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NOTE:  
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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
11-ID-14  
Clinical Description  
A gastrointestinal illness characterized by diarrhea and one or more of the following: diarrhea duration of 72 hours or more, abdominal cramping, vomiting, or anorexia.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Confirmed  
: Evidence 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 specimen.  
Probable  
: The detection of  
Cryptosporidium  
antigen by a screening test method, such as immunochromatographic card/rapid card test; or a laboratory test of unknown method.  
Case Classification  
Probable  
A case with supportive laboratory test results for  
Cryptosporidia  
spp. infection using a method listed in the probable laboratory criteria. When the diagnostic test method on a laboratory test result for cryptosporidiosis cannot be determined, the case can only be classified as probable,  
OR  
A case that meets the clinical criteria and is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case.  
Confirmed  
A case that is diagnosed with  
Cryptosporidium  
spp. infection based on laboratory testing using a method listed in the confirmed criteria.  
Comments  
Persons who have a diarrheal illness and are epidemiologically linked to a probable case because that individual was only diagnosed with cryptosporidiosis by an immunocard/rapid test/ or unknown test method cannot be classified as probable cases. These epi-links can be considered suspect cases only.  
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