

## TETANUS

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Initial case definition (2004)</b>			

### Reporting

Only **confirmed cases** should be notified.

#### Confirmed case

A confirmed case requires either:

**Laboratory definitive evidence** OR **clinical evidence**.

#### Laboratory definitive evidence

Isolation of *Clostridium tetani* from a wound in a compatible clinical setting and prevention of positive tetanospasm in mouse test from such an isolate using specific tetanus antitoxin.

#### Clinical evidence

A clinically compatible illness without other apparent cause.