Meningococcal Surveillance Australia

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The reference laboratories of the National Neisseria Network, Australia report laboratory data on invasive meningococcal disease (IMD) cases confirmed by laboratory testing using culture- and non-culture-based techniques for the Australian Meningococcal Surveillance Programme (AMSP). Culture-positive cases, where Neisseria meningitidis is grown from a normally sterile site or skin lesions, and non-culture-based diagnoses, derived from results of nucleic acid amplification testing (NAAT) and serological techniques, are defined as IMD according to Public Health Laboratory Network definitions. Data contained in quarterly reports are restricted to a description of the numbers of cases by jurisdiction and serogroup, where known. Some minor corrections to data in Table 1 may be made in subsequent reports if additional data are received. A full analysis of laboratory confirmed cases of IMD in each calendar year is contained in the AMSP annual report published in CDI.

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Table 1: Number of laboratory confirmed cases of invasive meningococcal disease by jurisdiction and serogroup, Australia, first quarter 2019.

| Jurisdiction | Year | Serogroup | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A | | B | | C | | Y | | W | | NDa/other | | All | |
| Q1 | *ytd* | Q1 | *ytd* | Q1 | *ytd* | Q1 | *ytd* | Q1 | *ytd* | Q1 | *ytd* | Q1 | *ytd* |
| Australian Capital Territory | **2019** | 0 | **0** | 1 | **1** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 1 | **1** |
| **2018** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 1 | **1** | 0 | **0** | 1 | **1** |
| New South Wales | **2019** | 0 | **0** | 6 | **6** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 2 | **2** | 0 | **0** | 8 | **8** |
| **2018** | 0 | **0** | 8 | **8** | 0 | **0** | 5 | **5** | 3 | **3** | 0 | **0** | 16 | **16** |
| Northern Territory | **2019** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 1 | **1** | 0 | **0** | 1 | **1** |
| **2018** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** |
| Queensland | **2019** | 0 | **0** | 7 | **7** | 0 | **0** | 3 | **3** | 1 | **1** | 0 | **0** | 11 | **11** |
| **2018** | 0 | **0** | 6 | **6** | 0 | **0** | 2 | **2** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 8 | **8** |
| South Australia | **2019** | 0 | **0** | 1 | **1** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 1 | **1** | 0 | **0** | 2 | **2** |
| **2018** | 0 | **0** | 4 | **4** | 0 | **0** | 1 | **1** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 5 | **5** |
| Tasmania | **2019** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 1 | **1** | 0 | **0** | 1 | **1** |
| **2018** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** |
| Victoria | **2019** | 0 | **0** | 2 | **2** | 0 | **0** | 1 | **1** | 2 | **2** | 0 | **0** | 5 | **5** |
| **2018** | 0 | **0** | 3 | **3** | 0 | **0** | 4 | **4** | 2 | **2** | 1 | **1** | 10 | **10** |
| Western Australia | **2019** | 0 | **0** | 1 | **1** | 3 | **3** | 0 | **0** | 3 | **3** | 0 | **0** | 7 | **7** |
| **2018** | 0 | **0** | 3 | **3** | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 3 | **3** | 0 | **0** | 6 | **6** |
| Australia | **2019** | 0 | **0** | 18 | **18** | 3 | **3** | 4 | **4** | 11 | **11** | 0 | **0** | 36 | **36** |
| **2018** | 0 | **0** | 24 | **24** | 0 | **0** | 12 | **12** | 9 | **9** | 1 | **1** | 46 | **46** |

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