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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
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Clinical Description  
A gastrointestinal illness characterized by diarrhea, abdominal cramping, fever, nausea, vomiting and/or anorexia.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Probable  
: The detection of  
Cryptosporidium  
antigen by immunodiagnostic methods.\*  
Confirmed  
: The detection of  
Cryptosporidium  
organisms or DNA in stool, intestinal fluid, tissue samples, biopsy specimens, or other biological sample.\*\*  
\* Test results known to be obtained with commercially-available immunochromatographic card tests are limited to meeting "probable" case criteria due to a recent report of unacceptably high rates of false-positive results.  
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\*\* The confirmed laboratory criteria include detection of  
Cryptosporidium  
by established laboratory methods (e.g., direct fluorescent antibody [DFA] test or polymerase chain reaction [PCR]).  
Case Classification  
Probable  
A case that meets the clinical description and has probable criteria for laboratory diagnosis or that is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case.  
Confirmed  
A case that meets the clinical description and the respective criteria for laboratory-confirmation as described above.  
References  
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