

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.

Two cases of Kawasaki syndrome were reported in Virginia during 2010. This is a 30% decrease from the five-year average of 6.6 cases per year. Both were reported in male children in the 1-9 year age group from the eastern region. Race was reported as black for one case and “other” for the second case. Illness onsets occurred in the second and third quarters of the year.