QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE
for Case Ascertainment, Investigation, and WVEDSS / WVEDSS-NBS
Data Entry

Demographic Information
♦ Name
♦ Age
♦ Gender
♦ Race
♦ Ethnicity
♦ Complete address

Clinical Information (information related to the disease)
♦ Onset date of illness – based on disease signs and symptoms
♦ Diagnosis date
♦ Date the illness ended and duration of illness
♦ Signs and symptoms
♦ Type of infection
♦ Underlying cause - if known

Laboratory Information*
♦ Specimen collection date
♦ Source of specimen – blood, CSF
♦ Type of test – includes:
  o Culture - bacterial, viral, etc.
  o PCR, RIBA, PRNT
  o Antibiotic susceptibility test (AST)
  o Serology – IgM, IgG, antibody and antigen testing
  o Serogroup/serotype
♦ Result of Test – positive, negative, indeterminate
♦ Susceptibility testing if done

*For Pertussis, do not forget to answer the question “Was lab testing done” in WVEDSS form

Public Health Action
♦ Complete vaccination history
♦ Postexposure prophylaxis
♦ Contact tracing – help establish epi-link
♦ Activity/travel history
♦ Food history
♦ Part of an outbreak?
♦ Make sure an isolate is sent to the state lab