

MENINGITIS (BACTERIAL)

Case Definition

Confirmed Case:

A clinically compatible case that is either laboratory confirmed or is accompanied by a positive blood culture.

Clinical Evidence

- Sudden onset of fever, intense headache, nausea and often vomiting, stiff neck and photophobia.
- A petechial rash with pink macules or occasionally vesicles may be observed.

Reporting Requirements

- Report confirmed cases to DHW Surveillance Team.
- Enter into Panorama.
- Report causative bacterial agent when it is identified.

Additional Forms

None.

Data Entry

Complete data entry in Panorama.