



SURVEILLANCE CASE DEFINITIONS FOR DIPHTHERIA

Suspected Case:

Any person with illness of the upper respiratory tract with following:

- pharyngitis, nasopharyngitis, tonsillitis or laryngitis
- AND**
- adherent pseudo-membrane (a thick greyish/whitish patch) of the pharynx, tonsils, larynx and/or nose



Confirmed Case:

A person with *Corynebacterium* spp. isolated by culture and positive for toxin production, regardless of symptoms.

Note: Surveillance for diphtheria is case-based (all suspected cases should be reported, case investigation form (CIF) filled and throat swab collected for laboratory confirmation.

Kindly Contact the Surveillance Officer Below When a Suspected Case is Identified

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