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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 3, 2023

**TO:** County Health Department Epidemiology Programs

**FROM:** Thomas Troelstrup, MPH; Surveillance and Surveillance Systems Section Administrator, Bureau of Epidemiology, Florida Department of Health

**SUBJECT:** Summary of 2023 Changes to Reportable Disease Case Definitions, Florida

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Each January, the Bureau of Epidemiology changes Florida reportable disease surveillance case definitions for general communicable diseases to align with position statements approved by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) at their annual meeting. **Revised case definitions will be applied to cases with event dates in 2023 (beginning January 1, 2023).**

Short descriptions of the Florida case definition revisions are included below. The fully revised document, *Surveillance Case Definitions for Select Reportable Diseases in Florida 2023, Version 1.0*, will be posted on the Surveillance Case Definitions and MMWR Weeks website ([www.Floridahealth.gov/DiseaseCaseDefinitions](http://www.Floridahealth.gov/DiseaseCaseDefinitions)) and on the internal Surveillance and Investigation Guidance SharePoint site (<https://floridahealth.sharepoint.com/sites/gsi/SitePages/sig.aspx>).

### Summary of case definition changes for reportable diseases and conditions:

1. **Botulism, infant:** clarified clinical criteria, added epidemiological criteria, added suspect case classification (retrospectively applied to 2022 cases)
2. **Candida auris infection:** removed probable and suspect case classification
3. **Coronavirus disease (COVID):** removed clinical and epidemiological criteria, moved vital statistics criteria to suspect classification
4. **Dengue fever:** expanded clinical criteria to include chills/rigors (retrospectively applied to 2022 cases)
5. **Hepatitis B, acute and chronic:** added exclusion criteria for positive results within 4 weeks after vaccination
6. **Measles:** added exclusion criteria for detection of vaccine strain
7. **Melioidosis:** clarified and expanded clinical criteria, added supportive laboratory criteria, added vital statistics criteria, expanded probable case classification, added suspect case classification
8. **Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C):** separated from COVID with its own surveillance case definition

Thank you very much for your surveillance and reporting efforts throughout the year. Your input is essential as we continue to work together to prevent and control these diseases.