Queensland Notification Criteria

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1. Purpose

This document lists what results pathology laboratories should notify to the Queensland Notifiable Conditions Register for each condition that is currently notifiable under the Queensland Public Health Act 2005 and Public Health Regulation 2018.
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### Glossary of abbreviations

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Alphavirus infections (getah, sindbis)

Isolation of a specified alphavirus

OR

Detection of specified alphaviral nucleic material by NAT

OR

IgG seroconversion or a fourfold or greater rise in titre in paired sera to specified alphavirus or a significant increase in IgG

OR

Detection of specified alphavirus specific IgM antibodies.

Date of last review 20 March 2014

Anthrax

Request for Anthrax testing is notifiable

Isolation of Bacillus anthracis vegetative cells or spores confirmed by a reference laboratory

OR

Detection of Bacillus anthracis by NAT

OR

Detection of Bacillus anthracis by microscopic examination of stained smears.

Date of last review 20 March 2014

Arbovirus infections (other, not specified)

Isolation of an arbovirus not otherwise specified

OR

Detection of specified arbovirus nucleic material by NAT

OR

IgG seroconversion or a fourfold or greater rise in titre in paired sera to specified arbovirus or significant increase in specific IgG

OR

Detection of specified arbovirus specific IgM antibodies.

Date of last review 20 March 2014
Avian influenza (human)

**Request for avian influenza testing is notifiable**

Detection of avian influenza virus by NAT from appropriate respiratory tract specimen

OR

Isolation of avian influenza virus by culture from appropriate respiratory tract specimen.

**Date of last review** 10 November 2016

Barmah Forest virus infection

Isolation of Barmah Forest virus

OR

Detection of Barmah Forest virus nucleic material by NAT

OR

IgG seroconversion or a significant increase in IgG antibody level (e.g. fourfold or greater rise in titre) to Barmah Forest virus

OR

Detection of Barmah Forest virus IgM AND Barmah Forest virus IgG in the same specimen EXCEPT if Barmah Forest IgG is known to have been detected in a specimen collected greater than 3 months earlier.

**Date of last review** 10 March 2016

Botulism

**Request for botulism testing is notifiable**

Isolation of Clostridium botulinum

OR

Detection of *C. botulinum* toxin in serum or faeces.

**Date of last review** 20 March 2014
Brucellosis

Isolation of Brucella species

OR
IgG seroconversion or a significant increase in IgG antibody level (e.g. fourfold or greater rise) to Brucella

OR
Detection of Brucella species by NAT

OR
A single high Brucella agglutination titre.

Date of last review 10 November 2016

Bunyavirus infections (gangan, mapputta virus, termil, trubananan etc.)

Isolation of a specified bunyavirus from blood, CSF or tissue specimens

OR
Detection of specified bunyavirus nucleic material by NAT

OR
IgG seroconversion or a fourfold or greater rise in titre in paired sera to specified bunyavirus or a significant rise in IgG

OR
Detection of specified bunyavirus specific IgM antibodies.

Date of last review 20 March 2014

Campylobacteriosis

Isolation of Campylobacter species from faeces or other clinical specimen

OR
Detection by NAT of Campylobacter species from faeces or other clinical specimen.

Date of last review 20 March 2014

Chancroid

Isolation of Haemophilus ducreyi

OR
Detection of Haemophilus ducreyi by NAT from a genital ulcer specimen.

Date of last review 20 March 2014
**Chikungunya**

Isolation of chikungunya virus

OR

Detection of chikungunya virus by NAT

OR

Seroconversion or a significant rise in antibody level or a fourfold or greater rise in titre to chikungunya virus

OR

Detection of chikungunya virus-specific IgM.

**Date of last review** 20 March 2014

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**Chlamydia trachomatis infections (excluding Lymphogranuloma venereum)**

Isolation of Chlamydia trachomatis

OR

Detection of Chlamydia trachomatis by NAT

OR

Detection of Chlamydia trachomatis antigen.

**Date of last review** 20 March 2014

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**Cholera**

Isolation of *Vibrio cholerae* subgroup 01 or 0139

OR

Detection of Cholera toxin genes by NAT.

**Date of last review** 20 March 2014
Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Request for COVID-19 testing is notifiable

Detection of COVID-19 by NAT using a validated method from a relevant upper or lower respiratory tract sample (nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swab, nasal aspirate, sputum, bronchoalveolar lavage or tracheal aspirate)
OR
detection of COVID-19 by NAT from other anatomical sites not otherwise specified
OR
isolation of COVID-19 from any anatomical site
OR
seroconversion or fourfold rise in titre to COVID-19 in paired sera (*serology tests not yet available*)

Date of last review 17 February 2020

Coronavirus (Highly Pathogenic) - Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) only

Request for MERS or SARS coronavirus testing is notifiable

Detection of MERS or SARS coronavirus (MERS/SARS-CoV) by NAT using a validated method from at least two different clinical specimens (e.g. nasopharyngeal and stool)
OR
the same clinical specimen collected on two or more days during the course of the illness (e.g. sequential nasopharyngeal aspirates)
OR
two different assays or repeat NAT using a new RNA extract from the original clinical sample on each occasion of testing
OR
seroconversion or fourfold rise in titre to MERS/SARS-CoV in paired sera tested by ELISA or IFA (*serology not performed in Queensland*)
OR
Isolation of MERS/SARS-CoV AND detection of MERS/SARS-CoV by NAT using a validated method (*isolation not performed in Queensland*)

Date of last review 10 November 2016
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease

Histopathological report compatible with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease examined by an anatomical pathologist experienced in Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease diagnosis

OR
Detection of 14-3-3 protein in cerebrospinal fluid.

Date of last review 20 March 2014

Cryptosporidiosis

Detection of Cryptosporidium oocysts in a faecal sample

OR
Detection of Cryptosporidium specific antigen

OR
Detection of Cryptosporidium by NAT.

Date of last review 20 March 2014

Dengue

Isolation of the specified flavivirus

OR
Detection of specified flavivirus nucleic material by NAT

OR
IgG seroconversion or a fourfold or greater rise in titre in paired sera to specified flavivirus proven by neutralisation or another specific test

OR
Detection of specified flavivirus specific IgM antibodies in CSF

OR
Detection of dengue virus-specific IgM in serum

OR
Detection of dengue non-structural protein 1 (NS1) antigen in blood.

Date of last review 2 November 2017
**Diphtheria**

Isolation of *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* possessing the toxin gene or *C. ulcerans* possessing the toxin gene confirmed by NAT

OR

Isolation of *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* or *C. ulcerans* (toxin production unknown).

*Date of last review* 15 March 2018

**Donovanosis (granuloma inguinale)**

Detection of *Klebsiella granulomatis* by NAT of a specimen taken from a lesion

OR

Demonstration of intracellular Donovan bodies on smears or biopsy specimens taken from a lesion.

*Date of last review* 20 March 2014

**Flavivirus infections – specified other (alfuy, Edge Hill, kokobera, Stratford)**

Isolation of the specified flavivirus from blood, CSF or tissue specimens

OR

Detection of specified flavivirus nucleic material by NAT

OR

IgG seroconversion or a fourfold or greater rise in titre in paired sera to specified flavivirus

OR

Detection of specified flavivirus specific IgM antibodies.

*Date of last review* 20 March 2014

**Flavivirus infections (unspecified)**

Isolation of an unspecified flavivirus from blood, CSF or tissue specimens

OR

Detection of group specific but flavivirus unspecified nucleic material by NAT

OR

IgG seroconversion or a fourfold or greater rise in titre in paired sera to an unspecified flavivirus

OR

Detection of unspecified flavivirus specific IgM antibodies.

*Date of last review* 7 July 2016
**Gonococcal infection**

Isolation of Neisseria gonorrhoeae  
OR  
Detection of Neisseria gonorrhoeae by NAT.  
**Date of last review** 14 March 2019

**Haemophilus influenzae type b infection (invasive)**

Isolation of *Haemophilus influenzae* from a normally sterile site  
OR  
Detection of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b from a normally sterile site confirmed by NAT.  
**Date of last review** 14 April 2014

**Hendra virus infection**

Request for Hendra virus testing is notifiable  
Isolation of Hendra virus  
OR  
Detection of Hendra virus nucleic acid by appropriate methods  
OR  
Detection of antibody to Hendra virus by MIA, ELISA or IFA, or SNT.  
**Date of last review** 20 March 2014

**Hepatitis A**

Detection of hepatitis A virus by NAT  
OR  
Detection of hepatitis A-specific IgM.  
**Date of last review** 14 March 2019
Hepatitis B
Detection of hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)
OR
Detection of hepatitis B virus by nucleic acid testing
OR
Hepatitis B core IgM antibody positive (Anti-HBc IgM)
OR
Hepatitis B core IgM antibody negative (Anti-HBc IgM) (if positive result for HBsAg or NAT)*

*Required for the purpose of classifying notifications as acute or chronic hepatitis B

Date of last review 5 July 2018

Hepatitis C
Detection of anti-hepatitis C antibody confirmed by second assay
OR
Detection of hepatitis C virus by NAT
OR
Detection of hepatitis C antigen.

Date of last review 7 July 2016

Hepatitis D
Detection of IgM or IgG antibodies to hepatitis D virus
OR
Detection of hepatitis D virus on liver biopsy.

Date of last review 20 March 2014
**Hepatitis E**

Detection of hepatitis E virus nucleic acid in blood or tissue specimens

OR

Isolation of hepatitis E virus in cell culture, with confirmation by a nucleic acid detection test

OR

Seroconversion of IgG or total antibody titres against hepatitis E virus

OR

A four-fold or greater rise in IgG or total antibody titres against hepatitis E virus during or after a compatible clinical illness

OR

Detection of IgM directed against hepatitis E virus in a single specimen.

**Date of last review** 19 November 2015

**Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection**

Detection of HIV by NAT

OR

Detection of HIV by Western Blot testing

OR

Detection of HIV p24 antigen, with neutralisation

OR

Isolation of HIV.

**Date of last review** 7 July 2016

**Influenza**

Isolation of influenza virus by culture from an appropriate respiratory tract specimen

OR

Detection of influenza virus by NAT from an appropriate respiratory tract specimen

OR

Detection of influenza antigen from an appropriate respiratory tract specimen

OR

IgG seroconversion or a significant increase in antibody level or a fourfold or greater rise in titre to influenza virus

OR

Single high titre IgA to influenza virus

**Date of last review** 21 May 2015
Invasive Group A Streptococcal disease

Isolation of group A Streptococcus (Streptococcus pyogenes) by culture from a normally sterile site e.g. blood or cerebrospinal fluid or joint, pleural or pericardial fluid.

Date of last review 20 March 2014

Japanese encephalitis

Request for Japanese encephalitis testing is notifiable
Isolation of the specified flavivirus
OR
Detection of specified flavivirus nucleic material by NAT
OR
IgG seroconversion or a significant increase in antibody level or a fourfold or greater rise in titre in paired sera to specified flavivirus
OR
Detection of specified flavivirus specific IgM antibodies.

Date of last review 20 March 2014

Lead exposure

Demonstration of a blood lead level of 5µg/dL (0.24µmol/L) or more in any person.

Date of last review 19 November 2015

Legionellosis

Isolation of Legionella,
OR
Presence of Legionella urinary antigen,
OR
Seroconversion or a significant increase in antibody level or a fourfold or greater rise in titre to Legionella,
OR
Single high antibody titre to Legionella (as determined by the testing laboratory),
OR
Detection of Legionella by NAT.

Date of last review 2 November 2017
**Leprosy (Hansen’s disease)**

Detection of *Mycobacterium leprae* by NAT from the ear lobe or other relevant specimens,

OR

Demonstration of characteristic acid-fast bacilli in slit skin smears and biopsies prepared from the ear lobe or other relevant sites,

OR

Histopathological report from skin or nerve biopsy compatible with leprosy (Hansen’s disease) examined by an anatomical pathologist or specialist microbiologist experienced in leprosy diagnosis.

**Date of last review** 20 March 2014

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**Leptospirosis**

Isolation of pathogenic *Leptospira* species,

OR

A positive *Leptospira* EIA IgM result,

OR

Fourfold or greater increase in leptospirosis microscopic agglutination test (MAT) titre,

OR

A single high leptospirosis microscopic agglutination test (MAT) titre greater than or equal to 400 against a pathogenic species,

OR

Detection of pathogenic *Leptospira* sp. by NAT.

**Date of last review** 20 March 2014

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**Listeriosis**

Isolation or detection of *Listeria monocytogenes* from a site that is normally sterile, including fetal gastrointestinal contents.

**Date of last review** 1 November 2018

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**Lymphogranuloma venereum**

Isolation of *Chlamydia trachomatis* serovars L1, L2 or L3

OR

Detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* serovars L1, L2 or L3 by NAT.

**Date of last review** 20 March 2014
Lyssaviruses (including Australian Bat lyssavirus (ABLV), lyssavirus unspecified, and rabies)

**Request for lyssavirus testing is notifiable.**
Isolation of lyssavirus (including ABLV and rabies) confirmed by sequence analysis
OR
Detection of lyssavirus (including ABLV and rabies) by NAT
OR
IgG seroconversion or a fourfold or greater rise in titre in paired sera to lyssavirus (including ABLV and rabies)
OR
Detection of lyssavirus (including ABLV and rabies) specific IgM
OR
Demonstration of rabies-specific antibody in CSF
OR
Positive fluorescent antibody test result for lyssaviral antigen

**Date of last review** 21 May 2015

Malaria

Detection and specific identification of malaria parasites by microscopy on blood films with confirmation of species
OR
Detection of Plasmodium species by NAT
OR
A positive result with a rapid immunodiagnostic (immunochromatography or antigen detection EIA) test.

**Date of last review** 20 March 2014
Measles

Isolation of measles virus

OR

Detection of measles virus antigen or nucleic acid

OR

Demonstration of measles specific IgM antibody

OR

IgG seroconversion or a significant increase in antibody level or a fourfold or greater rise in titre in paired sera to measles virus.

Date of last review 4 July 2019

Melioidosis

Isolation of *Burkholderia pseudomallei* from any site

OR

Detection of *Burkholderia pseudomallei* by NAT from any site.

Date of last review 20 March 2014

Meningococcal disease (invasive)

Isolation of Neisseria meningitidis from a normally sterile site or eye/conjunctiva

OR

Detection of specific meningococcal DNA sequences in a specimen from a normally sterile site by NAT

OR

Detection of Gram-negative diplococci in Gram’s stain of specimen from a normally sterile site or from a suspicious skin lesion

OR

High titre IgM or significant rise in IgM or IgG titres to outer membrane protein antigens of N. meningitidis.

Date of last review 2 November 2017
Mumps

Isolation of mumps virus

OR

Detection of mumps virus by NAT

OR

IgG seroconversion or a significant increase in antibody level or a fourfold or greater rise in paired serum titre

OR

Demonstration of mumps specific IgM.

Date of last review 20 March 2014

Murray Valley Encephalitis virus infection

Isolation of Murray Valley encephalitis virus

OR

Detection of Murray Valley encephalitis virus by NAT

OR

IgG seroconversion or a significant increase in antibody level or a fourfold or greater rise in titre to Murray Valley encephalitis virus

OR

Detection of Murray Valley encephalitis virus-specific IgM in cerebrospinal fluid in the absence of IgM to West Nile/Kunjin, Japanese encephalitis and dengue viruses

OR

Detection of Murray Valley encephalitis virus-specific IgM in serum in the absence of IgM to West Nile/Kunjin, Japanese encephalitis and dengue viruses.

Date of last review 2 November 2017

Nontuberculous Mycobacterial infection

Isolation or detection by NAT of M. ulcerans from any site

OR

Isolation or detection by NAT of other nontuberculous mycobacteria from any site other than sputum or urine

OR

Isolation of any nontuberculous mycobacteria from multiple samples of sputum or urine

OR

Detection of acid fast bacilli by histology.

Date of last review 20 March 2014
**Pertussis**

Isolation of Bordetella pertussis,  
**OR**  
Detection of B. pertussis by NAT,  
**OR**  
Seroconversion in paired sera for B. pertussis using whole cell or specific B. pertussis antigen(s) in the absence of recent pertussis vaccination,  
**OR**  
Significant change (increase or decrease) in antibody level (IgG, IgA) to B. pertussis whole cell or B. pertussis specific antigen(s),  
**OR**  
Single high IgG and or IgA titre to Pertussis toxin,  
**OR**  
Single high IgA titre to Whole Cell or specific B. pertussis antigens.  
**Date of last review** 20 March 2014

**Plague**

**Request for testing for plague is notifiable**  
Isolation of Yersinia pestis,  
**OR**  
Demonstration of a fourfold or greater rise in Y. pestis antibody titre,  
**OR**  
Detection of Y. pestis by NAT.  
**Date of last review** 14 April 2014

**Pneumococcal disease (invasive)**

Isolation of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* from a normally sterile site,  
**OR**  
Detection of *S. pneumoniae* from a normally sterile site by NAT.  
**Date of last review** 20 March 2014
**Poliovirus infection**

**Request for poliomyelitis virus testing is notifiable**

Note: all findings must be confirmed in the WHO Western Pacific Region Reference laboratory.

**Wild-type poliomyelitis:**
Isolation of wild-type virus,

**OR**
Detection of wild-type virus by NAT.

**Vaccine-associated poliomyelitis:**
Isolation of Sabin-like poliovirus,

**OR**
Detection of Sabin-like poliovirus by NAT.

NB. FSS may perform enterovirus NAT +/- sequencing but all requests for polio virus testing are referred directly to the National Enterovirus Reference Laboratory

**Date of last review** 10 November 2016

**Psittacosis**

Seroconversion or fourfold or greater rise in immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibody by microimmunofluorescence (MIF) against Chlamydia psittaci between acute and convalescent sera (collected at least two weeks later) tested in parallel)\(^1\)

**OR**
Detection of C. psittaci by NAT or culture

**OR**
Detection of IgM or single high IgG antibody titre\(^2\) to C. psittaci by MIF

**OR**
A single high C. psittaci complement fixation (CF) antibody titre\(^2\)

**OR**
Seroconversion or fourfold or greater rise in IgG antibody by CF against Chlamydia psittaci between acute and convalescent sera (collected at least two weeks later) tested in parallel).\(^1\)

**Date of last review** 5 July 2018

1. *C. psittaci*MIF antibody is more specific than CF antibody. However, positive serologic findings by both MIF and CF may occur as a result of infection with other Chlamydia species and should be interpreted with caution. This is most likely to occur with primary Chlamydophila pneumoniae infection from 5-15 years of age. Chlamydia spp. infection in those < 5 years of age may not produce a MIF or CF serological response.

2. MIF IgG antibody can persist for years whereas CF antibody diminishes over months following Chlamydia spp. Infection.
**Q Fever**

Isolation of *Coxiella burnetii* from a clinical specimen,

OR

Detection of *C. burnetii* by NAT,

OR

Seroconversion (significant increase), or fourfold or greater increase in antibody level to Phase II or Phase I antigens in paired sera,

OR

Detection of *C. burnetii* specific IgM,

OR

Demonstration or a raised serum complement fixation antibody titre (≥1/64) to phase II antigen of *C. burnetii*.

*Date of last review* 14 March 2019

**Ross River virus infection**

Isolation of Ross River virus,

OR

Detection of Ross River virus nucleic material by NAT, OR

IgG seroconversion or a significant increase in IgG antibody level (e.g. fourfold or greater rise in titre) to Ross River virus,

OR

Detection of Ross River virus IgM AND Ross River virus IgG in the same specimen EXCEPT if Ross River IgG is known to have been detected in a specimen collected greater than 3 months earlier

*Date of last review* 10 March 2016

**Rotavirus**

Detection of rotavirus nucleic material by NAT,

OR

Detection of rotavirus antigen.

*Date of last review* 5 July 2018
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Smallpox

Request for smallpox virus testing is notifiable
Isolation of variola virus, confirmed at the Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (VIDRL),
OR
Detection of variola virus by NAT, confirmed at VIDRL,
OR
Detection of a poxvirus resembling variola virus by electron microscopy,
OR
Isolation of variola virus pending confirmation,
OR
Detection of variola virus by NAT pending confirmation.

Date of last review 14 March 2019

Syphilis (including congenital syphilis)

Detection of Treponema pallidum by NAT,
OR
Reactive specific treponemal antibody tests,
OR
A reactive VDRL test on CSF.

Date of last review 1 November 2018

Tetanus

Isolation of Clostridium tetani from a wound or blood sample in a compatible clinical setting.

Date of last review 15 March 2018
**Tuberculosis**

Isolation of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex, including (*M. tuberculosis*, *M. africanum* or *M. bovis*) from a clinical specimen,

**OR**

Detection of tuberculosis complex by NAT,

**OR**

Detection of acid fast bacilli by histology,

**OR**

Histology consistent with active tuberculosis,

**OR**

Smear-positive for acid fast bacilli on a respiratory specimen or specimen from a normally sterile site.

**Date of last review** 20 March 2014

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**Tularaemia**

Request for testing for tularaemia is notifiable

Isolation and detection of *Francisella tularensis*,

**OR**

Isolation of a Gram-negative bacillus suggestive of *F. tularensis* whether or not the organism identity and pathogenicity have not yet been confirmed by a reference laboratory,

**OR**

Detection of *F. tularensis* by NAT.

**Date of last review** 14 April 2014

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**Typhoid / Paratyphoid**

Isolation or detection of *Salmonella Typhi* or *Salmonella Paratyphi* serotype A, B or C from any clinical specimen.

**Date of last review** 2 November 2017
Varicella

Isolation of varicella zoster virus,

OR

Detection of varicella virus by NAT,

OR

IgG seroconversion or a significant increase in antibody level, such as a fourfold or greater rise in titre to varicella-zoster virus (with paired sera tested in parallel).

Date of last review 15 March 2018

Viral haemorrhagic fevers (Crimean-Congo fever, Ebola virus disease, Lassa fever and Marburg virus disease)

Request for testing for a viral haemorrhagic fever is notifiable

Note: For EVD, all findings require confirmation by VIDRL, Melbourne, Centres for Disease Control, Atlanta, or National Institute of Virology, Johannesburg.

Isolation of specific virus,

OR

Detection of specific virus by NAT, antigen detection assay or electron microscopy,

OR

IgG seroconversion or a significant increase in antibody level or a fourfold or greater rise in titre to specific virus,

OR

Detection of IgM antibody to one of the specific viruses.

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West Nile / Kunjin

Isolation of the specified flavivirus,

OR

Detection of specified flaviviral nucleic material by NAT,

OR

IgG seroconversion or a significant increase in antibody level or a fourfold or greater rise in titre in paired sera to specified flavivirus,

OR

Detection of specified flavivirus specific IgM antibodies.

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Yellow Fever

Request for yellow fever testing is notifiable
Isolation of yellow fever virus,
OR
Detection of yellow fever virus by NAT,
OR
IgG or IgM seroconversion or a fourfold or greater rise in titre in paired sera to yellow fever virus,
OR
Detection of yellow fever virus antigen in tissues by immunohistochemistry,
OR
Yellow fever virus-specific IgM detected.

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Yersiniosis

Isolation of Yersinia enterocolitica or Yersinia pseudotuberculosis,
OR
Detection of Y. enterocolitica or Y. pseudotuberculosis by NAT.

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Note: currently the NAT is not distinguishing between pathogenic and non-pathogenic strains of Y. enterocolitica. With culture, this can be decided in a reference lab. This definition will be reviewed once cultures are phased out.
Zika virus infection

Isolation ZIKV virus,  
OR  
Detection of ZIKV by NAT,  
OR  
IgG seroconversion or a significant increase in antibody level or a fourfold or greater rise in titre of ZIKV-specific IgG, and a recent infection by dengue or other epidemiologically possible flavivirus has been excluded;  
OR  
Detection of ZIKV-specific IgM in cerebrospinal fluid, in the absence of IgM to other possible flaviviruses  
OR  
Detection of ZIKV-specific IgM in the absence of IgM to other epidemiologically possible flaviviruses or flavivirus vaccination in the 3 weeks prior to testing

NB

- If the date of most recent exposure was greater than 4 weeks before the specimen date, then ZIKV-specific IgG must also be positive.
- If ZIKV-specific IgG was initially negative and subsequent testing greater than 4 weeks after exposure fails to demonstrate seroconversion the case should be rejected

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