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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
09-ID-39  
Clinical Description  
An acute illness with a) discrete onset of symptoms and b) jaundice or elevated serum aminotransferase levels.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Immunoglobulin M (IgM) antibody to hepatitis A virus (anti-HAV) positive  
Case Classification  
Confirmed  
A case that meets the clinical case definition and is laboratory confirmed,  
OR  
A case that meets the clinical case definition and occurs in a person who has an epidemiologic link with a person who has laboratory-confirmed hepatitis A (i.e., household or sexual contact with an infected person during the 15-50 days before the onset of symptoms)  
Comments  
The 2000 case definition appearing on this page was re-published in the 2009 CSTE position statement 09-ID-39. Thus, the 2000 and 2010 versions of the case definition are identical.  
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