

Case Definition

Confirmed Case:

Clinical illness¹ without other apparent medical cause with or without isolation of *Clostridium tetani* and with or without history of injury.

Clinical Evidence

Characterized by acute onset of hypertonia and/or painful muscular contractions (usually of the muscles of the jaw and neck), and generalized muscle spasms without other apparent medical cause.

Reporting Requirements

Report confirmed cases to DHW Surveillance via Panorama.

Additional Forms

None.

¹ See Clinical Evidence section.