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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.  
CSTE Position Statement(s)  
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Case Classification  
Probable  
In the absence of a more likely diagnosis, an upper respiratory tract illness with:  
An adherent membrane of the nose, pharynx, tonsils, or larynx;  
AND  
Absence of laboratory confirmation;  
AND  
Lack of epidemiologic linkage to a laboratory-confirmed case of diphtheria.  
Confirmed  
An upper respiratory tract illness with an adherent membrane of the nose, pharynx, tonsils, or larynx; and any of the following:  
Isolation of  
Corynebacterium diphtheriae  
from the nose or throat;  
OR  
Histopathologic diagnosis of diphtheria;  
OR  
Epidemiologic linkage to a laboratory-confirmed case of diphtheria.  
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