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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
09-ID-63  
Case Classification  
Probable  
In the absence of a more likely diagnosis, an acute illness with  
muscle spasms or hypertonia,  
AND  
diagnosis of tetanus by a health care provider;  
OR  
Death, with tetanus listed on the death certificate as the cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death  
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There is no definition for "confirmed" tetanus.  
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