

## **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 2009. This was the same number reported in 2008, but below the five-year average of 9.2 reported cases annually. All cases were reported in children less than ten years of age. Race was reported as black for two of the children, and white for the other child. Two cases were female and the other case was male. One case each was reported from the eastern, central and southwest regions. Illness onsets occurred in the third and fourth quarters of the year.