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| Communicable Diseases Network Australia logo | Rabies  Australian national notifiable diseases case definition |

This document contains the surveillance case definition for rabies, 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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Reporting

Only **confirmed cases** should be notified.

Confirmed case

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

Laboratory definitive evidence

1. Isolation of rabies virus confirmed by sequence analysis

OR

2. Detection of rabies virus by nucleic acid testing.