Updated SARS case definition – all areas removed from travel criteria:
Travel advisories and alerts have been lifted for all SARS-affected areas, and as of July 25, no areas remain on
the list for travel criteria for SARS case identification. The CDC will continue to consider suspect cases of
pneumonia with unknown etiology. The current and full CDC SARS case definition is available at
http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/casedefinition.htm

SUMMARY OF LAC SARS CASES (8-13-03):
CDC guidance permits reclassification of SARS cases if: 1) another diagnosis is made that fully explains the
patient’s condition; or 2) a convalescent serologic test is negative for SARS-Coronavirus (SARS-CoV) antibodies.

Thirteen (59%) of the LA cases have been reclassified as not SARS.
One case was reclassified as not SARS due to diagnosis of another disease (tuberculosis), while 12 cases (6
probable and 6 suspect) were reclassified as not SARS due to negative convalescent serologies. As reported previously, no secondary
illness occurred among healthcare workers who treated the LA cases, and there was no evidence of
community acquired transmission or SARS deaths locally or nationwide.

Test information cannot be completed for many of the cases (41%, n=9).
Most (n=7) are foreign cases who were identified while visiting in Los Angeles County, but have now returned to
their home countries. The remaining 2 suspect cases are local residents who refused to submit final specimens.
Of these cases, the acute specimens for most (n=8) were negative, one did not submit acute specimens.

None of the 22 potential SARS cases has had a specimen that was positive for SARS-CoV infection.