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NOTE:  
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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
09-ID-32  
Clinical Description  
An illness characterized by watery diarrhea, abdominal cramps, loss of appetite, low-grade fever, nausea and vomiting. The disease can be prolonged and life-threatening in severely immunocompromised persons.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Laboratory-confirmed cryptosporidiosis shall be defined as the detection of a member of the genus  
Cryptosporidium  
by one of the following methods:  
Organisms in stool, intestinal fluid, or tissue samples or biopsy specimens  
Antigens in stool or intestinal fluid,  
OR  
Nucleic acid by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) in stool, intestinal fluid, or tissue samples or biopsy specimens  
Case Classification  
Probable  
A case that meets the clinical description and that is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case.  
Confirmed  
A case that meets the clinical description and at least one of the criteria for laboratory-confirmation as described above. When available, species designation and molecular characterization should be reported.  
Comments  
The 2009 case definition appearing on this page was re-published in the 2009 CSTE position statement 09-ID-32. Thus, the 2009 and 2010 versions of the case definition are identical.  
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