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Clinical Description  
A febrile illness of greater than or equal to 5 days' duration, with at least four of the five following physical findings and no other more reasonable explanation for the observed clinical findings:  
Bilateral conjunctival injection  
Oral changes (erythema of lips or oropharynx, strawberry tongue, or fissuring of the lips)  
Peripheral extremity changes (edema, erythema, or generalized or periungual desquamation)  
Rash  
Cervical lymphadenopathy (at least one lymph node greater than or equal to 1.5 cm in diameter)  
Case Classification  
Confirmed  
A case that meets the clinical case definition  
Comments  
If fever disappears after intravenous gamma globulin therapy is started, fever may be of less than 5 days' duration, and the clinical case definition may still be met.  
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