



# BRUCELLOSIS CASE REPORT FORM

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## Brucellosis Case Report Form General Instructions

Please complete as much of the form as possible. The instructions below explain each variable.

If you have questions, please contact Bacterial Special Pathogens Branch at (404) 639-1711 or [bspb@cdc.gov](mailto:bspb@cdc.gov).

Send the completed form with all personal identifiers removed to:

**Mail:** Centers for Disease Control & Prevention  
ATTN: Bacterial Special Pathogens Branch  
1600 Clifton Rd NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329-4027

**Fax:** (404) 929-1590

Patient identifier information (NOT transmitted to CDC)	
Patient Name	Patient's full name
Phone	Patient's phone number
Patient Chart Number	Medical chart number for patient
Address	Patient's address including street and city
State, Zip	Patient's state of residence and zip code
Hospital Name	Name of the hospital where the patient is admitted or seen

## Information obtained for confirmed and probable brucellosis cases

PATIENT & PHYSICIAN INFORMATION	
State Case ID	Unique identifier given by the state health department.
Investigator	State health department investigator name
Date Reported	Date the case was reported to state
Physician	Primary health care provider name
Phone	Primary health care provider phone number and/or pager.
NETSS Number	If case submitted to NETSS, include the NETSS-generated Case ID number

DEMOGRAPHICS	
State of Residence	Use the 2 letter postal abbreviation (e.g., NY) of patient's state of residence.
County of Residence	Patient's county of residence.
Age	Age of patient at time of diagnosis; indicate age unit as months or years
Sex	Genetic sex of patient (i.e., male or female).
Pregnant	Pregnancy status at time of diagnosis.
Country of Birth	Indicate original country of birth, including U.S. born. If unknown, please enter "Unknown"
Ethnicity	Indicate ethnicity of patient.
Race	Race of patient as noted in the chart or reported by physician or infection control personnel (ICP). Multiple boxes may be checked. Do not make assumptions based on name or native language. If race is unknown, please check "unknown."
Occupation	Indicate occupation at time of disease onset. Specify past occupation(s) if relevant.

CLINICAL INFORMATION & TREATMENT	
Disease Presentation	Disease presentation- a date determined by duration from onset of symptoms to date of diagnosis.
Symptoms, Signs, & Associated Diagnoses	Select patient-described symptoms and signs identified upon examination. Enter date of onset or diagnosis if known (mm/dd/yyyy). If exact date is unknown, an approximate date [e.g., mm/yyyy] is acceptable.
Hospitalized?	Indicate whether the patient was admitted to a hospital due to this illness. Enter admission and discharge date, if applicable.
Deceased?	Indicate if patient died of this illness. Enter date if applicable.
Treatment & Duration	Select whether the patient has completed their treatment. Select the prescribed antimicrobial agents, amount, and duration for each. If prescribed other antimicrobials, enter the generic name, amount, and duration, if known. NOTE: If an agent is taken twice daily, enter the total prescribed mg/day (e.g., 100 mg BID- enter 200 mg/day).

<b>RISK FACTORS</b>	
Travel	Select whether the patient traveled out of state or country in the past six months, and where and when if applicable.
Animal Contact	Select which animals and type of contact, if any, the patient had in the past 6 months
Unpasteurized Dairy	Select if the patient consumed unpasteurized (raw) dairy in the past six months. Choose type of animal, owner of the animal the dairy came from, what products were eaten, and location of product.
Confirmed Case	Select if the patient is linked to a confirmed case. If yes, select the relationship to the patient
Similar Illness	Select if the patient is aware of a contact having a similar illness. If yes, select the relationship to the patient.
Risk Status	If the patient had a known exposure to <i>Brucella</i> , indicate the exposure source and the location of exposure. Also indicate the assessed risk status of the exposure. Finally, if exposed to a <i>Brucella</i> vaccine, indicate to which vaccine the case was exposed.  The CDC exposure guidelines are available at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/brucellosis/laboratories/risk-level.html">https://www.cdc.gov/brucellosis/laboratories/risk-level.html</a> . If a laboratory exposure did occur, review these assessment, monitoring, and prophylaxis recommendations. For assistance, please contact the Bacterial Special Pathogens Branch (404-639-1711, <a href="mailto:bspb@cdc.gov">bspb@cdc.gov</a> ).
Received Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)	If the patient was exposed to <i>Brucella</i> , indicate if the patient took PEP, or reasons for not taking PEP.
Completed PEP	If exposed, indicate if the patient completed the entire course of PEP as prescribed. CDC recommended PEP regimen is doxycycline 100 mg orally twice a day plus rifampin 600 mg orally once a day for 21 days.
<b>LABORATORY DATA</b>	
<b>NOTE:</b> Complete a new Laboratory Data section for each laboratory receiving and processing patient samples. Leave the test field blank for each test not performed.	
Case Status	Indicate case classification. Confirmed and Probable cases must be reported to NETSS by the next regularly scheduled transmission cycle. CDC must be notified of multiple cases which are temporal/spatial clusters within 24 hours of the cases meeting the notification criteria (CSTE Position Statement 09-SI-04).
Laboratory Name	Enter the laboratory name and address which processed the sample. For each laboratory that processed the sample, start a new laboratory section. Submit a copy of page four for each laboratory involved in testing.
Received From	Enter the name, city, and state of the laboratory from which the specimen is received; include date of receipt.
Paired Serologic Tests	If a paired agglutination test was done, enter results in this table. If known, enter the agglutination test (SAT, BMAT, Tube AT). Indicate which titers were run- total antibody (complete) and/or IgG (reduced). Enter in the acute and convalescent titers. Indicate if one, both, or paired titers are positive. Enter the testing laboratory's positive cut-off value for the test. If a single titer was done, enter as an acute titer. For ELISA, indicate if IgG, IgM, or both titers were run. Enter in the acute and convalescent titers and if one, both, or paired titers are positive. Enter the testing laboratory's positive cut-off value for the test.
Date Collected	Enter the dates the acute and convalescent samples were collected.
Other Serologic Tests	Enter the value or titer in the row of the test completed, and whether the test was considered positive. If the test used is not listed, enter name and results in "Other". Indicate the laboratory's positive cut-off value for the test.
Other Tests	Select whether PCR and/or culture was attempted. Indicate the source of specimen used for the specified test. Enter the date of specimen collection, if the test was positive, and the species identified (e.g.: <i>abortus</i> , <i>canis</i> , <i>melitensis</i> , <i>suis</i> , other).
Specimen Cultured	Indicate if the specimen for culture was collected prior to administration of antimicrobial therapy.
Isolate Reported to CDC	Indicate if a culture-positive result of a select agent was reported to CDC, as required by regulation. Reporting Requirements and forms are available at <a href="http://www.selectagents.gov/">http://www.selectagents.gov/</a> .
Laboratory Exposure	Select if laboratory workers were possibly exposed during specimen processing. The CDC exposure guidelines are available at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/brucellosis/laboratories/risk-level.html">https://www.cdc.gov/brucellosis/laboratories/risk-level.html</a> . If a laboratory exposure did occur, review these assessment, monitoring, and prophylaxis recommendations. For assistance, please contact the Bacterial Special Pathogens Branch (404-639-1711, <a href="mailto:bspb@cdc.gov">bspb@cdc.gov</a> ).
Exposure Reported to CDC	If a laboratory exposure occurred, indicate if the "release" of a select agent was reported to CDC, as required by regulation. Reporting requirements and forms are available at <a href="http://www.selectagents.gov/">http://www.selectagents.gov/</a> .
Specimens to CDC	Indicate if the specimen was sent to CDC for testing.
Specimen available	Indicate if the specimen is still available, if needed for future testing.

## BRUCellosis CASE REPORT FORM

Case name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Chart No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Remove case identifier information prior to transmission to CDC.



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### CASE & PHYSICIANS INFORMATION

State Case ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_ NETSS ID No (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Reported (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

CASE ID \_\_\_\_\_ SITE \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DEMOGRAPHICS

State of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  mos  yrs Sex:  Male  Female  Unknown

Pregnant:  Yes  No  Unknown Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity:  Hispanic  Non-Hispanic  Unknown

**Race:**

American Indian or Alaska Native  White

Black or African American  Other race \_\_\_\_\_

Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander  Unknown

Asian

**Occupation:**

Animal research  Wildlife  Veterinarian/Vet Tech

Medical research  Rancher  Lives with person of above occupation

Dairy  Slaughterhouse

Laboratory  Tannery/rendering  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### CLINICAL INFORMATION AND TREATMENT

Disease Presentation:  Acute (0-8 weeks)  Subacute (8 weeks - <1 yr)  Chronic (1 yr+)  Unknown

Symptoms, Signs, and Associated Diagnoses (indicate date of onset or diagnosis (mm/dd/yyyy)):

Yes	No	Unk	Symptoms/Signs	Date	Yes	No	Unk	Symptoms/Signs	Date	Yes	No	Unk	Symptoms/Signs	Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fever	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anorexia	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hepatomegaly	_____
			Max temp: _____ (circle) °F or °C		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Myalgia	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Splenomegaly	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Night sweats	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weight loss	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arthritis	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arthralgia	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Endocarditis	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meningitis	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Headache	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orchitis	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spondylitis	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fatigue	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Epididymitis	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	_____

Was the case hospitalized because of this illness?  Yes  No  Unknown

If yes, admission date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

If applicable, discharge date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Is the case deceased?  Yes  No  Unknown

If yes, date of death: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Treatment and Duration (check all that apply):  Currently under treatment  Completed treatment  Not treated

Doxycycline \_\_\_\_\_ mg/day \_\_\_\_\_ days  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/day \_\_\_\_\_ days

Rifampin \_\_\_\_\_ mg/day \_\_\_\_\_ days  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/day \_\_\_\_\_ days

Streptomycin \_\_\_\_\_ mg/day \_\_\_\_\_ days  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/day \_\_\_\_\_ days

### RISK FACTORS

In the 6 months prior to illness onset, did the case: Travel outside state of residence?  Yes  No  Unknown

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of travel \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of travel \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Public reporting burden of this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to CDC/ATSDR Information Collection Review Office, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329-4027; ATTN: PRA (0920-0728).

**RISK FACTORS (CONTINUED)**

<b>Have contact with animals?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown										<b>Who owns the animal(s)?</b>				
Type of contact	Cattle	Pig	Goat	Sheep	Dog	Deer	Bison	Elk	Other	Case	Private	Wild	Commercial	Unknown
Birthing/animal products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>									
Skinning/slaughter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>									
Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>									
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>									

<b>Consume unpasteurized dairy or undercooked meat?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown										<b>In what country was the product acquired?</b>				
Type of contact	Cattle	Pig	Goat	Sheep	Dog	Deer	Bison	Elk	Other	U.S.	Other	Other		
Milk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>											
Fresh/soft cheese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>											
Undercooked meat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>											
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>											

**Have a link to a confirmed case?**  Yes  No  Unknown      **Know of similar illness in contact?**  Yes  No  Unknown

**Who?**  Household  Neighbor  Coworker  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have an exposure to a Brucella?**  Clinical specimen  Isolate  Vaccine  Unknown

**Where did the exposure occur?**  Clinical setting  Laboratory  Farm/Ranch  Surgery  Unknown  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exposure Risk Status:**  High  Low  Unknown      **If exposed to vaccine, indicate which:**  S19  RB51  Rev 1  Other

**Receive post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)?**  Yes  No  Unknown

**If no, why not?**  Unaware of exposure  Unavailable  Allergic  Pregnant  Unknown  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, did case complete course?  Yes  No  Unknown  Partial explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**CASE DEFINITION (2010)**

**Confirmed:** A clinically compatible illness with definitive laboratory evidence (i.e.: culture and identification of Brucella spp. from clinical specimens OR serological evidence of a fourfold rise in Brucella antibody titer in paired acute and convalescent serum specimens greater than or equal to 2 weeks apart).

**Probable:** A clinically compatible illness epidemiologically linked to a documented Brucella case OR has presumptive laboratory evidence (i.e.: Brucella total antibody titer of greater than or equal to 160 by standard tube agglutination test (SAT) or Brucella microagglutination test (BMAT) in one or more serum specimens obtained after onset of symptoms OR detection of Brucella DNA in a clinical specimen by PCR assay).

**LABORATORY DATA**

**NOTE:** Complete a new Laboratory Data section for each laboratory receiving and processing case samples. Print extra copies if necessary. Leave the test field blank for each test not performed.

**Case Status:**  Culture confirmed  Serologically confirmed  Probable

**Laboratory Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Received From:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

**BELOW, INDICATE YES OR NO ONLY IF THE TEST OR PROCEDURE WAS PERFORMED. LACK OF SELECTION INDICATES THAT THE TEST WAS NOT PERFORMED.**

Paired Serologic Tests	Titers	Acute Titers	Convalescent Titer	Positive?	Positive Cut-off:
Agglutination Test:	<input type="checkbox"/> Total antibody	_____ : _____	_____ : _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
	<input type="checkbox"/> IgG	_____ : _____	_____ : _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
ELISA:	<input type="checkbox"/> Total antibody	_____ : _____	_____ : _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
	<input type="checkbox"/> IgG	_____ : _____	_____ : _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	

**Date Sample Collected:** Acute: \_\_\_\_\_ Convalescent: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Serologic Tests	Titer or Value	Positive?	Positive Cut-off:
Rose Bengal	_____ : _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Coombs IgG	_____ : _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Other: _____	_____ : _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Other: _____	( _____ )	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	

Other Tests	Source of Specimen	Date Collected	Positive?	Species
PCR	<input type="checkbox"/> Blood <input type="checkbox"/> Abscess/wound <input type="checkbox"/> Bone Marrow <input type="checkbox"/> CSF <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Blood <input type="checkbox"/> Abscess/wound <input type="checkbox"/> Bone Marrow <input type="checkbox"/> CSF <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	

<b>Was the specimen for culture collected prior to antimicrobial therapy?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>If culture positive, was the identification of a select agent reported to CDC?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>Did a possible laboratory exposure occur?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>If yes, was it reported to CDC?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>Were specimens sent to CDC for testing?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Is the specimen still available?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown