

Typhus Fever, endemic (*Rickettsia typhi*)

Reporting code = 08100
Case report form: N/A
NO CRF REQUIRED

Clinical description

Several distinct *Rickettsiae* species cause typhus fevers in humans. Each agent produces disease with a distinct epidemiology, but all cause illness, usually with fever, headache, or rash, or a combination of these.

Laboratory criteria for diagnosis

Demonstration of *Rickettsia typhi* in tissues or body fluids, or fourfold change in specific antibody titers in sequential sera.

Case classification

Confirmed: A clinically compatible case that is laboratory-confirmed.

Probable: A clinically compatible case that is lacking laboratory confirmation.

Comment

 **Specimens from all cases must be submitted to the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories for confirmation.**