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## BABESIOSIS CASE REPORT

*Please complete this form only for laboratory confirmed cases of babesiosis that meet at least one of the case definition clinical conditions. For case definition, see pages 5 and 6. **Completion of this form is not required** but encouraged to improve surveillance and understanding of this disease. Jurisdictions not participating in CalREDIE should **securely** email the completed form to [IDB-SSS@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:IDB-SSS@cdph.ca.gov); otherwise, mail the completed form to IDB-SSS at the address above. Jurisdictions participating in CalREDIE should create a CalREDIE incident and enter the information directly into the CalREDIE system.*

PATIENT INFORMATION					
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix	Primary Language	
Social Security Number (9 digits)		DOB (mm/dd/yyyy)	Age	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Address Number & Street – Residence			Apartment / Unit Number		
City / Town		State	Zip Code		
Census Tract	County of Residence		Country of Residence		
Country of Birth		If not U.S. Born - Date of Arrival in U.S. (mm/dd/yyyy)			
Home Telephone		Cellular Phone / Pager		Work / School Telephone	
E-mail Address		Other Electronic Contact Information			
Work / School Location		Work / School Contact			
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Trans female / transwoman <input type="checkbox"/> Genderqueer or non-binary <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Trans male / transman <input type="checkbox"/> Identity not listed <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to answer					
Pregnant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			If Yes, Est. Delivery Date (mm/dd/yyyy)		
Medical Record Number			Patient's Parent/Guardian Name		
Occupation Setting (see list on page 8)			Other Describe/Specify		
Occupation (see list on page 8)			Other Describe/Specify		
Race(s) (check all that apply, race descriptions on page 7) The response to this item should be based on the patient's self-identity or self-reporting. Therefore, patients should be offered the option of selecting more than one racial designation.					
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian (check all that apply, see list on page 7) <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/> Laotian <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian <input type="checkbox"/> Malaysian <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Sri Lankan <input type="checkbox"/> Hmong <input type="checkbox"/> Taiwanese <input type="checkbox"/> Indonesian <input type="checkbox"/> Thai <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (check all that apply, see list on page 7) <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan <input type="checkbox"/> Fijian <input type="checkbox"/> Tongan <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown					
ADDITIONAL PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS					
Sex Assigned at Birth		Sexual Orientation			
<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to answer		<input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual or straight <input type="checkbox"/> Questioning, unsure, or patient doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to answer <input type="checkbox"/> Gay, lesbian, or same-gender loving <input type="checkbox"/> Orientation not listed <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual			

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CLINICAL INFORMATION									
Physician Name - Last Name					First Name			Telephone Number	
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS									
Symptomatic? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		Onset Date (mm/dd/yyyy)			Is the patient asplenic? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			If patient had splenectomy, date of surgery (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Signs / Symptoms	Yes	No	Unk	Signs / Symptoms	Yes	No	Unk		
Fever				Sweats					
Anemia				Myalgia					
Thrombocytopenia				Arthralgia					
Headache				Other signs/symptoms (specify)					
Chills									
Specify any complications in the clinical course of infection (check all that apply)									
<input type="checkbox"/> Acute respiratory distress		<input type="checkbox"/> Congestive heart failure			<input type="checkbox"/> Renal failure			<input type="checkbox"/> None	
<input type="checkbox"/> Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)		<input type="checkbox"/> Myocardial infarction			<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____				
HOSPITALIZATION									
Did patient visit the emergency room for illness? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown									
Was patient hospitalized? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown				If Yes, how many total hospital nights? <input type="checkbox"/> Still hospitalized as of _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)					
During any part of the hospitalization, did the patient stay in an intensive care unit (ICU) or a critical care unit (CCU)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown									
If there were any ER visits or hospital stays related to this illness, specify details in the Hospitalization – Details section on next page.									
HOSPITALIZATION – DETAILS									
Hospital Name 1		Street Address				Admit Date (mm/dd/yyyy)			
		City				Discharge / Transfer Date (mm/dd/yyyy)			
		State	Zip Code	Telephone Number		Medical Record Number		Discharge Diagnosis	
Hospital Name 2		Street Address				Admit Date (mm/dd/yyyy)			
		City				Discharge / Transfer Date (mm/dd/yyyy)			
		State	Zip Code	Telephone Number		Medical Record Number		Discharge Diagnosis	
TREATMENT / MANAGEMENT									
Received antimicrobial treatment? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		If Yes, which drugs? (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Clindamycin <input type="checkbox"/> Quinine <input type="checkbox"/> Atovaquone <input type="checkbox"/> Azithromycin <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____							
OUTCOME									
Outcome? <input type="checkbox"/> Survived <input type="checkbox"/> Died <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		If Survived, Survived as of _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)							
		If Died, Date of Death (mm/dd/yyyy)				Was the death related to the infection? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			

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**LABORATORY INFORMATION**

**LABORATORY RESULTS SUMMARY - SEROLOGY**

<b>IFA - total antibody (Ig)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Result</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Pending	If Positive, specify Babesia Species	Titer
	Collection Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Laboratory Name	Telephone Number
<b>IFA – IgG</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Result</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Pending	If Positive, specify Babesia Species	Titer
	Collection Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Laboratory Name	Telephone Number
<b>IFA – IgM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Result</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Pending	If Positive, specify Babesia Species	Titer
	Collection Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Laboratory Name	Telephone Number
<b>Immunoblot</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Result</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Pending	If Positive, specify Babesia Species	
	Collection Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Laboratory Name	Telephone Number
<b>Blood smear</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Result</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Pending	Description	
	Collection Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Laboratory Name	Telephone Number
<b>PCR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not done <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<b>Result</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Pending	If Positive, specify Babesia Species	
	Collection Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Specimen Type	Laboratory Name
<b>Other test (specify):</b> _____	<b>Result</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Pending	If Positive, specify Babesia Species	
	Collection Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Specimen Type	Laboratory Name
<b>Other test (specify):</b> _____	<b>Result</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Pending	If Positive, specify Babesia Species	
	Collection Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Specimen Type	Laboratory Name

**EPIDEMIOLOGIC INFORMATION**

**INCUBATION PERIOD: 8 WEEKS PRIOR TO ILLNESS ONSET OR DIAGNOSIS (USE EARLIER DATE)**

**EXPOSURES / RISK FACTORS - TRANSFUSION**

Was patient's infection transfusion associated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	If Yes, describe
Was patient a blood donor identified during a transfusion investigation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	If Yes, describe

**EXPOSURES / RISK FACTORS - OUTDOOR EXPOSURES**

**IN THE 8 WEEKS BEFORE SYMPTOM ONSET OR DIAGNOSIS (USE EARLIER DATE), DID THE PATIENT:**

Exposure	Yes	No	Unk	If Yes, Specify as Noted
Engage in outdoor activities				Type of Activity (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Camping <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting <input type="checkbox"/> Yard work <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Spend time outdoors in or near wooded or brushy areas				Describe
Notice any tick bites				Date Noticed (mm/dd/yyyy)
				Approximate Duration of Attachment
				Where Obtained (geographic location)

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**EPIDEMIOLOGIC INFORMATION (continued)****TRAVEL HISTORY**

Did patient travel **outside of county of residence** during the incubation period?  
 Yes  No  Unknown

Did the patient travel **outside the U.S.** during the incubation period?  
 Yes  No  Unknown

If Yes for either of these questions, specify all locations and dates below.

**TRAVEL HISTORY - DETAILS**

Location (city, county, state, country)	Date Travel Started (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date Travel Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)

**NOTES / REMARKS****REPORTING AGENCY**

Investigator Name	Local Health Jurisdiction	Telephone Number	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
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First Reported By

Clinician  Laboratory  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**DISEASE CASE CLASSIFICATION**

Case Classification (see case definition on next page)

Confirmed  Probable  Suspected

**OUTBREAK**

Part of known outbreak?

Yes  No  Unknown

If Yes, extent of outbreak:

One CA jurisdiction  Multiple CA jurisdictions  Multistate  International  Unknown  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE USE ONLY**

Case Classification

Confirmed  Probable  Suspected  Not a case  Need additional information

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**CASE DEFINITION****BABESIOSIS (2025)****CLINICAL CRITERIA**

- **Objective:** fever as reported by patient or healthcare provider, anemia, or thrombocytopenia
- **Subjective:** chills, sweats, headache, myalgia, or arthralgia

**LABORATORY CRITERIA\*****Confirmatory Laboratory Evidence**

- Identification of intraerythrocytic *Babesia* organisms by light microscopy in a Giemsa, Wright, or Wright-Giemsa–stained blood smear; **OR**
- Detection of *Babesia* spp. DNA in a whole blood specimen through nucleic acid testing such as polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay, nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT), or genomic sequencing that amplifies a specific target, in a sample taken within 60 days of illness onset; **OR**
- Serological evidence of a four-fold change<sup>1</sup> in IgG-specific antibody titer to *B. microti* antigen by indirect immunofluorescence assay (IFA) in paired serum samples (one taken within two weeks of illness onset and a second taken two to ten weeks after acute specimen collection)<sup>2</sup>.

**Presumptive Laboratory Evidence**

- Serologic evidence\*\* of an elevated IgG\*\*\* or total antibody reactive to *B. microti* antigen by IFA at a titer  $\geq 1:256$  in a sample taken within 60 days of illness onset

**Supportive Laboratory Evidence**

- Serologic evidence\*\* of an elevated IgG\*\*\* or total antibody reactive to *B. divergens* antigen by IFA at a titer  $\geq 1:256$ ; **OR**
- Serologic evidence\*\* of an elevated IgG\*\*\* or total antibody reactive to *B. duncani* antigen by IFA at a titer  $\geq 1:512$

<sup>1</sup> A four-fold change in titer is equivalent to a change of two dilutions (e.g., 1:64 to 1:256).

<sup>2</sup> A four-fold rise in titer should not be excluded as confirmatory laboratory criteria if the acute and convalescent specimens are collected within two weeks of one another.

\* Note: The categorical labels used here to stratify laboratory evidence are intended to support the standardization of case classifications for public health surveillance. The categorical labels should not be used to interpret the utility or validity of any laboratory test methodology.

\*\* Antibodies can be indicative of active or previously resolved infections, so it is recommended that laboratory results be evaluated in conjunction with information on symptoms and exposure whenever possible. If symptom information is available, specimens meeting supportive laboratory criteria should be collected within 60 days of illness onset.

\*\*\* While a single IgG serologic test is adequate for surveillance purposes, molecular testing or blood smear are recommended for clinical diagnosis, especially in cases where species other than *B. microti* are suspected.

**EPIDEMIOLOGIC LINKAGE CRITERIA**

N/A

**CRITERIA TO DISTINGUISH A NEW CASE OF BABESIOSIS FROM REPORTS OR NOTIFICATIONS WHICH SHOULD NOT BE ENUMERATED AS A NEW CASE FOR SURVEILLANCE**

A new case is one that has not been previously enumerated within the same calendar year (January through December). Using calendar year allows case counting which more closely corresponds with the seasonality of babesiosis than using a number of months between case reports.

**CASE CLASSIFICATION****Confirmed:**

Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence criteria **AND** at least one of the objective or subjective clinical criteria.

**Probable:**

Meets presumptive laboratory evidence **AND** meets at least one of the objective clinical criteria.

**Suspect:**

Meets supportive laboratory evidence

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RACE DESCRIPTIONS	
Race	Description
American Indian or Alaska Native	Patient has origins in <b>any</b> of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America).
Asian	Patient has origins in <b>any</b> of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent (e.g., including Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam).
Black or African American	Patient has origins in <b>any</b> of the black racial groups of Africa.
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Patient has origins in <b>any</b> of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
White	Patient has origins in <b>any</b> of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
ASIAN GROUPS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bangladeshi</li> <li>• Bhutanese</li> <li>• Burmese</li> <li>• Cambodian</li> <li>• Chinese</li> <li>• Filipino</li> <li>• Hmong</li> <li>• Indian</li> <li>• Indonesian</li> <li>• Iwo Jiman</li> <li>• Japanese</li> <li>• Korean</li> <li>• Laotian</li> <li>• Madagascar</li> <li>• Malaysian</li> <li>• Maldivian</li> <li>• Nepalese</li> <li>• Okinawan</li> <li>• Pakistani</li> <li>• Singaporean</li> <li>• Sri Lankan</li> <li>• Taiwanese</li> <li>• Thai</li> <li>• Vietnamese</li> </ul>	
NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER GROUPS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carolinian</li> <li>• Chamorro</li> <li>• Chuukese</li> <li>• Fijian</li> <li>• Guamanian</li> <li>• Kiribati</li> <li>• Kosraean</li> <li>• Mariana Islander</li> <li>• Marshallese</li> <li>• Melanesian</li> <li>• Micronesian</li> <li>• Native Hawaiian</li> <li>• New Hebrides</li> <li>• Palauan</li> <li>• Papua New Guinean</li> <li>• Pohnpeian</li> <li>• Polynesian</li> <li>• Saipanese</li> <li>• Samoan</li> <li>• Solomon Islander</li> <li>• Tahitian</li> <li>• Tokelauan</li> <li>• Tongan</li> <li>• Yapese</li> </ul>	

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**OCCUPATION SETTING**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childcare/Preschool</li> <li>• Correctional Facility</li> <li>• Drug Treatment Center</li> <li>• Food Service</li> <li>• Health Care - Acute Care Facility</li> <li>• Health Care - Long Term Care Facility</li> <li>• Health Care - Other</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless Shelter</li> <li>• Laboratory</li> <li>• Military Facility</li> <li>• Other Residential Facility</li> <li>• Place of Worship</li> <li>• School</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul> |
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**OCCUPATION**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture - farmworker or laborer (crop, nursery, or greenhouse)</li> <li>• Agriculture - field worker</li> <li>• Agriculture - migratory/seasonal worker</li> <li>• Agriculture - other/unknown</li> <li>• Animal - animal control worker</li> <li>• Animal - farm worker or laborer (farm or ranch animals)</li> <li>• Animal - veterinarian or other animal health practitioner</li> <li>• Animal - other/unknown</li> <li>• Clerical, office, or sales worker</li> <li>• Correctional facility - employee</li> <li>• Correctional facility - inmate</li> <li>• Craftsman, foreman, or operative</li> <li>• Daycare or child care attendee</li> <li>• Daycare or child care worker</li> <li>• Dentist or other dental health worker</li> <li>• Drug dealer</li> <li>• Fire fighting or prevention worker</li> <li>• Flight attendant</li> <li>• Food service - cook or food preparation worker</li> <li>• Food service - host or hostess</li> <li>• Food service - waiter or waitress</li> <li>• Food service - other/unknown</li> <li>• Homemaker</li> <li>• Laboratory technologist or technician</li> <li>• Laborer - private household or unskilled worker</li> <li>• Manager, official, or proprietor</li> <li>• Manicurist or pedicurist</li> <li>• Medical - emergency medical technician or paramedic</li> <li>• Medical - health care worker</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical - medical assistant</li> <li>• Medical - pharmacist</li> <li>• Medical - physician assistant or nurse practitioner</li> <li>• Medical - physician or surgeon</li> <li>• Medical - registered nurse</li> <li>• Medical - other/unknown</li> <li>• Military - officer</li> <li>• Military - recruit or trainee</li> <li>• Protective service - police officer</li> <li>• Protective service - other</li> <li>• Professional, technical, or related profession</li> <li>• Retired</li> <li>• Sex worker</li> <li>• Student - preschool or kindergarten</li> <li>• Student - elementary or middle school</li> <li>• Student - high (secondary) school</li> <li>• Student - college or university</li> <li>• Student - other/unknown</li> <li>• Teacher/employee - preschool or kindergarten</li> <li>• Teacher/employee - elementary or middle school</li> <li>• Teacher/employee - high (secondary) school</li> <li>• Teacher/instructor/employee - college or university</li> <li>• Teacher/instructor/employee - other/unknown</li> <li>• Unemployed - seeking employment</li> <li>• Unemployed - not seeking employment</li> <li>• Unemployed - other/unknown</li> <li>• Other</li> <li>• Refused</li> <li>• Unknown</li> </ul> |
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