

Cronobacter Position Statement Working Group

Kickoff Call | Friday, December 2, 2022 10-11am EST

- See slides from presentation by Meredith Lichtenstein Cone, Director of Scientific and Surveillance Consensus Development
 - Roles of submitting/presenting author, co-authors, SMEs, partners
 - Timeline: Hard submission deadline **March 30, 2023**
- Working group comprised of both CSTE members and non-members
 - Authors must be active members
- Submitting author likely will have more authorship responsibilities; presenting author will be in charge of presenting in the spring and at the conference
- Shannon McBee, WV volunteered to serve as submitting and presenting author
- Specific reporting rules for *Cronobacter* in MI
 - Children under the age of 1 with *Cronobacter* detected in blood
 - None reported so far
 - Possibly classifying all as confirmed
 - Moving forward: is it mutually exclusive vs including meningitis cases
- Reporting rules in MN
 - Reportable since 2003
 - Infants under 1 year of age must be reported in one day (doesn't specify invasive)
 - Want to focus on cases we really want to investigate (kids <1, invasive)
 - Try to involve HAI, IP, ICAR teams with NICU cases; those investigations tend to be more resource intensive
 - Submission of clinical materials to MDH
 - Cases are rare
- 4 CDC subject matter experts in epi surveillance, outbreak response, and lab surveillance
 - Building national database for *Cronobacter* isolates
- Position statement itself does not contain operational guidance, but appendices that do may be submitted with position statement. Can also create separate operational guidance document to accompany position statement as long as it doesn't contradict the approved case definitions in PS
- Rachael (CSTE) will host monthly recurring meetings for the larger working group
 - Aim to meet at least once a month between now and the Annual Conference (June 25-29, 2023)
- Smaller subset to make up actual writing group, which can meet more frequently and/or use document sharing or forums
 - Rachael can provide access to Basecamp
 - Smaller group to report back to full workgroup for feedback on drafts +/- help with any sticking points for which the writing group lacks consensus
 - Writing group meetings would taper off in the spring until feedback needs to be reconciled with the larger workgroup meeting as needed if feedback controversial