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NOTE:  
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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
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Clinical Description  
An illness of variable severity characterized by diarrhea, fever, nausea, cramps, and tenesmus. Asymptomatic infections may occur.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Suspect  
: Detection of  
Shigella  
from a clinical specimen using a non-culture based method.  
Confirmed  
: Isolation of  
Shigella  
from a clinical specimen.  
Case Classification  
Suspected  
A case that meets the suspect laboratory criteria for diagnosis.  
Probable  
A clinically compatible case that is epidemiologically linked, i.e., is a contact of a confirmed case or a member of a risk group defined by public health authorities during an outbreak.  
Confirmed  
A case that meets the confirmed laboratory criteria for diagnosis. When available, O antigen serotype characterization should be reported.  
Comments  
Both asymptomatic infections and infections at sites other than the gastrointestinal tract, if laboratory confirmed, are considered confirmed cases that should be reported  
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