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NOTE:  
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 upper respiratory tract illness characterized by sore throat, low-grade fever, and an adherent membrane of the tonsil(s), pharynx, and/or nose  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Isolation of  
Corynebacterium diphtheriae  
from a clinical specimen,  
OR  
Histopathologic diagnosis of diphtheria  
Case Classification  
Probable  
A clinically compatible case that is not laboratory confirmed and is not epidemiologically linked to a laboratory-confirmed case  
Confirmed  
A clinically compatible case that is either laboratory confirmed or epidemiologically linked to a laboratory-confirmed case  
Comments  
Cutaneous diphtheria should not be reported. Respiratory disease caused by nontoxigenic  
C. diphtheriae  
should be reported as diphtheria. All diphtheria isolates, regardless of association with disease, should be sent to the Diphtheria Laboratory, National Center for Infectious Diseases, CDC.  
The 1995 case definition appearing on this page was re-published in the 1997  
MMWR  
Recommendations and Reports titled  
Case Definitions for Infectious Conditions Under Public Health Surveillance  
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Thus, the 1995 and 1997 versions of the case definition are identical  
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