**Case Definition**

**Confirmed Case**

Clinical illness (i.e., acute onset of diarrhea\(^{(A)}\) or fever, abdominal pain and/or ileus) without another etiology and one of the following:

- Laboratory confirmation of a positive toxin A or B assay for *Clostridium difficile\(^{(B)}\)* (e.g., EIA, NAT for toxin A/B or tissue culture assay)

**OR**

- Diagnosis of pseudomembranous colitis on endoscopy

**OR**

- Histological/pathological diagnosis of *C. difficile\(^{(B)}\)* – Associated Infection (CDI).

\(^{(A)}\) Diarrhea is defined as watery bowel movement (BM) that conforms to the shape of the container that holds it or BM that is unusual/different for that patient.

\(^{(B)}\) Also called *Clostridioides difficile*. 

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Public Health Disease Management Guidelines

*Clostridium difficile* - Associated Infection
Reporting Requirements

1. **Laboratories**
   All laboratories shall report all positive laboratory results (including histological/pathological reports) by mail, fax or electronic transfer to the:
   - Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) (or designate), and
   - MOH (or designate) of the zone.

2. **Alberta Health Services and First Nations and Inuit Health Branch**
   - Laboratory surveillance only.
   - Completion of a Notifiable Disease Report form is not required.