

## Current Case Definition for Surveillance

The clinical case definition is: "Acute onset of a flaccid paralysis of one or more limbs with decreased or absent tendon reflexes in the affected limbs, without other apparent cause, and without sensory or cognitive loss." Probable cases must meet the clinical case definition. Confirmed cases must meet the clinical case definition, and **have a neurological deficit 60 days after onset of initial symptoms**, or die, or have unknown follow-up status. Final classification is made by an expert panel and only confirmed cases are included in the MMWR. Residual paralytic disease occurs in approximately 10% of cases with paralytic illness. Aseptic meningitis occurs in 1% to 5% of patients with non-paralytic minor illness.

Extract from web site: <http://www.cha.state.md.us/edcp/html/polio.html>

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