

Case Definition

Confirmed Case

Clinical illness¹ in an infant less than 1 month of age with laboratory confirmation of infection:

- Isolation of group B *Streptococcus* (*Streptococcus agalactiae*) from a normally sterile site (such as blood or CSF).

OR

- Demonstration of group B *Streptococcus* DNA in a normally sterile site.

Probable Case

Clinical illness¹ in an infant less than 1 month of age with laboratory confirmation of infection:

- Detection of group B *Streptococcus* antigen in a normally sterile site.

Clinical Evidence

Early onset disease (1-7 days):

- Characterized by sepsis, respiratory distress, apnea, shock, pneumonia, and meningitis.

Late onset disease (7 days to 1 month):

- Characterized by bacteremia, meningitis, and other focal infections.

Reporting Requirements

Report confirmed and probable cases to DHW Surveillance via Panorama.

Additional Forms

None.

¹ See Clinical Evidence section.