

## **! Cholera (*Vibrio cholerae* Type O1)**

Merlin reporting code = 00190 Cholera (*Vibrio cholerae*, Type-O1)  
Case report form (CRF): [Cholera and Other Vibrio Illness Surveillance Report](#)  
**MERLIN EXTENDED DATA REQUIRED**

### **Clinical description**

An illness of variable severity that is characterized by diarrhea and/or vomiting; severity is variable.

### **Laboratory criteria for case classification**

- Isolation of toxigenic (i.e., cholera toxin-producing) *Vibrio cholerae* O1 or O139 from stool or vomitus
- OR
- Serologic evidence of recent infection.

### **Case classification**

#### Confirmed:

A clinically compatible illness in a person with laboratory evidence.

### **Comments**

Illnesses caused by strains of *V. cholerae* other than toxigenic *V. cholerae* O1 or O139 should not be reported as cases of cholera. The etiologic agent of a case of cholera should be reported as either *V. cholerae* O1 or *V. cholerae* O139.

### **Notes**

Infections due to *V. cholerae* non-O1 should be reported as vibriosis (*Vibrio cholerae* type non-O1) (Merlin reporting code=00198).

- ✉ **Any available isolates of the organism must be sent to the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories for confirmation and serotyping. This condition has been identified as a potential bioterrorism agent by the CDC.**

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