

Cyclosporiasis (*Cyclospora cayetanensis*)

2010 CDC Case Definition

Clinical description

An illness of variable severity caused by the protozoan parasite *Cyclospora cayetanensis*. The most common symptom is watery diarrhea. Other common symptoms include loss of appetite, weight loss, abdominal cramps/bloating, nausea, body aches, and fatigue. Vomiting and lowgrade fever also may be noted.

Laboratory criteria for diagnosis

Laboratory-confirmed cyclosporiasis shall be defined as the detection of *Cyclospora* organisms or DNA in stool, intestinal fluid/aspirate, or intestinal biopsy specimens.

Case classification

Probable: a case that meets the clinical description and that is epidemiologically linked to a confirmed case.

Confirmed: a case that meets the clinical description and at least one of the criteria for laboratory confirmation as described above.