



# Alberta Public Health Disease Management Guidelines

Cerebrospinal Fluid Isolates



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# Case Definition

## Confirmed Case

Laboratory evidence of an organism, not otherwise reportable to Alberta Health, isolated from cerebrospinal fluid collected from an individual who is not known to be HIV positive and who:

- has not sustained a penetrating or traumatic central nervous system injury

OR

- has not sustained a penetrating or traumatic vertebral column injury

OR

- does not have a central nervous system or vertebral column shunt

# Reporting Requirements

## Laboratories

All laboratories shall report all positive laboratory results by mail, fax or electronic transfer within 48 hours (two business days) to the:

- Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) (or designate), and
- MOH (or designate) of the zone.

## Alberta Health Services and First Nations and Inuit Health Branch

- Report outbreaks only using the [Alberta Outbreak Report Form](#).
- Completion of a Notifiable Disease Report is not required.

## Appendix 1: Revision History

Revision Date	Document Section	Description of Revision
October 2021	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated Template</li><li>• Added web link for Outbreak Report Form</li></ul>