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Dear Mr. McConnon:

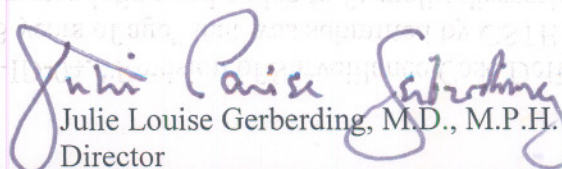
Thank you for your letter providing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) a copy of a position statement by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) on the surveillance case definition for AIDS among adults and adolescents. Please excuse the delay of this response.

CDC supports the position statement, 05-ID-04, "Revision of Surveillance Case Definition for AIDS among adults and adolescents ≥ 13 years of age" that was submitted by CSTE on March 30, 2005. CDC will be changing its recommendation and a plan to formally disseminate the change is underway. The dissemination plan will include a *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* Notice to Readers and dissemination through other appropriate public health publications.

Additionally, you may be interested to know that during August 30-31, 2005, CDC held a technical consultation in Atlanta, Georgia, on the U.S. Adult and Adolescent AIDS Case Definition for Surveillance and Clinical Staging of HIV. Attendees included national and international experts in the clinical care of HIV-infected patients and in HIV/AIDS surveillance. CDC convened this consultation to determine whether and how the AIDS case definition for public health surveillance and/or the classification system for HIV infection should be revised. The consultants did not recommend any specific changes to the adult/adolescent AIDS case definition for surveillance from the version approved at the June 2005 CSTE meeting (<http://www.cste.org/PS/2005pdf/final2005/05-ID094final.pdf>), but did recommend that the classification system for HIV infection be revised to increase its usefulness and relate directly to both the HIV and AIDS case definitions. CDC's next step would include implementing the changes approved by CSTE in June 2005 and proposing an integrated HIV/AIDS case definition that includes stages for classification.

I hope this information is helpful and appreciate your continued support of HIV prevention activities.

Sincerely,


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