Cholera (*Vibrio cholerae* Type O1)

! Merlin disease code: 00190 Cholera (*Vibrio cholerae* Type O1)   Paper case report form

✉ Isolates for all cases must be sent to the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories   Merlin extended data required

This condition has been identified as a potential bioterrorism agent by the CDC.

Clinical criteria for case classification

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

Laboratory criteria for case classification

Either of the following:
- Isolation of **toxigenic** (i.e., cholera toxin-producing) *Vibrio cholerae* O1 or O139 from stool or vomitus
- **Or** serologic evidence of recent infection (testing performed at the CDC).

Epidemiological criteria for case classification

Not applicable.

Case classification

Confirmed:
A clinically compatible illness in a person with laboratory criteria.

Criteria to distinguish a new case from previous reports

Not applicable.

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.

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

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