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CDC Case Definition of Anthrax and Summary of Confirmed Cases

CDC case definition of anthrax

CDC defines a confirmed case of anthrax as 1) a clinically compatible case of cutaneous, inhalational, or gastrointestinal illness that is laboratory confirmed by isolation of *B. anthracis* from an affected tissue or site or 2) other laboratory evidence of *B. anthracis* infection based on at least two supportive laboratory tests.

Based on this definition, CDC is reporting 6 confirmed cases of anthrax: 2 in Florida, 3 in New York, and one in New Jersey. However, there are two additional cases with less laboratory evidence being reported by local investigators.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protects people's health and safety by preventing and controlling diseases and injuries; enhances health decisions by providing credible information on critical health issues; and promotes healthy living through strong partnerships with local, national and international organizations.

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