
 - b. For each reported case of death due to varicella infection, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

Contact Control Measures

1. When a varicella case has been at a school or child care establishment, the administrator of the school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative, shall:
 - a. Consult with the local health agency to determine who shall be excluded and how long each individual shall be excluded from the school or child care establishment, and
 - b. Comply with the local health agency’s recommendations for exclusion.
2. A local health agency shall determine which contacts of a varicella case will be:
 - a. Excluded from a school or child care establishment, and
 - b. Advised to obtain an immunization against varicella.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

If case expired, complete the Varicella Death Investigation Form at <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2024
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024 (Varicella); 1998 (Varicella death)
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2024: ADHS definition was updated to match the approved CDC/CSTE definition.</p> <p>2013: ADHS removed one laboratory criterion for surveillance in order to match that of CDC/CSTE. ADHS 2013 kept additional comments not present in CDC/CSTE.</p> <p>Additionally, ADHS case definition includes a Suspect category and criteria for classifying school or provider reports in the absence of information on specific symptoms.</p>

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An infection of variable severity characterized by watery diarrhea, primary septicemia, or wound infections. Asymptomatic infections may occur, and the organism may cause extra-intestinal infections.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

Isolation of a species of the family *Vibrionaceae* (other than toxigenic *Vibrio cholerae* O1 or O139, which are reportable as cholera) from a clinical specimen.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

Detection of a species of the family *Vibrionaceae* (other than toxigenic *Vibrio cholerae* O1 or O139, which are reportable as cholera) from a clinical specimen using a culture-independent diagnostic test (CIDT).

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the laboratory criteria for surveillance. Note that species identification and, if applicable, serotype designation (i.e., *Vibrio cholerae* non-O1/non-O139 or *Grimontia hollisae*) should be reported.

Probable

- A case that meets the presumptive laboratory criteria for surveillance; OR
- A clinically-compatible case that is epidemiologically linked to a case that meets the presumptive or confirmatory laboratory criteria for surveillance.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 30 days of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

When two or more different species of the family *Vibrionaceae* are identified in one or more specimens from the same individual, each should be reported as a separate case.

Comment

The use of CIDTs as stand-alone tests for the direct detection of *Vibrio* in stool is increasing. Specific performance characteristics such as sensitivity, specificity, and positive predictive value of these assays likely depend on the manufacturer and are currently unknown. It is therefore useful to collect information on the type(s) of testing performed for reported vibriosis cases. When a specimen is positive using a CIDT it is also helpful to collect information on all culture results for the specimen, even if those results are negative.

Genera in the family *Vibrionaceae* (not all have been recognized to cause human illness) currently

include:

- Aliivibrio
- Allomonas
- Catenococcus
- Enterovibrio
- Grimontia
- Listonella
- Photobacterium
- Salinivibrio
- Vibrio

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-3103](#) *Vibrio* Infection

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report of a *Vibrio* infection case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Exclude a *Vibrio* infection case or suspect case with diarrhea from:
 - a. Working as a food handler, caring for patients or residents in a health care institution, or caring for children in or attending a child care establishment until:
 - i. Diarrhea has resolved, or
 - ii. The local health agency has determined that the case or suspect case is unlikely to infect other individuals; and
 - b. Using an aquatic venue until diarrhea has resolved;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported *Vibrio* infection case or suspect case; and
4. For each *Vibrio* infection case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Cholera & Other *Vibrio* Illness Surveillance Report Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2017
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2017
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2017: Supportive laboratory evidence modified to allow for tests other than culture. Supportive laboratory evidence used for a new probable definition. Added criteria to distinguish a new case from an existing case. Changes based on CDC/CSTE definition.

	2013: ADHS case definition updated to match CDC/CSTE.
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For a list of conditions, please see [Appendix 3](#). Viral hemorrhagic fever caused by the Ebola virus should be entered in MEDSIS under the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) morbidity. All other viral hemorrhagic fever conditions should be entered in MEDSIS under the Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (VHF) morbidity.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Criteria

- Acute onset of one or more of the following clinical findings*:
 - Subjective OR measured fever $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}/100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$
 - Headache
 - Muscle and/or joint pain
 - Weakness and fatigue
 - Cough/difficulty breathing
 - Pharyngitis
 - Loss of appetite
 - Chest pain
 - Skin rash
 - Red eyes
 - Abdominal pain
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Intractable hiccups
 - Encephalitis or other neurological manifestations
 - Unexplained bleeding or bruising not related to injury or menstruation
 - Acute hearing loss**

* This list of signs and symptoms are not exhaustive and may be nonspecific; no sign or symptom is pathognomonic for VHF.

** Relevant to Lassa fever

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Laboratory criteria are virus-specific. Diagnostic tests should be performed in consultation with ADHS. Laboratory criteria include one or more of the following laboratory findings:

- Detection of VHF-specific[^] nucleic acid in blood or other body fluids, blood products, or tissues using a diagnostic molecular test (e.g., NAAT, genome sequencing)
- Detection of VHF-specific[^] IgM by ELISA
- Detection of a four-fold rise in VHF-specific[^] IgG titer from an acute sample to a convalescent sample
- VHF[^] viral isolation in cell culture for blood, blood products (e.g., serum), or tissues

[^]Refer to *Appendix C: Viral Hemorrhagic Fever: Incubation Period, Reservoir, and Vector*

Epidemiological Linkage Criteria

One or more of the following exposures within the incubation period of the VHF:

- Contact with a person who had known or suspected^{^^} VHF or any object contaminated by their body fluids without use of or confidence in proper adherence to, or experiences a breach in, recommended infection prevention and control (IPC) precautions, including personal protective equipment (PPE) use.
- Residence in or travel to a VHF endemic area or area with active transmission[†] AND an experience with any of the following scenarios for potentially unrecognized VHF exposures:
 - Contact with someone who was sick or died;
 - Visiting or work in a healthcare facility;
 - Breach in PPE and/or IPD precautions;
 - Visiting a traditional healer;
 - Attend or participate in funerals or burials;
 - Contact with animals;
 - Consumption of or handling raw meat;
 - Tick or mosquito bite;
 - Spent time in a mine or cave;
 - Any other scenario for previously unrecognized VHF exposure as determined in consultation with subject matter experts at ADHS or CDC.
- Handles VHF specimens without use of or confidence in proper adherence to, or experiences a breach in, recommended IPC precautions, including PPE use.
- Handles bats, rodents, or primates from endemic areas without use of or confidence in proper adherence to, or experiences a breach in, recommended IPC precautions, including PPE use.
- Exposure to body fluids (i.e., urine, saliva, sweat, vomit, breast milk, amniotic fluid, semen, aqueous humor, or cerebral spinal fluid) from a confirmed acute or clinically recovered case of VHF without use of or confidence in proper adherence to, or experiences a breach in, recommended IPC precautions, including PPE use.

^{^^}Exposure may have occurred outside the U.S.

[†] As defined by public health authorities; see [Appendix 3](#)

Case Classification

Confirmed

- A case that meets laboratory criteria.

Suspect

- A case that meets the clinical AND epidemiological linkage criteria OR
- A person whose death certificate lists VHF or infection with a VHF-causing virus (Ebola, Lassa, Marburg, Lujo, Guanarito, Machupo, Junin, Sabia, Chapare, Rift Valley Fever, or Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever viruses) as an underlying cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A new case should be counted if caused by a different virus as determined by laboratory evidence^{**}.

^{**}Among the VHF's included in this case definition, reinfection with the same virus species has not been

documented. There is a theoretical possibility that a VHF (ex. Ebola) survivor could be infected by a virus that causes one of the other VHFs included in this case definition (e.g., Lassa fever, Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever, etc.).

Comment

Viral hemorrhagic fever (VHF) may be due to a variety of etiologies which may have a wide spectrum of clinical presentations. The clinical presentations vary from constitutional symptoms of fever, myalgia, headache to bleeding/hemorrhaging from vascular abnormalities to shock and death. There are four RNA viral families that cause VHF:

- Arenaviridae family (Lassa fever, Argentina HF, Bolivian HF, Venezuelan HF, Brazilian HF);
- Bunyaviridae family (Rift Valley fever, Crimean-Congo HF, Hantavirus, Korean HF);
- Filoviridae (Marburg HF, Ebola HF);
- Flaviviridae (Yellow Fever, Dengue HF, Omsk HF, Kyasanur Forest Disease).

Hemorrhagic cases of dengue, hantavirus, or yellow fever should be reported and counted as those morbidities.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-3104](#) Viral Hemorrhagic Fever

Case Control Measures

1. A diagnosing health care provider or an administrator of a health care institution, either personally or through a representative, shall isolate and implement both droplet precautions and contact precautions for a viral hemorrhagic fever case or suspect case for the duration of the illness.
2. A local health agency shall:
 - a. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a viral hemorrhagic fever case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
 - b. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported viral hemorrhagic fever case or suspect case;
 - c. For each viral hemorrhagic fever case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
 - d. In consultation with the Department, ensure that one or more specimens from each viral hemorrhagic fever case or suspect case are submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Contact Control Measures

A local health agency, in consultation with the Department, shall:

1. Quarantine a viral hemorrhagic fever contact as necessary to prevent transmission.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

For Ebola Virus, see Ebola Case Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes (with additional comments)
Description of changes	<p>2025: Clinical description updated, lab criteria updated, suspect case definition updated to include death certificate criteria, epidemiologic linkage criteria updated</p> <p>2022: Modified the fever threshold to $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}/100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$; added Chapare virus to those reportable under this position statement; amended the epidemiologic linkage criteria for sexual exposure within the past 3 weeks to semen from a confirmed acute or clinically recovered case of VHF to remove the stipulated time period of exposure within 10 weeks of the VHF case's onset of illness.</p>

**WATERBORNE DISEASE
OUTBREAK**HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS AND CORRECTIONAL
FACILITIES SUBMIT A REPORT OF AN OUTBREAK WITHIN
24 HOURS

Outbreaks should be reported under the [Diarrhea, Nausea, or Vomiting](#) requirement.

CASE DEFINITION**Definition**

An incident in which two or more epidemiologically-linked persons experience a similar illness after exposure to the same water source and epidemiologic evidence implicates the water as the likely source of the illness.

Clinical Description

Symptoms of illness depend upon etiologic agent.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Dependent upon etiologic agent.

Case classification**Confirmed**

Any outbreak of an infectious disease, chemical poisoning or toxin-mediated illness where water is indicated as the source by an epidemiological investigation

Comment

The implicated water in these waterborne disease outbreaks may be drinking water, recreational water, water not intended for drinking (e.g., water used for agricultural purposes or in a cooling tower) or water of unknown intent. The route of exposure may be ingestion, inhalation, intranasal, or contact. The agent associated with the waterborne disease outbreak may be a microbe, chemical, or toxin. Water testing to demonstrate contamination or identify the etiologic agent is preferred, but not required for inclusion. Chemicals (including disinfection byproducts) in drinking water or in recreational water that cause health effects either through water exposure or by volatilization leading to poor air quality are included. Reports of waterborne disease outbreaks received through the National Outbreak Reporting System (NORS) are captured in the Waterborne Disease and Outbreak Surveillance System (WBD OSS).

Although not reported through NORS, the WBD OSS also accepts single cases of chemical exposure, wound infection and other illnesses, (e.g., *Naegleria* infections) that are epidemiologically linked to water exposure as well as aquatic facility-related health events (e.g., chemical mixing accidents or air quality problems). However, these single cases or aquatic facility-related health events are not reported or analyzed as waterborne disease outbreaks.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-335](#) Diarrhea, Nausea, or Vomiting

Outbreak Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported outbreak of diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting;
2. Submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E); and
3. Exclude each case that is part of an outbreak of diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting from:
 - a. Working as a food handler, caring for patients or residents in a health care institution, or caring for children in or attending a child care establishment until:
 - i. Diarrhea and vomiting have resolved, or
 - ii. The local health agency has determined that the case is unlikely to infect other individuals; and
 - b. Using an aquatic venue for two weeks after diarrhea has resolved.

Environmental Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct a sanitary inspection or ensure that a sanitary inspection is conducted of each facility or location regulated under 9 A.A.C. 8 that is associated with an outbreak of diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Outbreak Summary Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2010
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2010
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

For case definition, see [Arboviral infection](#) in this document.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-3105](#) West Nile Virus Infection

Case control measures:

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported West Nile virus infection case or suspect case; and
2. For each case of West Nile virus infection, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
3. Ensure that each West Nile virus infection case is provided with health education that includes measures to:
 - a. Avoid mosquito bites, and
 - b. Reduce mosquito breeding sites.

Environmental control measures:

In cooperation with the Department, a local health agency or another local agency responsible for vector control within a jurisdiction shall:

1. conduct an assessment of the environment surrounding each West Nile virus infection case or suspect case and implement vector control measures as necessary.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See the Arboviral Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Most yellow fever virus infections are asymptomatic. Following an incubation period of 3–9 days, approximately one-third of infected people develop symptomatic illness characterized by fever and headache. Other clinical findings include chills, vomiting, myalgia, lumbosacral pain, and bradycardia relative to elevated body temperature. An estimated 5%–25% of patients progress to more severe disease, including jaundice, renal insufficiency, cardiovascular instability, or hemorrhage (e.g., epistaxis, hematemesis, melena, hematuria, petechiae, or ecchymoses). The case-fatality rate for severe yellow fever is 30%–60%.

A clinically compatible case of yellow fever is defined as:

- Acute illness with at least one of the following: fever, jaundice, or elevated total bilirubin ≥ 3 mg/dL, AND
- Absence of a more likely clinical explanation.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of yellow fever virus from, or demonstration of yellow fever viral antigen or nucleic acid in, tissue, blood, CSF, or other body fluid.
- Four-fold or greater rise or fall in yellow fever virus-specific neutralizing antibody titers in paired sera.
- Yellow fever virus-specific IgM antibodies in CSF or serum with confirmatory virus-specific neutralizing antibodies in the same or a later specimen.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Yellow fever virus-specific IgM antibodies in CSF or serum, and negative IgM results for other arboviruses endemic to the region where exposure occurred.

Epidemiologic Linkage

Epidemiologically linked to a confirmed yellow fever case, or visited or resided in an area with a risk of yellow fever in the 2 weeks before onset of illness.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the above clinical criteria and meets one or more of the following:

- Isolation of yellow fever virus from, or demonstration of yellow fever viral antigen or nucleic acid in, tissue, blood, CSF, or other body fluid, AND no history of yellow fever vaccination within 30 days before onset of illness unless there is molecular evidence of infection with wild-type yellow fever virus.

- Four-fold or greater rise in yellow fever virus-specific neutralizing antibody titers in paired sera, AND no history of yellow fever vaccination within 30 days before onset of illness.
- Yellow fever virus-specific IgM antibodies in CSF or serum with confirmatory virus-specific neutralizing antibodies in the same or a later specimen, AND no history of yellow fever vaccination.

Probable

A case that meets the above clinical and epidemiologic linkage criteria, and meets the following:

- Presumptive laboratory evidence AND no history of yellow fever vaccination.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-3106](#) Yellow Fever

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a yellow fever case or suspect case, notify the Department within 24 hours after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported yellow fever case or suspect case;
3. For each yellow fever case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D);
4. Ensure that each yellow fever case is provided with health education that includes measures to:
 - a. Avoid mosquito bites, and
 - b. Reduce mosquito breeding sites; and
5. In consultation with the Department, ensure that an isolate or a specimen, as available, from each yellow fever case or suspect case is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

Environmental Control Measures

In cooperation with the Department, a local health agency or another local agency responsible for vector control within a jurisdiction shall

1. Conduct an assessment of the environment surrounding each yellow fever case or suspect case and implement vector control measures as necessary.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2019
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2019
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2019: Laboratory criteria updated to include newer tests; classifications better reflect the role of vaccination in interpreting test results. Changes based on modifications to CDC/CSTE definition.

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An illness with either diarrhea that may or may not be bloody or abdominal pain that may be severe enough to mimic appendicitis.

Note: Extra-intestinal manifestations may also be present, such as abscess, which could be a source for testing, and reactive arthritis and erythema nodosum, which are often immunologic phenomena not directly caused by the infection. These manifestations are not required as part of the clinical criteria.

Clinical Criteria

- Common presentations of illness include:
 - Fever (measured or subjective),
 - Diarrhea (bloody or non-bloody),
 - Abdominal pain that may be severe enough to mimic appendicitis.
- Presentations of extraintestinal illness can include sepsis, wound infection, or soft tissue infections, and gastrointestinal signs may be absent in these instances.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Isolation of any non-*pestis Yersinia* spp. by culture from a clinical specimen.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of any non-*pestis Yersinia* species in a clinical specimen (e.g. stool or blood specimen) using a culture-independent diagnostic test (CIDT) such as a Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAAT) or other molecular testing methods.

Epidemiologic Linkage

- A person who has had contact with a case that meets the presumptive or confirmatory laboratory criteria.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- A case that meets the confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- A case that meets presumptive laboratory evidence; OR
- A clinically compatible case that is epidemiologically linked to a case meeting confirmatory or presumptive laboratory evidence.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A case should not be counted as a new case if additional laboratory results are within 365 days of a previously reported infection in the same individual. When two or more different *Yersinia* non-pestis species are identified in one or more specimens from the same individual, each should be counted as a separate case.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-3107](#) Yersiniosis (Enteropathogenic *Yersinia*)

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report of a yersiniosis case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Exclude a yersiniosis case or suspect case with diarrhea from:
 - a. Working as a food handler, caring for patients or residents in a health care institution, or caring for children in or attending a child care establishment until:
 - i. Diarrhea has resolved,
 - ii. A stool specimen negative for enteropathogenic *Yersinia* is obtained from the case or suspect case, or
 - iii. The local health agency has determined that the case or suspect case is unlikely to infect other individuals; and
 - b. Using an aquatic venue for two weeks after diarrhea has resolved;
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported yersiniosis case or suspect case;
4. For each yersiniosis case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D); and
5. In consultation with the Department, ensure that an isolate or a specimen, as available, from each yersiniosis case is submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Yersiniosis Infection Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2025
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

<p>Description of changes</p>	<p>2025: ADHS definition changed to match CDC/CSTE. Changed from only specific species of Yersinia to any species of non-pestis yersinia.</p> <p>2020: Added specific non-pestis Yersinia species for confirmatory laboratory evidence.</p> <p>2019: CIDT changed from suspect to probable classification. Changes based on modifications to CDC/CSTE definition, although definition is intended to be used by FoodNet sites and is not posted with other CDC NNDSS case definitions.</p> <p>2017: Added supportive laboratory criteria and suspect case definition.</p>
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CASE DEFINITION

Background

Zika virus, a flavivirus in the family Flaviviridae, is a disease primarily transmitted through the bites of *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes. Zika has also been transmitted sexually and from mother-to-child. Transmission through contaminated blood products and organ donation is also possible.

Clinical Description

It is estimated that 80% of individuals infected with Zika virus are asymptomatic. In symptomatic cases, Zika virus can present with acute onset of fever, maculopapular rash, arthralgia, and/or conjunctivitis in addition to myalgia and headache. In congenital cases, Zika virus has been associated with microcephaly, intracranial calcifications, eye abnormalities, hearing loss, and other structural brain or central nervous system abnormalities. Zika virus has also been associated with Guillain-Barré syndrome. Severe illness, hospitalization, and/or death are rare in individuals infected with Zika virus; however, cases have occurred, particularly in immunocompromised patients.

Zika case definitions are categorized as non-congenital/congenital Zika Virus Disease.

Clinical Criteria

A clinically compatible case of Zika Virus Disease is defined as follows:

Non-Congenital Zika Virus Disease:

A person with one or more of the following not explained by another etiology:

- Clinically compatible illness that includes:
 - Acute onset of fever (measured or reported); OR
 - Generalized rash; OR
 - Arthralgia; OR
 - Non-purulent conjunctivitis
- Complication or pregnancy
 - Fetal loss (at ≥ 20 weeks of gestation)
- Guillain-Barré syndrome

Congenital Zika Virus Disease:*

To meet the clinical criteria for congenital Zika virus disease, the liveborn infant must not have an identified genetic or other cause for the findings, including a positive test for another likely etiology¹, and should have one or more of the following brain or eye anomalies or neurological sequelae specific for congenital Zika virus disease and typically identifiable in the neonatal period:

- Microcephaly (occipital frontal circumference >2 standard deviations below the mean for age and sex) at birth or postnatal onset,
- Cortical hypoplasia or abnormal gyral patterns (polymicrogyria, lissencephaly, heterotopia),
- Increased volume of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) (hydrocephalus ex vacuo, unspecified hydrocephalus, ventriculomegaly) due to loss of brain parenchyma,
- Intracranial calcifications (most commonly between the cortex and subcortex),

- congenital contractures of major joints (arthrogryposis) associated with structural brain anomalies,
- Congenital paralysis of the diaphragm associated with structural brain anomalies,
- Corpus callosum agenesis/hypoplasia,
- Cerebellar hypoplasia,
- Scarring of the macula with coarse deposits of pigment in the retina (focal retinal pigmentary mottling),
- Other structural eye anomalies (microphthalmia, cataracts, chorioretinal atrophy, optic nerve hypoplasia).

* *Clinical findings can be observed during prenatal or postnatal evaluations. Consult with CDC as needed for assistance with congenital Zika virus disease clinical determinations.*

¹ *Other clinical considerations for congenital Zika virus disease: among congenital infections, cytomegalovirus infection has clinical findings most consistent with Zika virus infection and should be ruled out by diagnostic testing. While other infectious etiologies (e.g., rubella virus, varicella zoster virus, herpes simplex virus, lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus, Toxoplasma gondii, or Treponema pallidum) have clinical findings less consistent with congenital Zika virus disease, testing for these infections should be considered as part of the complete evaluation for congenital disease.*

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Non-Congenital Zika Virus Disease:

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of Zika virus, viral antigen, or viral RNA in a body fluid or tissue; OR
- Detection of anti-Zika virus IgM antibodies in blood or CSF, with positive Zika virus-specific neutralizing antibody titers and negative neutralizing antibody titers against dengue or other flaviviruses endemic to the region where exposure occurred².

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of anti-Zika virus IgM antibodies in blood or CSF with a negative anti-dengue virus IgM antibody test in the same specimen with no neutralizing antibody testing performed; OR
- Four-fold or greater rise in anti-Zika virus-specific neutralizing antibody titers in paired blood specimens; OR
- In the setting of a Zika virus outbreak³ with minimal circulation of other endemic flaviviruses, detection of anti-Zika virus IgM antibodies in blood or CSF.

Congenital Zika Virus Disease:

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of Zika virus, viral antigen, or viral RNA in infant CSF, blood, urine, or postmortem tissue^{**}; OR
- Detection of anti-Zika virus IgM antibodies in infant CSF or blood^{**}, with positive anti-Zika virus-specific neutralizing antibody titers.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of Zika virus, viral antigen, or viral RNA in amniotic fluid, placenta, umbilical cord, or cord blood^{**}; OR
- Detection of anti-Zika virus IgM antibodies in infant CSF or blood^{**} with no neutralizing antibody testing performed.

****To prevent misclassifying postnatal Zika virus infections as congenital cases, in Zika virus endemic areas specimens should be collected within 4 weeks after birth.**

² *If Zika and dengue virus IgM antibodies are detected and neutralizing antibodies are unable to differentiate flaviviruses, consider reporting as Flavivirus disease, not otherwise specified (See ArboNET Surveillance Guide).*

³ *Consult with CDC as needed for assistance with outbreak status determinations.*

Epidemiologic Linkage

- Residence in or recent travel to an area with known local Zika virus transmission in the 14 days before the onset of symptoms, in the 28 days before the onset of Guillain-Barré syndrome, or during pregnancy (consult with CDC for assistance with geographic risk determination); OR
- Laboratory exposure to Zika virus before onset of symptoms or during pregnancy; OR
- Sexual contact, within 14 days of symptom onset or during pregnancy, with a person who in the last 90 days has either been diagnosed with Zika virus infection or has returned from traveling to an area with a risk of Zika virus transmission; OR
- Receipt of blood, blood products, organ transplant, or tissue transplant within 30 days of symptom onset or during pregnancy from a person who has either been diagnosed with Zika virus infection or returned from traveling to an area with risk of Zika virus transmission.

Case Classification

Non-Congenital Zika Virus Disease:

Confirmed

- Meets the epidemiologic linkage criteria, and clinical and confirmatory laboratory criteria for non-congenital Zika virus disease.

Probable

- Meets the epidemiologic linkage criteria, and clinical and presumptive laboratory criteria for non-congenital Zika virus disease.

Congenital Zika Virus Disease:

Confirmed

- Meets the clinical criteria for congenital Zika virus disease; AND
- Meets confirmatory laboratory criteria for congenital Zika virus disease; AND
- Whose gestational parent meets:
 - epidemiologic linkage criteria; OR
 - confirmatory laboratory criteria for non-congenital Zika virus disease during this pregnancy.

Probable

- Meets the clinical criteria for congenital Zika virus disease; AND
- Meets presumptive laboratory criteria for congenital Zika virus disease; AND
- Whose gestational parent meets:
 - epidemiologic linkage criteria; OR
 - confirmatory laboratory criteria for non-congenital Zika virus disease during this pregnancy.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A person not previously counted as a case that meets the confirmed or probable case classification.

Note: Infection with Zika virus is expected to provide lifelong immunity. However, in persons who are severely immunocompromised, viral persistence following infection may occur, which can lead to persistent disease. Immunocompromised individuals may also be vulnerable to reinfection with Zika virus.

Comment

Given the similarity of symptoms between zika, chikungunya & dengue, in addition to the overlap in areas of endemicity between the viruses, simultaneous testing is recommended for all three arboviruses in symptomatic cases. Simultaneous testing can also assist in isolating the specific diagnosis as cross-reactivity of serum antibodies can occur.

Zika virus is a member of the Flaviviridae family and has sufficient antigenic similarity to have some degree of cross-reactivity with IgM antibody to other flaviviruses. Thus, final interpretation of a positive antibody test result must take into account the likelihood that the patient was recently infected with or vaccinated against another flavivirus (e.g., dengue, West Nile, Saint Louis encephalitis, yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis).

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-3108](#) Zika Virus Infection

Case Control Measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Upon receiving a report under R9-6-202 of a Zika virus infection case or suspect case, notify the Department within one working day after receiving the report and provide to the Department the information contained in the report;
2. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported Zika virus infection case or suspect case;
3. For each Zika virus infection case, submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D);
4. In consultation with the Department, ensure that one or more specimens from each Zika virus infection case or suspect case, as required by the Department, are submitted to the Arizona State Laboratory; and
5. Provide to the Zika virus infection case or ensure that another person provides to the Zika virus infection case health education that includes measures to:
 - a. Avoid mosquito bites,
 - b. Reduce mosquito breeding sites, and
 - c. Reduce the risk of sexual or congenital transmission of Zika virus.

Environmental Control Measures

In cooperation with the Department, a local health agency or another local agency responsible for vector control within a jurisdiction shall

1. Conduct an assessment of the environment surrounding each Zika virus infection case or suspect case and implement vector control measures as necessary.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Zika Case Investigation Form at <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2024
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	<p>2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of Zika virus non-congenital and congenital infection without disease subtypes from the case definition and list of Nationally Notifiable Conditions (NNC). • Revisions to the epidemiologic linkage criteria for case classification to provide more specificity on the timing of exposure. <p>Clinical criteria changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for the non-congenital subtype removed complications of pregnancy other than fetal loss to prevent double counting of cases. • for the congenital Zika virus disease subtype provided more specific descriptions of clinical findings associated with congenital Zika virus disease. <p>Lab criteria changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions for non-congenital and congenital Zika virus disease subtypes to address diagnostic limitations, including cross-reactivity and persistent detection of IgM. <p>2017: Zika virus was removed from the list of arboviruses and a separate Zika virus case definition was created.</p>

Case Definitions for Communicable Morbidities of Public Health Significance which are not Reportable in Arizona

ACANTHAMOEBA KERATITIS

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Acanthamoeba keratitis is a local infection of the cornea (outer layer of the visual pathway of the eye) caused by a microscopic, free-living amoeba belonging to the genus *Acanthamoeba*. Symptoms include foreign body sensation, photophobia, decreased visual acuity, tearing, pain, and redness of the eye. It occurs most typically among healthy, contact lens users, but can occur in anyone. Although treatable with topical medications, affected individuals are at risk for permanent visual impairment or blindness. *Acanthamoeba* organisms are ubiquitous in nature and can be found in bodies of water (e.g., lakes and oceans), soil, and air.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Laboratory-confirmed *Acanthamoeba* spp. keratitis infections are defined as the detection of *Acanthamoeba* spp.

- Organisms in corneal scraping, or biopsy specimens, OR
- Nucleic acid (e.g., polymerase chain reaction) in corneal scraping, or biopsy specimens, OR
- Antigen (e.g., direct fluorescent antibody) in corneal scraping, or biopsy specimens.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible illness that is laboratory confirmed. When available, species designation and molecular characterization (e.g., genotype) should be documented.

Probable

A clinically compatible illness with positive identification of *Acanthamoeba* trophozoites or cysts using confocal microscopy.

CONTROL MEASURES

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation to determine potential sources of infection, in particular ophthalmic medications, solutions or devices.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

Contact ADHS. Depending on the etiology of the encephalitis, an investigation form may or may not be available.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2017
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2012

ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2017: Separated from the list of encephalitis, parasitic since not an encephalitic disease and a separate case definition created

AFRICAN TICK BITE FEVER

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

A tick-borne illness caused by *Rickettsia africae*, a pathogen endemic to several countries in sub-Saharan Africa, and to Guadeloupe in the Caribbean. Clinic disease generally occurs within 1-15 days (median 4 days) following the bite of an infecting tick.

The illness is characterized by acute onset of fever, and is accompanied by single or multiple eschars. Regional lymphadenopathy and a maculopapular rash also occur in about half of all patients.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- A four-fold or greater change in IgG antibody titer to spotted fever group rickettsia antigen in paired serum specimens; OR
- Demonstration of spotted fever group rickettsiae in a biopsy specimen by using an immunohistochemical stain; OR
- Detection of DNA of *R. africae* in a clinical specimen by using PCR; OR
- Isolation of *R. africae* from a clinical specimen cell culture

Presumptive laboratory evidence

A single supportive IgG antibody titer to spotted fever group rickettsiae (cutoff titers are determined by individual laboratories)

Case Classification

A clinically compatible illness in a person with travel to an *R. africae*-endemic region within three weeks of illness onset

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2005 or before
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

AMEBIASIS

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Amebiasis is an infection caused by the protozoan parasite *Entamoeba histolytica* that may be either intestinal or extraintestinal.

Intestinal amebiasis may result in an illness of variable severity ranging from mild, chronic diarrhea and abdominal pain to fulminant dysentery.

Extraintestinal infection may occur with either abscess (e.g., hepatic abscess) or radiographic findings consistent with extraintestinal infection. Liver involvement is most common, but other sites include pleura, peritoneum, pericardium and brain.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Intestinal amebiasis:
 - Demonstration of cysts or trophozoites of *E. histolytica* in stool (e.g., light microscopy of stained specimen, or ova & parasite (O&P) exam), OR
 - Demonstration of trophozoites in tissue biopsy or ulcer scrapings by culture or histopathology.
- Extraintestinal amebiasis:
 - Demonstration of specific antibody against *E. histolytica* as measured by IHA (indirect hemagglutination), or other immunodiagnostic test (e.g., enzyme immunoassay (EIA)).

Supportive laboratory evidence

- Intestinal amebiasis:
 - Detection of *E. histolytica* using a culture-independent diagnostic test (CIDT) (e.g., polymerase chain reaction [PCR]).

Epidemiologic Linkage

A person who has had contact with a case that meets the confirmatory laboratory criteria.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible case that meets the confirmatory laboratory criteria.

Probable

A clinically compatible case that is epidemiologically linked to either a confirmed intestinal or extraintestinal amebiasis case.

Suspect

A clinically compatible case that meets the supportive laboratory criteria.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case*

A case should not be counted as a new case if laboratory results were reported within 6 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual.

*Based on ADHS guidelines

Comment

Asymptomatic intestinal carriage of *E. histolytica* should not be considered a clinically compatible case. Serology is used for the diagnosis of extraintestinal disease only, and should be disregarded when considering intestinal infection. However, a positive serologic test does not necessarily indicate extraintestinal amebiasis if other components of the extraintestinal amebiasis are not met.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-306](#) Amebiasis

Outbreak control measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported amebiasis outbreak;
2. Exclude an amebiasis case or suspect case with diarrhea from:
 - a. Working as a food handler, caring for children in or attending a child care establishment, or caring for patients or residents in a health care institution until:
 - i. Diarrhea has resolved, or
 - ii. The local health agency has determined that the amebiasis case or suspect case is unlikely to infect other individuals; and
 - b. Using an aquatic venue for two weeks after diarrhea has resolved;
3. and Submit to the Department, as specified in Table 2.4, the information required under R9-6-206(D).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Amebiasis Investigation Form at

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2020
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A

<p>Description of changes</p>	<p>2020: Revised the criteria for extraintestinal amebiasis (clinical description, laboratory evidence) and clarified that compatible symptoms must be present for all classifications (confirmed, probable, suspect).</p> <p>2019: Added supportive laboratory criteria and suspect classification to allow for CIDT. Added probable classification for epi-linkage.</p>
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ASEPTIC MENINGITIS (VIRAL)

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

A syndrome characterized by acute onset of meningeal symptoms, fever, and cerebrospinal fluid pleocytosis, with bacteriologically sterile cultures.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

No evidence of bacterial or fungal meningitis & evidence of pleocytosis.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible illness diagnosed by a physician as aseptic meningitis with no laboratory evidence of bacterial or fungal meningitis.

Comment

Aseptic meningitis is a syndrome of multiple etiologies, but many cases are caused by a viral agent.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2018 (moved to non-reportable)
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	Aseptic meningitis is no longer reportable, as of January 1, 2018.

CONGENITAL CYTOMEGALOVIRUS

CASE DEFINITION

Background

Congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV) infection and disease are conditions caused by in utero infection with Cytomegalovirus (CMV). A wide spectrum of severity exists, from clinically inapparent infection to severe disease that is clinically apparent at birth or manifests as sequelae.

Clinical Criteria

In the absence of a more likely alternative etiology:

- An infant with at least one of the following clinical signs during the neonatal period:
 - Hepatomegaly
 - Splenomegaly
 - Petechial rash or purpura ("blueberry muffin rash");
- OR**
- A child aged 6 years or younger with one or more of the following permanent conditions:
 - Microcephaly (defined as head circumference measurement >2 standard deviations below the average (or <3rd percentile) for the same age and sex, notation in the medical record, or diagnostic code of microcephaly (e.g., ICD-10 code Q02),
 - Brain imaging abnormalities consistent with cCMV, such as intracranial calcifications, periventricular calcifications, leukomalacia, polymicrogyria, lissencephaly, pachygyria, schizencephaly, or ventriculomegaly
 - Sensorineural hearing loss
 - Seizures
 - Cerebral palsy
 - Chorioretinitis
 - Vision impairment, resulting from conditions consistent with cCMV, such as retinitis, retinal scarring, optic neuritis, optic atrophy, or brain damage resulting in cortical vision impairment

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence[†]

- Absence of a negative test (CMV DNA by NAAT or culture) on a urine specimen collected within 21 days of life; AND
- Detection of CMV DNA by NAAT from urine, whole blood (including dried blood spot [DBS]), or cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) collected from an infant within 21 days of life; OR
- Detection of CMV DNA by NAAT from amniotic fluid specimen; OR
- Isolation of CMV in viral culture from urine, whole blood, or CSF collected from an infant within 21 days of life; OR
- Isolation of CMV in viral culture from amniotic fluid specimen; OR
- Demonstration of CMV antigen in an autopsy specimen by IHC; OR
- Detection of CMV antigen by antigenemia test in whole blood collected from an infant within 21 days of life.

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Absence of a negative test (CMV DNA by NAAT or culture) on a urine specimen collected within 21 days of life; AND

- Detection of CMV DNA by NAAT from saliva collected from an infant within 42 days of life[§]; OR
- Isolation of CMV in viral culture from saliva collected from an infant within 42 days of life[§]; OR
- Detection of CMV DNA by NAAT from urine, whole blood, or CSF collected from an infant within 22–42 days of life ; OR
- Isolation of CMV in viral culture from urine, whole blood, or CSF collected from an infant within 22–42 days of life

[†] Only valid in the absence of a subsequent negative test on a urine specimen that was completed for confirmatory purposes.

[§] If CMV is detected in saliva, repeat testing should be performed using urine.

Only valid in the absence of a prior negative test on a urine specimen collected within 21 days of life.

Case Classifications

Confirmed

cCMV infection:

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

cCMV disease:

- Meets clinical criteria AND confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

cCMV disease:

- Meets clinical criteria AND presumptive laboratory evidence.

Comment

Cases of confirmed cCMV infection may be reclassified as confirmed cCMV disease if clinical evidence is subsequently identified after birth or later in childhood.

Detection of CMV DNA by NAAT or culture from saliva collected from an infant within 21 days of life is considered as presumptive laboratory evidence because false-positive results may occur. Therefore, repeat testing using urine is recommended.

Cases with clinical evidence of cCMV disease and presumptive lab evidence are classified as probable cCMV disease. This is done to reflect the uncertainty of lab evidence. Positive results on diagnostic testing performed after 21 days of life could pick up cases of postnatal CMV infection, which is often asymptomatic in term newborns but may present with clinical signs that may also occur in cCMV disease (e.g., hepatosplenomegaly, petechiae, thrombocytopenia), particularly in very low birth weight and preterm newborns.

Case classifications include confirmed cCMV infection to capture newborns that will mainly be identified via newborn screening, both universal and hearing-targeted. Most infected newborns will not have clinical signs of disease, including some who do not pass the newborn hearing screening but have normal hearing upon diagnostic audiologic evaluation. Whereas the estimated cCMV prevalence is 4.5 per 1,000 live births, incidence of acquired postnatal infection is at least 3% by 4-6 weeks of life³², increasing the probability of postnatal infection in infants with any positive test result in specimens collected between 22-42 days of life. Therefore, case classifications do not include “probable” cCMV infection, which could impact jurisdictional efforts on longitudinal data collection for permanent conditions.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2024
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	New for 2024. CSTE approved a new case definition, although the condition is not nationally notifiable. Placed under non-reportable conditions.

CONJUNCTIVITIS, ACUTE**CASE DEFINITION****Clinical Description**

An acute inflammation of the conjunctiva involving redness and burning or itching of the eyes. Drainage from the eyes may be present as clear and watery fluid or white or yellowish pus.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Cultures of purulent drainage or conjunctival swabs may be used to identify the specific infectious agent in cases of bacterial conjunctivitis.

Case Classification***Confirmed***

A case that meets the clinical case description

Comment

Only outbreaks of acute conjunctivitis should be reported. An outbreak consists of:

- Three or more cases,
- Diagnosed or detected within a one-week period,
- All of whom have a common exposure AND
- Not from the same household or family

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-328](#) Conjunctivitis: Acute

Case Control Measures

An administrator of a school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative, shall exclude an acute conjunctivitis case from attending the school or child care establishment until the symptoms of acute conjunctivitis subside or treatment for acute conjunctivitis is initiated and maintained for 24 hours.

Outbreak control measures

A local health agency shall:

1. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of each reported conjunctivitis outbreak; and
2. For each conjunctivitis outbreak, submit to the Department the information required under R9-6-206(E).

INVESTIGATION FORMS

Outbreak summary form only:

<http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2006
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

COVID-19 ASSOCIATED PEDIATRIC MORTALITY

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

- Death in an individual <18 years of age resulting from an illness clinically compatible with COVID-19,* AND
- There was no period of complete recovery between the COVID-19 illness and death (i.e., COVID-19 illness was NOT followed by full recovery to baseline health status prior to death), AND
- There is no alternative agreed-upon cause of death.**

* "Illness clinically compatible with COVID-19" refers to the presence of signs or symptoms associated with COVID-19 or identified as related to COVID-19 by a provider, medical examiner, or coroner. See Appendix A for a limited list of compatible signs and symptoms associated with COVID-19.

** Alternative causes of death are limited to non-natural manners or external causes of death.

Laboratory Criteria for Diagnosis

Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence

- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid in a clinical or post-mortem specimen using a diagnostic molecular test (e.g., NAAT) performed by a CLIA-certified provider,[^] OR
- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in a clinical or post-mortem specimen by genomic sequencing,^{^^} OR
- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 specific antigen by diagnostic immunocytochemistry staining performed by a CLIA-certified provider.[^]

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence

- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 specific antigen in a clinical or post-mortem specimen using a diagnostic test performed by a CLIA-certified provider.[^]

‡ In specimens collected in association with the COVID-19 clinically compatible illness

[^] Includes those tests performed under a CLIA certificate of waiver.

^{^^} Some genomic sequencing tests that have been authorized for emergency use by the FDA do not require an initial PCR result to be generated. Genomic sequencing results may be all the public health agency receives.

Case Classification

Confirmed

- Meets clinical criteria AND confirmed or presumptive laboratory evidence.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2026
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2025
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2026: Added non-reportable Case Definition to match CDC/CSTE position statement.

ENTEROTOXIGENIC *ESCHERICHIA COLI* (ETEC)

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Diarrhea caused by enterotoxigenic *E. coli* or ETEC is a self-limited illness lasting 1 to 5 days of moderate severity with watery stools and abdominal cramps. Vomiting, dehydration, and low grade fever may also be present.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Demonstration of production of enterotoxin in an *E. coli* isolate by a technique that is able to identify heat-labile toxin (LT) and heat-stable toxin (ST).

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible case that is laboratory confirmed

Probable

A clinically compatible case that is epidemiologically linked to a probable or confirmed case

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* (Shiga-toxin producing) and/or HUS Investigation Form at <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms>

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2018 (moved to non-reportable)
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	Enterotoxigenic <i>E. coli</i> is no longer reportable, as of January 1, 2018.

GENITAL WARTS

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An infection characterized by the presence of visible, exophytic (raised) growths on the internal or external genitalia, perineum, or perianal region

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Histopathologic changes characteristic of human papillomavirus infection in specimens obtained by biopsy or exfoliative cytology OR
- Demonstration of virus by antigen or nucleic acid detection in a lesion biopsy

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible case that is laboratory confirmed

Probable

A clinically compatible case without histopathologic diagnosis and without microscopic or serologic evidence that the growth is the result of secondary syphilis

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2006
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	1996
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

GRANULOMA INGUINALE (GI) (*Calymmatobacterium granulomatis*)

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

A slowly progressive ulcerative disease of the skin and lymphatics of the genital and perianal area caused by infection with *Calymmatobacterium granulomatis*. A clinically compatible case would have one or more painless or minimally painful granulomatous lesions in the anogenital area.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Demonstration of intracytoplasmic Donovan bodies in Wright or Giemsa-stained smears or biopsies of granulation tissue

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible case that is laboratory confirmed.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2005 or before
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	1997
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

HERPES GENITALIS

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An illness characterized by visible, painful genital or anogenital lesions

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

- Isolation of herpes simplex virus from cervix, urethra, or anogenital lesion, OR
- Demonstration of virus by antigen detection technique in clinical specimens from cervix, urethra, or anogenital lesion, OR
- Demonstration of multinucleated giant cells on a Tzanck smear of scrapings from an anogenital lesions

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible case that is laboratory confirmed

Probable

A clinically compatible case (in which primary and secondary syphilis have been ruled out by serology and dark field microscopy, when available) with either a diagnosis of genital herpes based on clinical presentation (without laboratory confirmation) or a history of one or more previous episodes of similar genital lesions.

Comment

Herpes should be reported only once per patient. The first diagnosis for a patient with no previous diagnosis should be reported.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2018 (moved to non-reportable)
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	Herpes genitalis is no longer reportable, as of January 1, 2018.

INFLUENZA-ASSOCIATED HOSPITALIZATIONS

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An influenza-associated hospitalization is defined for surveillance purposes as a hospital admission 14 days or less after influenza identification by an appropriate laboratory or rapid diagnostic test or a hospital admission 3 days or less before influenza identification by an appropriate laboratory or rapid diagnostic test.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

See laboratory criteria for [Influenza](#).

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets clinical case definition that is laboratory confirmed. Laboratory or rapid diagnostic test confirmation is required as part of the case definition; therefore, all reported hospitalizations will be classified as confirmed.

Comment

Influenza is not a required reportable condition by healthcare providers in Arizona, with the exception of influenza-associated pediatric deaths. However, influenza virus is a laboratory-reportable condition in the state. This definition should be used when designating any reported cases of influenza as “hospitalized”.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2012
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2012
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2012: New CDC/CSTE case definition.

KAWASAKI SYNDROME

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

A febrile illness of greater than or equal to 5 days' duration, with at least four of the five following physical findings and no other more reasonable explanation for the observed clinical findings:

- Bilateral conjunctival injection
- Oral changes (erythema of lips or oropharynx, strawberry tongue, or fissuring of the lips)
- Peripheral extremity changes (edema, erythema, or generalized or periungual desquamation)
- Rash
- Cervical lymphadenopathy (at least one lymph node greater than or equal to 1.5 cm in diameter)

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

None

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the clinical case definition

Comment

If fever disappears after intravenous gamma globulin therapy is started, fever may be of less than 5 days' duration, and the clinical case definition may still be met.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2018 (moved to non-reportable)
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	Kawasaki disease is no longer reportable, as of January 1, 2018.

LATENT TUBERCULOSIS INFECTION**IF THE CASE IS LESS THAN 6 YEARS OLD: PROVIDERS SUBMIT A REPORT WITHIN 1 WORKING DAY.**

Not reportable in other age groups.

CASE DEFINITION**Clinical Criteria**

Clinical criteria alone are not sufficient to classify a case of TB infection. Clinical criteria to confirm a suspected case of TB infection are as follows:

No clinical evidence compatible with TB disease including:

- No signs or symptoms consistent with TB disease AND
 - Chest imaging without abnormalities consistent with TB (chest radiograph or CT scan) OR
 - Abnormal chest imaging that could be consistent with TB disease with microbiologic testing that is negative for MTB complex AND where TB disease has been clinically ruled out

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Laboratory/diagnostic criteria alone are not sufficient to confirm a case of TB infection. Laboratory criteria to identify suspected cases of TB infection are as follows:

- A positive tuberculin skin test (TST) OR
- A positive interferon gamma release assay (IGRA)

Case Classification**Confirmed**

- A case that meets one of the laboratory criteria for TB infection AND
- *M. tuberculosis* complex was not isolated from a clinical specimen, if a specimen was collected AND
- Meets the clinical criteria for TB Infection as listed above.

Suspect

- A case that meets one or more of the laboratory criteria AND
- *M. tuberculosis* complex was not isolated from a clinical specimen, if a specimen was collected.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A new case is an incident TB Infection case that meets the suspected or confirmed case criteria and has not previously been diagnosed or treated for TB infection OR previously treated for TB disease.

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2018
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2018

ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	2018: New CDC/CSTE case definition.

MUCOPURULENT CERVICITIS (MPC)

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Cervical inflammation that is not the result of infection with *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* or *Trichomonas vaginalis*. Cervical inflammation is defined by the presence of one of the following criteria:

- Mucopurulent secretion (from the endocervix) that is yellow or green when viewed on a white, cotton-tipped swab (positive swab test)
- Induced endocervical bleeding (bleeding when the first swab is placed in the endocervix)

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

No evidence of *N. gonorrhoeae* by culture, Gram stain, or antigen or nucleic acid detection, and no evidence of *T. vaginalis* on wet mount

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible case in a female who does not have either gonorrhea or trichomoniasis

Comment

Mucopurulent cervicitis (MPC) is a clinical diagnosis of exclusion. The syndrome may result from infection with any of several agents. If gonorrhea, trichomoniasis, and chlamydia are excluded, a clinically compatible illness should be classified as MPC. An illness in a female that meets the case definition of MPC and *C. trachomatis* infection (see [Chlamydia trachomatis Infection](#)) should be classified as chlamydia.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2005 or before
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	1996
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

NONGONOCOCCAL URETHRITIS (NGU)

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Urethral inflammation that is not the result of infection with *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. Urethral inflammation may be diagnosed by the presence of one of the following criteria:

- A visible abnormal urethral discharge, OR
- A positive leukocyte esterase test from a male aged less than 60 years who does not have a history of kidney disease or bladder infection, prostate enlargement, urogenital anatomic anomaly, or recent urinary tract instrumentation, OR
- Microscopic evidence of urethritis (greater than or equal to 5 white blood cells per high-power field) on a Gram stain of a urethral smear

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

No evidence of *N. gonorrhoeae* infection by culture, Gram stain, or antigen or nucleic acid detection

Case Classification

Confirmed

A clinically compatible case in a male in whom gonorrhea is not found, either by culture, Gram stain, or antigen or nucleic acid detection

Comment

Nongonococcal urethritis (NGU) is a clinical diagnosis of exclusion. The syndrome may result from infection with any of several agents. If gonorrhea and chlamydia are excluded, a clinically compatible illness should be classified as NGU. An illness in a male that meets the case definition of NGU and *C. trachomatis* infection (see [Chlamydia trachomatis Infection](#)) should be classified as chlamydia.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2005 or before
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	1996
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

PEDICULOSIS

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

Infestation of the hairy parts of the body with adult or larval lice or their eggs.

Criteria for Diagnosis

Recovery of crawling lice, or eggs (nits) on hair within 1/2 inch of scalp for head lice.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-371 Pediculosis \(Lice Infestation\)](#)

Case control measures:

1. An administrator of a school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative, shall exclude a pediculosis case from the school or child care establishment until the case is treated with a pediculicide.
2. An administrator of a shelter shall ensure that a pediculosis case is treated with a pediculicide and that the case's clothing and personal articles are disinfested.

Contact control measures:

An administrator of a school or child care establishment that excludes a pediculosis case from the school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative:

1. Shall ensure that a parent or guardian of a child who is a contact is notified that a pediculosis case was identified at the school or child care establishment.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2005 or before
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

PELVIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASE (PID)

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

A clinical syndrome resulting from the ascending spread of microorganisms from the vagina and endocervix to the endometrium, fallopian tubes, and/or contiguous structures. In a female who has lower abdominal pain and who has not been diagnosed as having an established cause other than pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) (e.g., ectopic pregnancy, acute appendicitis, and functional pain), all the following clinical criteria must be present:

- Lower abdominal tenderness, AND
- Tenderness with motion of the cervix, AND
- Adnexal tenderness

In addition to the preceding criteria, at least one of the following findings must also be present:

- Meets the surveillance case definition of *C. trachomatis* infection or gonorrhea
- Temperature greater than 100.4°F (greater than 38.0°C)
- Leukocytosis greater than 10,000 white blood cells/mm³
- Purulent material in the peritoneal cavity obtained by culdocentesis or laparoscopy
- Pelvic abscess or inflammatory complex detected by bimanual examination or by sonography
- Patient is a sexual contact of a person known to have gonorrhea, chlamydia, or nongonococcal urethritis

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the clinical case definition

Comment

For reporting purposes, a clinician's report of PID should be counted as a case.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2005 or before
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	1996
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	N/A

RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV)-ASSOCIATED MORTALITY

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

A respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)-associated death is defined for surveillance purposes as a death resulting from a clinically compatible illness that was confirmed to be RSV by an appropriate laboratory or rapid diagnostic test. There should be no period of complete recovery between the illness and death.

A death should not be categorized as an RSV-associated death if:

1. There is no laboratory confirmation of RSV infection.
2. The RSV illness is followed by full recovery to baseline health status prior to death.
3. After review and consultation, it is determined that RSV infection did not contribute to death.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence: Laboratory testing for RSV infection may be done on pre- or post-mortem clinical specimens, and include identification of RSV (A, B, or unspecified) infection by a positive result by at least one of the following:

- a. Isolation of RSV by tissue cell culture
- b. Detection of RSV nucleic acid by reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) testing
- c. Detection of RSV antigen by immunofluorescent antibody staining (direct or indirect)
- d. Detection of RSV antigens by immunochromatographic or similar rapid diagnostic testing
- e. Detection of RSV antigens from autopsy specimens by immunohistochemical (IHC) staining

Case Classifications

Confirmed: A death meeting the clinical and laboratory criteria.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2019
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2019
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	New for 2019. CSTE approved a new case definition, although the condition is not nationally notifiable.

REYE SYNDROME

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

An illness that meets all of the following criteria:

- Acute, noninflammatory encephalopathy that is documented clinically by:
 - An alteration in consciousness and, if available, a record of the CSF containing ≤ 8 leukocytes/mm³, or
 - A histologic specimen demonstrating cerebral edema without perivascular or meningeal inflammation, AND
- Hepatopathy documented by either:
 - A liver biopsy or an autopsy considered to be diagnostic of Reye syndrome or
 - A threefold or greater increase in the levels of the serum glutamic- oxaloacetic transaminase (SGOT), serum glutamic-pyruvic transaminase (SGPT), or serum ammonia, AND
- No more reasonable explanation for the cerebral and hepatic abnormalities.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

None

Case Classification

Confirmed

A case that meets the clinical case definition

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2018 (moved to non-reportable)
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	1990
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	No longer nationally notifiable, but matches CDC/CSTE 1990 case definition.
Description of changes	Reye syndrome is no longer reportable, as of January 1, 2018.

SCABIES

CASE DEFINITION

Clinical Description

A parasitic disease of the skin caused by a mite whose penetration is visible as papules, vesicles, or tiny linear burrows containing the mites and their eggs. Lesions are prominent around finger webs, anterior surfaces of wrists and elbows, anterior axillary folds, belt line, thighs, and external genitalia in men, nipples, buttocks, and abdomen in women.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Recovery of *Sarcoptes scabiei* mite, parts of the mite, or eggs by scraping.

Case Classification

Confirmed

A laboratory confirmed case.

Probable

An infested individual with rash occurring as described above.

Comment

Only outbreaks of scabies are reportable.

CONTROL MEASURES

[Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-384 Scabies](#)

Case Control Measures

An administrator of a school or child care establishment, either personally or through a representative, may exclude a scabies case from the school or child care establishment until treatment for scabies is completed.

An administrator of a health care institution or shelter, either personally or through a representative, shall exclude a scabies case from participating in the direct care of a patient or resident until treatment for scabies is completed.

An administrator of a shelter, either personally or through a representative, shall ensure that a scabies case receives treatment for scabies and that the case's clothing and personal articles are disinfested.

An administrator of a correctional facility, either personally or through a representative, shall ensure that a scabies case receives treatment for scabies and that the case's clothing and personal articles are disinfested.

Contact Control Measures

An administrator of a school, child care establishment, health care institution, or shelter, either personally or through a representative

1. Shall advise a scabies contact with symptoms of scabies to obtain examination and, if necessary, treatment.

INVESTIGATION FORMS

See Outbreak Summary Form at

[http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms.](http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/index.php#investigations-forms)**CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY**

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2005 or before
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	N/A

SOIL TRANSMITTED HELMINTH INFECTIONS

CASE DEFINITION

Background

Soil-transmitted helminth (STH) infections, specifically ascariasis, trichuriasis, and intestinal hookworm disease, are caused by four species of soil-transmitted helminths (STH) for which humans are definitive hosts: roundworm (*Ascaris lumbricoides*), whipworm (*Trichuris trichiura*) and hookworms (*Necator americanus* and *Ancylostoma duodenale*). STHs spread through soil, water, or food contaminated by infective eggs or parasite larvae.

Clinical Criteria

In the absence of a more likely diagnosis, an individual with at least one of the following manifestations: abdominal discomfort and/or pain, iron-deficiency anemia or anemia of chronic disease, malabsorption, malnutrition, hypoproteinemia, malaise, weakness, diarrhea, colitis, or rectal prolapse.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence

A person with:

- Detection of *Ascaris* species, *Trichuris* species, *Ancylostoma* species, or *Necator* species eggs in stool by ova and parasite exam, **OR**
- Visual evidence of helminths (larval or adult stage) in a human tissue (e.g., a histological sample), clinical specimen (e.g., bronchoalveolar lavage), body system (e.g., colonoscopy or endoscopy), or passed in stool that have been identified as a STH species (*Ascaris lumbricoides/suum*, *Trichuris trichiura*, *Ancylostoma duodenale*, or *Necator americanus*).

Presumptive Laboratory Evidence

- Detection of DNA for *Ascaris lumbricoides/suum*, *Trichuris trichiura*, *Ancylostoma duodenale*, or *Necator americanus* by molecular methods performed on stool.

Vital Records Criteria

Ascariasis, trichuriasis, or intestinal hookworm disease listed as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death on a death certificate.

Case Classification

Soil-transmitted helminth infection (ascariasis, trichuriasis, or intestinal hookworm disease)

Confirmed

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence for *Ascaris/Trichuris/Ancylostoma* or *Necator* species.

Probable

- Meets clinical criteria **AND**
 - Presumptive laboratory evidence for *Ascaris/Trichuris/Ancylostoma* or *Necator* species, **OR**
 - Meets vital records criteria for ascariasis/trichuriasis/intestinal hookworm disease.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

A new case of STH infection should be enumerated only:

- If a person was not previously enumerated as a case of STH infection caused by the same species as determined by laboratory evidence in the past 12 months,^{^‡} **OR**
- If previously enumerated as a case within the past 12 months, evidence shows that the person received appropriate treatment for that specific STH infection.

[^] If concurrently infected with more than one species, each species should be enumerated as its own case.

[‡] Lifespan of the adult worms and viability of eggs in the environment:

- For *Trichuris trichiura*, adult worms live in a human host for about one to two years. Eggs are viable in some environments for up to six years.
- For *Ascaris lumbricoides*, adult worms live in a human host for about one year. Eggs are viable in some environments for up to 15 years.
- For *Ancylostoma duodenale*, adult worms live in a human host for up to three years, although most adults survive an average of six months. For *Necator americanus*, adult worms live in a human host for an average of one to five years with a maximum lifespan of eighteen years. Hookworm eggs are viable in some environments for several months.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2026
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2025
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes

Soil Transmitted Helminth Infections, continued

Description of changes	2026: New case definition added to match CDC/CSTE position statement. Case definitions for the different helminths have been combined into one but with no changes to the content.
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TOXOPLASMOSIS

CASE DEFINITION

Background

The criteria listed below for “*Congenital Toxoplasmosis*” generally apply to children <2 years of age, including fetuses and infants; however, congenital toxoplasmosis is a chronic condition and, in many cases, may not be diagnosed until later in life.

Toxoplasmosis

Clinical Criteria

In the absence of another more likely etiology, a person with new onset of one or more of the following clinical signs or symptoms:

- Fever
- Lymphadenopathy
- Muscle ache
- Joint ache
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Pharyngitis
- Hepatosplenomegaly
- Diffuse non-pruritic maculopapular rash
- Pneumonitis
- Myocarditis
- Pericarditis
- Polymyositis
- Hepatitis
- Retinochoroiditis without evidence of a scar, or
- Encephalitis.

Laboratory Criteria for Surveillance

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of Toxoplasma-specific IgM antibodies in blood, confirmed at a reference laboratory, with laboratory evidence of acute pattern of infection, OR
- Detection of Toxoplasma DNA (by NAAT [e.g., PCR]) performed on any tissue or body fluid, OR
- Visualization of Toxoplasma in any tissue or body fluid, OR
- Detection of Toxoplasma antigen in any tissue by immunohistochemistry, OR
- Isolation of Toxoplasma whole live parasite from any tissue or body fluid, OR
- A fourfold or greater increase in Toxoplasma-specific IgG antibody titer in paired sera samples collected at least three weeks apart, OR
- Evidence of Toxoplasma-specific IgG antibody seroconversion over two sequential samples collected up to 12 weeks apart, or during current pregnancy for pregnant persons

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of Toxoplasma-specific IgG antibodies in blood

Supportive laboratory evidence

- Detection of Toxoplasma-specific IgM antibodies in blood, not confirmed at a reference laboratory

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

Evidence of a shared exposure that is associated with at least one probable or confirmed case of active toxoplasmosis-primary infection.

Case Classifications

Confirmed

- Meets toxoplasmosis confirmatory laboratory evidence, OR
- Meets toxoplasmosis presumptive laboratory evidence.

Probable

- Meets toxoplasmosis epidemiologic linkage criteria AND toxoplasmosis supportive laboratory evidence AND toxoplasmosis clinical criteria.

Suspect

- Meets toxoplasmosis epidemiologic linkage criteria AND toxoplasmosis clinical criteria, OR
- Meets toxoplasmosis supportive laboratory evidence.

Congenital Toxoplasmosis

Clinical Criteria

In the absence of another more likely etiology, a fetus or liveborn child with one or more of the following clinical findings:

- Retinochoroiditis
- Hydrocephalus, or
- Intracranial calcifications

Laboratory Criteria

Confirmatory laboratory evidence

- Detection of Toxoplasma-specific IgG antibodies AND (Toxoplasma-specific IgM antibodies OR Toxoplasma-specific IgA antibodies)⁴ in blood, confirmed at a reference laboratory, OR
- Persistence in Toxoplasma-specific IgG antibody titer beyond one year of age in a patient being followed since infancy for possible congenital toxoplasmosis, OR reappearance of Toxoplasma-specific IgG antibodies after period of undetectable levels in a child who recently completed treatment for congenital toxoplasmosis, OR
- Increase in Toxoplasma-specific IgG antibody titer during the first year of life, OR
- Detection of Toxoplasma DNA (by NAAT [e.g., PCR]) performed on any tissue or body fluid (including placental tissue or amniotic fluid from birthing parent), OR
- Visualization of Toxoplasma in any tissue or body fluid (including placental tissue or amniotic fluid from birthing parent), OR
- Detection of Toxoplasma antigen in any tissue by immunohistochemistry (including placental tissue from birthing parent), OR
- Isolation of Toxoplasma whole live parasite from any tissue or body fluid (including placental tissue or amniotic fluid from birthing parent)

Presumptive laboratory evidence

- Detection of Toxoplasma-specific IgG antibodies AND (Toxoplasma-specific IgM antibodies OR Toxoplasma-specific IgA antibodies) in blood, not confirmed at a reference laboratory

Supportive laboratory evidence

- Detection of Toxoplasma-specific IgG antibodies in blood

Epidemiologic Linkage Criteria

Fetus or infant delivered to a pregnant person with evidence of Toxoplasma gondii infection or toxoplasmosis acquired or reactivated during current gestation or within 6 months prior to conception.

Case Classifications**Confirmed**

- Meets congenital toxoplasmosis confirmatory laboratory evidence.

Probable

- Meets congenital toxoplasmosis presumptive laboratory criteria AND (congenital toxoplasmosis epidemiologic linkage criteria OR congenital toxoplasmosis clinical criteria), OR
- Meets congenital toxoplasmosis clinical criteria AND congenital toxoplasmosis epidemiologic linkage criteria.

Suspect

- Meets congenital toxoplasmosis supportive laboratory evidence, OR
- In setting of fetal loss: meets congenital toxoplasmosis epidemiologic linkage criteria.

Criteria to Distinguish a New Case from an Existing Case

- A new case of toxoplasmosis is one not previously counted as a case of toxoplasmosis or congenital toxoplasmosis.
- A new case of congenital toxoplasmosis is one not previously counted as a case of toxoplasmosis or congenital toxoplasmosis.

Comment

The following provides guidance for health departments to use for further classification of toxoplasmosis cases. Health departments that have the capacity and resources to conduct further surveillance may use these sub-classifications to guide public health action. Health departments further classifying toxoplasmosis cases using these sub-classifications may voluntarily choose to send data for sub-classifications to the CDC.

Cases of toxoplasmosis may be further classified as the following:

- **Active Toxoplasmosis – Primary Infection**
 - **Confirmed**
 - Meets toxoplasmosis confirmatory laboratory evidence AND has no previous evidence of toxoplasmosis (such as a previous positive Toxoplasma-specific IgG or previous clinical diagnosis of toxoplasmosis)
 - **Probable**
 - Meets toxoplasmosis epidemiologic linkage criteria AND toxoplasmosis supportive laboratory evidence AND toxoplasmosis clinical criteria

- o **Suspect**
 - Meets toxoplasmosis epidemiologic linkage criteria AND toxoplasmosis clinical criteria, **OR**
 - Meets toxoplasmosis supportive laboratory evidence
- **Active Toxoplasmosis – Reactivation Disease**
 - o **Confirmed**
 - Meets toxoplasmosis confirmatory laboratory evidence AND has previous evidence of toxoplasmosis (such as a previous positive Toxoplasma-specific IgG, previous clinical diagnosis of toxoplasmosis, or clinician diagnosis of new onset of recurrent toxoplasmosis ocular lesion).
 - o **Probable**

In the absence of another more likely etiology:

 - Reactivation toxoplasmic encephalitis: Meets toxoplasmosis presumptive laboratory evidence AND toxoplasmosis clinical criteria of brain imaging that demonstrates typical toxoplasmic encephalitis radiographic appearance (e.g. ring-enhancing lesion[s]), AND has compatible clinical syndrome (e.g. headache, mental status changes or other neurologic symptoms) AND is immunocompromised AND criteria for probable active toxoplasmosis-primary infection are not already met, **OR**
 - Reactivation ocular toxoplasmosis: A person with retinochoroiditis with evidence of a scar⁸, OR clinician diagnosis of new onset of recurrent toxoplasmosis ocular lesion.
- **Past Infection/Unable to Classify- Toxoplasmosis**
 - o **Confirmed**
 - Meets toxoplasmosis presumptive laboratory evidence AND
 - Criteria for probable or confirmed active toxoplasmosis (primary infection or reactivation disease) or congenital toxoplasmosis are not already met.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2024
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	2024
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	Yes
Description of changes	New for 2024. CSTE approved a new case definition, although the condition is not nationally notifiable. Placed under non-reportable conditions.

UNEXPLAINED DEATH WITH HISTORY OF FEVER

CASE DEFINITION

Deaths meeting any of the following criteria:

- Hospital or facility or patient-reported death with no known cause AND with a history of fever ($>38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$) OR a temperature of $<36^{\circ}\text{C}$ within 48 hours of death.

CONTROL MEASURES

None

INVESTIGATION FORMS

None

CASE DEFINITION SUMMARY

Most Recent ADHS Revision Year	2018
Most Recent CDC/CSTE Revision Year	N/A
ADHS Case Definition Matches CDC/CSTE?	N/A
Description of changes	<p>2018: Rules no longer include reporting or investigation of unexplained deaths with a history of fever.</p> <p>2013: The case definition was changed to be more specific. Subjective criteria such as unmeasured fever or unattended deaths were removed. Clinical suspicion of an infectious disease was also removed as these cases should be reported under the suspected disease or should meet the criteria for unexplained deaths.</p>

Appendix 1: Specimen types and guidelines for determining “sterile” and “non-sterile” sites

The following section is used by ADHS to determine if a site is considered sterile or non-sterile. This list is to be used as guidance and not set policy as it may not cover all situations. In some situations, it may be important to find out more information from the laboratory or provider when determining whether a site is considered sterile.

If you have questions about whether a specimen is considered sterile or not, please contact ADHS at 602-364-3676.

Specimen Type	Sterile	Non-Sterile	Comments/Notes
Abdominal fluid	✓		
Abscess, unspecified		✓	If collected in operating room still considered as non-sterile
Abscess - Closed *	✓		An abscess that does not communicate with the skin and collected from the operating room is considered as sterile
Amniotic fluid *	✓		
Anus		✓	
Eye aqueous fluid	✓		
Ascitic Fluid (=abdominal fluid)	✓		
Aspirate (needle)	✓		
Aspirate (lung or tracheal)		✓	
Aspirate (unspecified)			If meningococcal, listeria, or <i>H. influenzae</i>, call to find out specific site. If MRSA, <i>S. pneumo</i> , Group A or B Streptococcus, consider non-sterile.
Bile fluid	✓		
Biopsies from certain sites	✓		Example: Biopsies of the breast or internal organs. If uncertain see Epi Manager.
Blood (arterial, capillary, cord, venous, peripheral)*	✓		
Body Fluid	see note below		If meningococcal, listeria, or <i>H. influenzae</i>, call to find out specific site. If MRSA, <i>S. pneumo</i> , Group A or B Streptococcus, consider non-sterile.
Bone (including bone fragment)	✓		
Bone marrow*	✓		
Brain	✓		
Bronchial		✓	May be listed as "bronchial wash", "bronchialalveolar lavage", or "BAL"
Bursa	✓		
Cannula		✓	
Cardiac muscle	✓		
Catheter tip		✓	

Specimen Type	Sterile	Non-Sterile	Comments/Notes
Cerebral spinal fluid (CSF)*	✓		May be listed as “meninges”, “dura” or “dura mater”, “brain abscess”, “epidural abscess”
Cervical fluid		✓	
Cervix		✓	
Cysts from certain sites	✓		Example: Thyroid cysts, ovarian cysts, subcutaneous cysts, cysts of any internal organ. If uncertain see Epi Manager.
Colostrum		✓	
Conjunctiva		✓	
Cord blood	✓		
Cornea		✓	
Cyst, unspecified		✓	
Cystic fibrosis		✓	Cystic fibrosis is not a specimen site, but may reflect lung aspirate if listed.
Cystocentesis	✓		
Duodenal fluid	✓		
Ear		✓	
Endocardium	✓		
Endometrium		✓	
Endotracheal		✓	
Eye Swab		✓	
Fecal or feces		✓	
Fistula			Need to find out location. Call lab and/or provider if location is available. See HAI Program Manager once location is known.
Gastric fluid/contents		✓	
Genital (genital fluid, lochia, mucus, cervix, vaginal)		✓	
Hair		✓	
Intubation tube		✓	
Joint fluid (synovial fluid, arthrocentesis) *	✓		
Kidney tissue	✓		
Knee fluid	✓		
Liver	✓		
Lower respiratory tract *		✓	
Lymph *	✓		
Macrophages	✓		
Marrow (bone)	✓		
Meconium		✓	
Menstrual blood		✓	
Milk or Breast Milk		✓	
Nail		✓	
Nose / Nasopharynx		✓	
Ocular fluid	✓		

Specimen Type	Sterile	Non-Sterile	Comments/Notes
Operating Room (specimen collected in operating room)			If specimen from a non-sterile body site (e.g. nasopharynx, skin) then considered as non-sterile. If tissue collected in operating room, then as considered sterile.
Ovary	✓		
Pancreatic fluid	✓		
Paracentesis fluid	✓		
Pelvic fluid		✓	
Penis		✓	
Pericardial fluid *	✓		
Peritoneal dialysis fluid		✓	
Peritoneal fluid /ascites*	✓		
PICC line	✓		
Placenta		✓	
Plasma	✓		
Plasma bag	✓		
Platelets	✓		
Pluera	✓		
Pleural fluid (thoracentesis)*	✓		
Pus		✓	
Saliva		✓	
Seminal fluid		✓	
Serum	✓		
Skeletal muscle	✓		
Skin		✓	
Spleen tissue	✓		
Sputum		✓	
Stool		✓	
Surgical wound/ Surgical site culture		✓	Considered as non-sterile as it does not indicate if a specimen was collected in the operating room or after surgery
Swab (unspecified)			If meningococcal, listeria, or <i>H. influenzae</i>, call to find out specific site. If MRSA, <i>S. pneumo</i> , Group A or B Streptococcus, consider non-sterile.
Sweat		✓	
Synovial fluid (joint fluid, arthrocentesis)*	✓		
Tears		✓	
Throat		✓	
Thrombocytes (platelet)	✓		
Tissue gall bladder	✓		
Tissue, hallux		✓	
Tissue, large intestine	✓		
Tissue, lung	✓		

Specimen Type	Sterile	Non-Sterile	Comments/Notes
Tissue, placenta	✓		
Tissue, small intestine	✓		
Tissue, spinal	✓		
Tissue, ulcer	✓		
Tissue (if type of tissue is specified then refer to the specific site to determine if sterile or non-sterile)			If meningococcal, listeria, or <i>H. influenzae</i>, call to find out specific site. If MRSA, <i>S. pneumo</i> , Group A or B Streptococcus, consider non-sterile. Considered sterile if collected in operating room.
Trachea (such as biopsy, tissue specimen)	✓		
Tracheal aspirate		✓	
Urethra		✓	Cystocentesis is considered sterile
Urine (urine catheter, urine clean catch, urine sediment)		✓	
Vagina		✓	
Vitreous fluid	✓		
Vomit		✓	
Whole Blood	✓		
Wound (wound abscess, wound drainage, wound exudate)		✓	

Notes:

1. *Defined as a "normally sterile site" in the Arizona Administrative Code, R9-06-201. (http://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_09/9-06.pdf)
2. **"Body Fluid" or "Sterile Body Fluid"**
 - a. Specimens reported as "sterile body fluid" may or may not be from normally sterile sites. "Sterile" may refer to the method of collection.
 - b. If meningococcal, listeria, or *H. influenzae*, call to find out specific site. If MRSA, *S. pneumo*, Group A or B Streptococcus, consider non-sterile.
3. "Normally sterile site" means an anatomic location, or tissue or body fluid from an anatomic location, in which microorganisms are not found in the absence of disease.
4. This document is used by ADHS to determine if a site is sterile or non-sterile. This list is to be used as guidance and not set policy as it may not cover all situations. In some situations, it may be important to find out more information from the laboratory or provider. If you have questions about whether a specimen is considered sterile or not, please contact ADHS at 602-364-3676 or surveillance@azdhs.gov.

Appendix 2: Bacteria in the Enterobacterales order

The most commonly encountered carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales are in the following genera:

<i>Citrobacter</i> spp.	<i>Proteus</i> spp.
<i>Enterobacter</i> spp.	<i>Providencia</i> spp.
<i>Escherichia</i> spp.	<i>Morganella</i> spp.
<i>Hafnia</i> spp.	<i>Raoultella</i> spp.
<i>Klebsiella</i> spp.	<i>Serratia</i> spp.
<i>Pantoea</i> spp.	

However, there are many genera in the Enterobacterales order, including:

Acerihabitans	Grimontella	Pluralibacter
Affinibrenneria	Guhaiyinggella	Pragia
Aranicola	Huaxiibacter	Pseudenterobacter
Arsenophonus	Insectihabitans	Pseudeschlerichia
Atlantibacter	Intestinihabdus	Pseudocitrobacter
Averyella	Izhakiella	Rahnella
Biostraticola	Jejubacter	Rosenbergiella
Brenneria	Jinshanibacter	Rouxiella
Bruguierivorax	Kalamiella	Salmonella
Buchnera	Kluyvera	Samsonia
Budvicia	Kosakonia	Scandinavium
Buttiauxella	Leclercia	Shigella
Candidatus	Lelliottia	Shimwellia
Cedecea	Leminorella	Siccibacter
Chania	Limnobaculum	Silvania
Chimaeribacter	Lonsdalea	Sodalis
Coetzeea	Mangrovibacter	Superficieibacter
Cosenzaea	Margalefia	Tatumella
Cronobacter	Metakosakonia	Tenebrionibacter
Dickeya	Mixta	Thorsellia
Dryocola	Moellerella	Tiedjeia
Edaphovirga	Musicola	Trabulsiella
Edwardsiella	Nissabacter	Wigglesworthia
Enterobacillus	Obesumbacterium	Winslowiella
Entomohabitans	Pectobacterium	Xenorhabdus
Erwinia	Phaseolibacter	Yersinia
Ewingella	Photorhabdus	Yokenella
Franconibacter	Phytobacter	
Gibbsiella	Plesiomonas	

For a full, current list see: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=91347>

Appendix 3: Viral Hemorrhagic Fever: Incubation Period, Reservoir, and Vector

Virus families	Virus	Incubation period	Endemicity	Reservoir	Vector
Filovirus	Ebola virus (EBOV)	2-21 days	The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Republic of the Congo	Likely bats, (species unknown, fruit or insectivorous bat)	Non-human primates, like monkeys, apes, chimpanzees, forest antelopes
Filovirus	Sudan virus (SUDV)	2-21 days	South Sudan, Uganda		
Filovirus	Bundibugyo virus (BDBV)	2-21 days	The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda		
Filovirus	Taï Forest Virus (TAFV)	2-21 days	Cote D'Ivoire		
Filovirus	Marburg Virus (MARV)	2-21 days	Angola, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe	Egyptian fruit bat (<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>)	Non-human primates, like monkeys, apes, chimpanzees, forest antelopes
Filovirus	Ravn Virus (RAVN)	2-21 days	The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Uganda	Egyptian fruit bat (<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>)	
Arenavirus (order Bunyavirales)	Lassa fever virus	2-21 days	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote D'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Togo	Multimammate rate (<i>Mastomys natalensis</i>)	No known
Arenavirus (order Bunyavirales)	Lujo virus	7-13 days	Zambia	Unknown reservoir, likely rodents	No known
Arenavirus (order Bunyavirales)	Junin virus	6-14 days	Argentina	Drylands vesper mouse (<i>Calomys musculus</i>)	No known

Arenavirus (order Bunyavirales)	Chapare virus	4-21 days	Bolivia	Small-eared pygmy rice rats (<i>Oligoryzomys microtis</i>)	No known
Arenavirus (order Bunyavirales)	Sabia virus	6-21 days	Brazil	Unknown reservoir, likely rodents	No known
Arenavirus (order Bunyavirales)	Machupo virus	3-16 days	Bolivia	Large vesper mouse (<i>Calomys callosus</i>)	No known
Arenavirus (order Bunyavirales)	Guanarito virus	3-19 days	Venezuela	Short-tailed cane mouse (<i>Zygodontomys brevicauda</i>)	No known
Nairovirus (order Bunyavirales)	Crimean- Congo Hemorrhagic Fever virus	1-14 days	Eastern and southern Europe through Central Asia, all of Africa, Middle East	Ixodid (hard) ticks	Ixodid (hard) ticks, wild and domestic animals, such as cattle, goats, sheep, hares, ostriches
Phenuvirus (Bunyavirales)	Rift Valley Fever virus	2-6 days	Eastern and southern Africa	Mosquitos	Mosquitos, livestock such as cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats, and camels