PNEUMONIA (ages 2-59 months)
Any child aged 0-59 months admitted to a sentinel hospital conducting surveillance, demonstrating a cough or difficulty breathing and displaying fast breathing when calm (as defined by age):
• Age 0 to <2 months: 60 breaths/minute or more
• Age 2 to < 12 months: 50 breaths/minute or more
• Age 12 to <59 months: 40 breaths/minute or more

SEVERE PNEUMONIA (ages 2-59 months)
Any child aged 0-59 months admitted to a sentinel hospital conducting surveillance, demonstrating a cough or difficulty breathing and displaying one or more of the following:
• Inability to drink or breastfeed
• Vomiting everything
• Convulsions
• Prostration/lethargy
• Chest in-drawing
• Stridor when calm

MENINGITIS (ages 0-59 months)
Any child aged 0-59 months admitted to a sentinel hospital conducting surveillance with sudden onset of fever (> 38.5 °C rectal or 38.0 °C axillary) and one of the following signs: neck stiffness, altered consciousness with no other alternative diagnosis, or other meningeal sign

SEPSIS (ages 0-59 months)
Any child aged 0-59 months admitted to a sentinel hospital conducting surveillance with the presence of at least 2 of the following danger signs and without meningitis nor pneumonia clinical syndrome:
• Inability to drink or breastfeed
• Vomiting everything
• Convulsions (except in malaria endemic areas)
• Prostration/lethargy (abnormally sleepy or difficult to wake)
• Severe malnutrition
• Hypothermia (≤36°C)

Clinical definitions for eligible cases