

Mumps Update

In 2008 CDC adopted a revised mumps case definition for the purpose of public health surveillance. The new definition and information about the changes are provided in the attachment to this message. The changes are:

- 1) A "Clinically Compatible Illness" description was added to allow inclusion of cases that may present only with complications and not classic mumps illness.
- 2) The criteria for a "Probable" case now require epidemiological linkage to another case meeting the clinical case definition or clinically compatible illness description.
- 3) A "Suspected" classification has been added, which is appropriate when a case meets the clinical case definition or clinically compatible description, but does not meet the criteria for Probable or Confirmed case.

In order to accommodate this revised case definition the MDSS has been updated to allow Mumps cases to be marked as Suspect and Completed if necessary.