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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.  
Background  
The following surveillance definitions are proposed and use existing public health surveillance definitions for varicella.  
Case Classification  
Probable  
A probable case of varicella which contributes directly or indirectly to acute medical complications which result in death.  
Confirmed  
A confirmed case of varicella which contributes directly or indirectly to acute medical complications which result in death.  
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