

## **CASE DEFINITION FOR EARLY-ONSET NEONATAL SEPSIS AND MENINGITIS**

Report any neonate less than seven days of age presenting with one of the following:

- Positive blood culture\*

**AND/OR**

- Positive cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) culture\* from a lumbar puncture (LP)

Neonates with possible nosocomial infections should also be reported.

\* Culture growth includes bacterial or fungal pathogens.

### **Exclusion criteria**

- 1) Neonates who are asymptomatic with positive culture, such as coagulase-negative Staphylococcus, Diphtheroids, Corynebacterium spp., Bacillus spp., Propionibacterium spp., Aerococcus spp., Micrococcus spp.
- 2) Positive CSF from a drain, reservoir, shunt, or intracranial surgical procedure.