

SUSPICIOUS EXPOSURE

Suspicious powder/substance Result of testing: *B. anthracis* confirmed Negative Not done
 Suspicious letter/package Result of testing: *B. anthracis* confirmed Negative Not done
 Suspected bioterrorism? Yes No Unknown

Presumed source of infection, if known:

Similar illness in household? Yes No Unknown

If yes, complete below:

Onset (mm/dd/yy)	Last Name	First Name	Relationship

REMARKS

Investigator's name (print)	Date	Telephone number ()
Agency name		

CASE DEFINITION

CDC/MMWR, May 2, 1997/Vol. 46/No. RR-10, "Case Definitions for Public Health Surveillance."

Case definition/clinical description:

An illness with acute onset characterized by several distinct clinical forms including the following:

- Cutaneous: a skin lesion evolving during a period of two to six days from a papule, through a vesicular stage, to a depressed black eschar
- Inhalation: a brief prodrome resembling a viral respiratory illness followed by development of hypoxia and dyspnea, with radiographic evidence of mediastinal widening
- Intestinal: severe abdominal distress followed by fever and signs of septicemia
- Oropharyngeal: mucosal lesion in the oral cavity or oropharynx, cervical adenopathy and edema, and fever

Laboratory criteria for diagnosis:

- Isolation of *Bacillus anthracis* from a clinical specimen, or
- Anthrax electrophoretic immunotransblot (EITB) reaction to the protective antigen and/or lethal factor bands in one or more serum samples obtained after onset of symptoms, or
- Demonstration of *B. anthracis* in a clinical specimen by immunofluorescence

Case classification:

Confirmed: A clinically compatible case that is laboratory confirmed.