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**To report diseases
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(386) 437-8207**

Flagler County Health Department Epidemiology depends on the timely reporting of reportable diseases from our area providers to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. **We would like to extend our thanks to all of our health partners for their efforts in this venture.**

EPI-GRAM



SPRING 2017

Rabies is Out There!

Stay aware of risks and report all animal bites right away!



With warmer weather upon us the Florida Department of Health in Flagler County would like to remind you to be on the lookout for possible rabies exposures. As animal encounters increase in the summer months so too do the number of animal bites and risky exposures that may put individuals at risk for contracting the rabies virus.

The rabies virus is transmitted via the saliva of an infected animal. Upon entering a suitable host the virus spreads through the nerves to the spinal cord and brain. Cases in which the virus reaches the brain are almost always fatal with very few human survivors of the disease being documented.

Rabies remains of grave concern given its severity and its rarity in humans

Animals may excrete virus in saliva before symptoms present.

Because of this, it is important to have **ALL** bites reported to the health department for follow up. Because there is no cure for the disease, those potentially exposed may need to begin post-exposure prophylaxis quickly after a bite.

It is state requirement that animal bites be reported immediately to the health department that risk of contracting the disease may be mitigated quickly and effectively.

With your help we can continue to ensure the health and safety of Flagler County residents by ensuring this disease stay out of the human population.

FDOH in Flagler appreciates your continued partnership in keeping our community safe!

**What do YOU do with an animal exposure or bite :
REPORT IT...**

Call us at 386-437-7350 x 7122 if:

- You have a dog or cat bite from a family pet
- You have a bite or scratch from a stray animal or a vaccinated **AND/or** unvaccinated animal
- You have a bite or scratch from a bat, raccoon or other wild animal
- You want to know what to do with the **REPORT FORM** you and your patient just filled out
- You would like more information on public health responsibilities under Florida Statute 381 and Chapter 64D-3

Florida Statutes: 381.0031 Reporting Exposures

Public Health: General Provisions

381.0031 Epidemiological research; report of diseases of public health significance to department.— This includes Animal Bites/Exposures

- (1) The department may conduct studies concerning the epidemiology of diseases of public health significance affecting people in Florida.
- (2) Any practitioner licensed in this state to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic medicine, naturopathy, or veterinary medicine; any hospital licensed under part I of chapter 395; or any laboratory licensed under chapter 483 that diagnoses or suspects the existence of a disease of public health significance shall immediately report the fact to the Department of Health

Reportable Diseases/Conditions in Florida

Practitioner List (Laboratory Requirements Differ)

Effective June 4, 2014

Did you know that you are required* to report certain diseases to your local county health department (CHD)?

You are an invaluable part of disease surveillance in Florida!

Please visit <http://floridahealth.gov/diseasereporting> for more information. To report a disease or condition, contact your local CHD epidemiology program (<http://floridahealth.gov/chdepcontact>). If unable to reach your CHD, please call the Bureau of Epidemiology at (850) 245-4401.

- ! Report immediately 24/7 by phone upon initial suspicion or laboratory test order
- ☎ Report immediately 24/7 by phone
- Report next business day
- + Other reporting timeframe

! Outbreaks of any disease, any case, cluster of cases, or exposure to an infectious or non-infectious disease, condition, or agent found in the general community or any defined setting (e.g., hospital, school, other institution) not listed that is of urgent public health significance

- Granuloma inguinale
- ! *Haemophilus influenzae* invasive disease in children <5 years old
- Hansen's disease (leprosy)
- ☎ Hantavirus infection
- ☎ Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)
- ☎ Hepatitis A

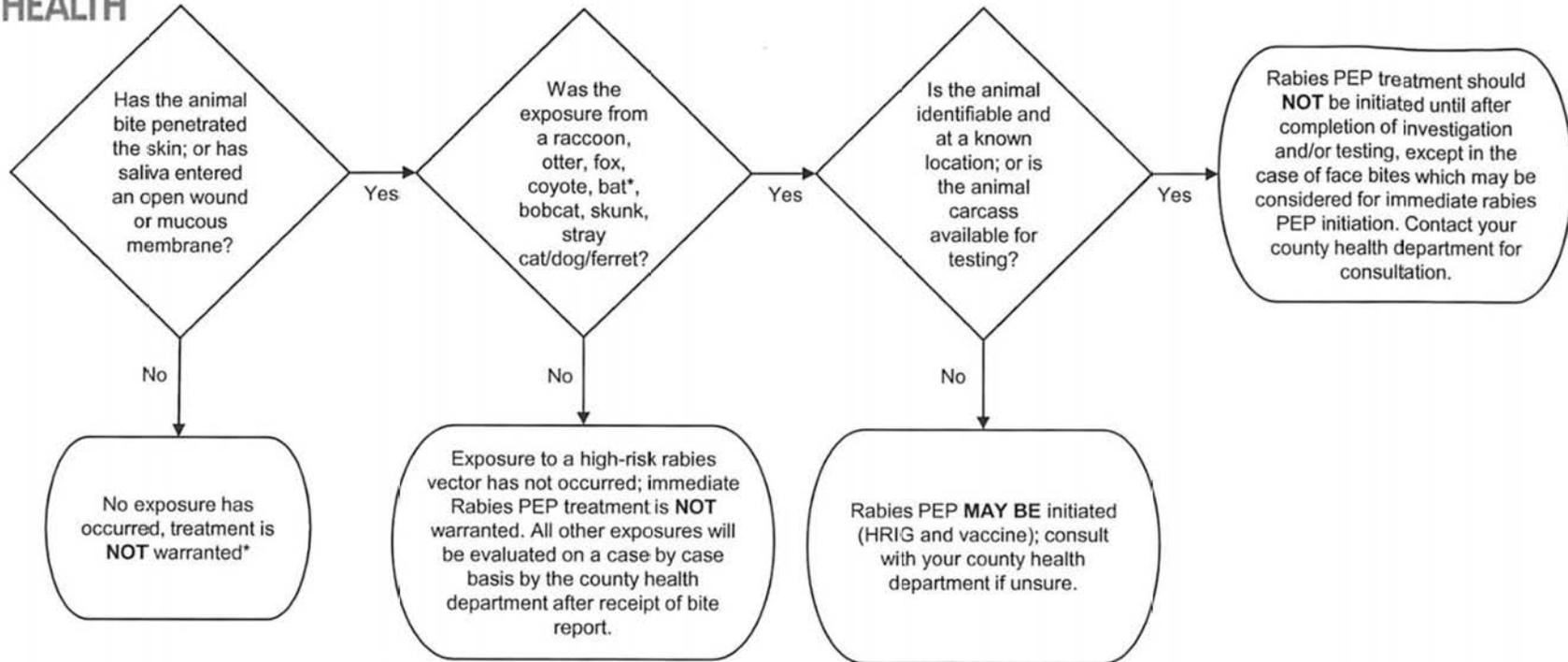
- ! Plague
- ! Poliomyelitis
- Psittacosis (ornithosis)
- Q Fever
- ☎ Rabies, animal or human
- ! Rabies, possible exposure

DOH Flagler Stats for Exposures

Flagler County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Cases of Possible Rabies Exposure	21	20	17	28	39	125



Decision Tree for Health Care Providers



* Bat bites may be difficult to see. Please contact your county health department for consultation on suspected bat bite exposures.

Additional notes:

- Wound care should be given according to standard practices whether post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is recommended or not.
- All possible rabies exposures must be reported as per Florida Administrative Code Chapter 64D-3 to your local county health department, regardless of treatment provided.
- Rabies PEP: For persons NOT previously immunized against rabies, human rabies immune globulin (HRIG) is given once (20 IU/kg) according to labeled directions. Four 1.0 ml doses of rabies vaccine should be administered IM, in the deltoid, one each on day 0, 3, 7, and 14. For persons previously immunized against rabies, HRIG should not be given and only two doses of vaccine administered IM, one on day 0 and one on day 3.

For more information, consult the Rabies Prevention and Control in Florida guidance documents.
www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/rabies/index.html

Adapted from: Istre, GR, Emerson, JK, and Hopkins, RS (1984). *In Critical Decisions in Trauma* (Moore, Eiseaman, Van Way, eds). pp. 484-487. The C.V. Mosby Co., St. Louis.

Mission:
To protect, promote & improve the health
of all people in Florida through integrated
state, county & community efforts.



Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

Rick Scott
Governor

Celeste Philip, MD, MPH
State Surgeon General

ANIMAL INTAKE REPORT
PLEASE FAX THIS REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS TO: (386) 437-8287
Please complete as much information as possible.

VICTIM'S NAME: _____ DOB: _____
PLACE OF ATTACK: _____ DATE OF BITE/INJURY: ___/___/___
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
PHONE#: _____ OTHER: _____
SEX: MALE FEMALE TYPE OF INJURY: BITE SCRATCH BRUISE OTHER _____
LOCATION OF INJURY(IES): _____
DATE OF LAST TETANUS: ___/___/___ ANTIBIOTICS PRESCRIBED: _____
PARENT GUARDIAN (IF UNDER 18): _____
ADDRESS & PHONE (IF DIFFERENT FROM VICTIM) _____

ANIMAL TYPE: DOG CAT BAT RACOON OTHER: _____
ANIMAL COLOR: _____ BREED: _____
STRAY ANIMAL: YES NO LOCATION OF ANIMAL: _____
WAS ANIMAL PROVOKED: YES NO CIRCUMSTANCE OF ATTACK: _____
ANIMAL VACCINATED FOR RABIES: YES NO UNKNOWN DATE LAST VACCINATION: ___/___/___
VETERINARIAN CLINIC: _____ PHONE#: _____

ANIMAL OWNER(S) NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE#: _____ OTHER: _____

TREATING FACILITY: _____
DOCTOR: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE# _____

POST RABIES EXPOSE STARTED? YES NO TETANUS GIVEN? YES NO

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NEVER TOUCH A BAT

BATS CAN HAVE RABIES



You can't tell by looking!

- Bats are shy animals that avoid human contact
- Any bat can have rabies, a deadly disease
- You could get rabies from a bat bite
- If you get bitten by a bat, wash the wound with soap and see a doctor

Keep bats out of your home:

- Ask your parents to bat proof your home
- If you find a bat in your home, call the health department

If you can touch a bat, don't!

- We need bats so don't hurt them
- A bat that lets you touch it may be sick
- If you see a bat, do not touch it
- Call an adult for help



www.rabiesalliance.org