

Kawasaki Syndrome

Agent: Unknown – toxin or infectious agent suspected

Mode of Transmission: Unknown

Signs/Symptoms: High fever, rash, swelling of the hands and feet, irritability, conjunctivitis, swollen lymph nodes and inflammation of mouth, lips, or throat.

Prevention: Unknown

Other Important Information: Children less than five years of age make up approximately 80% of cases worldwide.

Three cases of Kawasaki syndrome were reported in Virginia during 2008. This is one more than the two cases reported in 2007, but well below the five year average of 10.8 annually. All cases were reported in male children less than ten years of age. Race was reported as white for two of the children, and unknown for the third child. Two cases were reported from the eastern region and one from the southwest. Illness onsets occurred in the first, second and fourth quarters of the year.