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A surveillance case definition is a set of uniform criteria used to define a disease for public health surveillance. Surveillance case definitions enable public health officials to classify and count cases consistently across reporting jurisdictions. Surveillance case definitions are not intended to be used by healthcare providers for making a clinical diagnosis or determining how to meet an individual patient’s health needs.  
Clinical Description  
An illness characterized by diarrhea and/or vomiting; severity is variable.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Isolation of toxigenic (i.e., cholera toxin-producing)  
Vibrio cholerae  
O1 or O139 from stool or vomitus,  
OR  
Significant increase in vibriocidal or antitoxic antibodies between acute- and early convalescent-phase sera,  
OR  
Significant decrease in vibriocidal antibodies between early and late convalescent-phase sera among persons not recently vaccinated  
Case Classification  
Confirmed  
A clinically compatible illness that is laboratory confirmed  
Comments  
When other cases are known to be occurring, a less than fourfold increase in titer between acute- and convalescent-phase serum may be considered significant. Likewise, a less than fourfold decrease in titer between early and late convalescent-phase sera may be important in these circumstances. Illnesses caused by strains of  
V. cholerae  
other than toxigenic  
V. cholerae  
O1 or O139 should not be reported as cases of cholera. The etiologic agent of a case of cholera should be reported as either  
V. cholerae  
O1 or  
V. cholerae  
O139.  
Note: Only confirmed cases should be reported by state health departments to the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS).  
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