

Case Definition

Confirmed Case:

A person with:

- Early clinical presentation of SARS i.e. fever (>38C) AND cough or breathing difficulty.
AND
- Radiographic evidence consistent with SARS, i.e. radiographic evidence of infiltrates consistent with pneumonia or respiratory distress syndrome (RDS).
AND
- Laboratory evidence of SARS-associated coronavirus (SARS Co-V) infection, i.e. detection of SARS- CoV RNA OR Seroconversion OR virus isolation.
OR

A deceased person with:

- A history of early clinical presentation of SARS, i.e. fever AND cough or difficulty breathing resulting in death.
AND
- Autopsy findings consistent with SARS, i.e. evidence of pneumonia or RDS without an alternative identifiable cause.
AND
- Laboratory evidence of SARS-CoV infection, detection of SARS-CoV RNA OR seroconversion OR virus isolation.

Probable Case:

A person with:

- Early clinical presentation of SARS.
AND
- Radiographic evidence consistent with SARS.
AND
- Epidemiologic link to a person or place linked to SARS, i.e.:
 - Close contact with a confirmed SARS case, within 10 days of onset of symptoms.
OR
 - Close contact with a symptomatic person who has laboratory evidence of SARS CoV infection within 10 days of onset of symptoms.
OR
 - Residence in, or recent travel or visit to an “area with recent local transmission of SARS” within the 10 days prior to onset of symptoms.
OR
 - Close contact (including health care providers) with a probable case who has been to an “area with recent local transmission of SARS” within the 10 days prior to onset of symptoms.**OR**

A deceased person with:

- A history of early clinical presentation of SARS.
AND
- Autopsy findings consistent with SARS.
AND

- Epidemiologic link to a person or place linked to SARS.

OR

A deceased person with:

- A history of early clinical presentation of SARS.

AND

- Laboratory evidence of SARS coronavirus infection

Clinical Evidence

N/A

Reporting Requirements

Report confirmed and probable cases **immediately** to DHW Surveillance via Panorama and the Surveillance Inbox.

Additional Forms

None.