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**CASE DEFINITIONS**

Case definitions are one of the first steps in an outbreak, epidemic, or pandemic investigation. They are used to identify suspect, probable, or confirmed cases based on clinical presentation and disease and the known epidemiology of a disease. They are established early on and often change throughout the investigation process as more information becomes available. Case definitions are useful in slowing the rate of transmission by identifying cases early, testing suspected patients, implementing appropriate control measures according to the modes of transmission for the disease. This information can help inform clinical practice, public health interventions, and Tribal Nation policies/procedures. Once reliable and timely testing becomes available, it should be used in conjunction with the case definition.

A graphic of a glowing lightbulb on a blue base, symbolizing an idea or tip.