CASE DEFINITION FOR MICRONUTRIENT DEFICIENCIES AND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Report all children and youth less than 18 years of age (up to their 18th birthday) with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) AND a new diagnosis of one or more of the following micronutrient deficiencies:

- Vitamin A deficiency/xerophthalmia
- Scurvy
- Severe, symptomatic vitamin D deficiency
- Severe iron-deficiency anemia

The patient’s ASD must have been diagnosed by a general paediatrician, developmental paediatrician, psychiatrist, or psychologist.

Appendix 1 contains definitions for the micronutrient deficiencies and laboratory reference ranges for your information.