

BRUCELLOSIS

Case Definition

Confirmed Case:

Clinical illness with laboratory confirmation of infection:

- *Brucella* species isolation from an appropriate clinical specimen.
- OR**
- A significant i.e. \geq fourfold rise in *Brucella* agglutination titre between acute and convalescent serum specimens obtained \geq 2 weeks apart and tested at the same laboratory.

Probable Case:

- Clinical illness with an epidemiological link to a confirmed animal case.
- OR**
- Clinical illness with supportive serology (*Brucella* agglutination titre of 1:160 or higher in one or more serum specimens obtained after symptom onset).

Clinical Evidence

Characterized by acute or insidious onset of fever, night sweats, undue fatigue, anorexia, weight loss, headache and arthralgia.

Reporting Requirements

- Report confirmed or probable cases to DHW Surveillance Team via Panorama.

Additional Forms

None.

Data Entry

Complete data entry in Panorama.