



Malaria

Australian national notifiable diseases case definition

This document contains the surveillance case definition for malaria, which is nationally notifiable within Australia. State and territory health departments use this definition to decide whether to notify the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care of a case.

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1.0	Initial CDNA case definition	2004	2004

Reporting

Only **confirmed cases** should be notified.

Confirmed case

A confirmed case requires **laboratory definitive evidence** only.

Laboratory evidence

1. Detection and specific identification of malaria parasites by microscopy on blood films with confirmation of species in a laboratory with appropriate expertise

OR

2. Detection of *Plasmodium* species by nucleic acid testing.