

**Did an exposure to rabies potentially occur?**

- Did a mammal (animal with fur) bite the patient?
- Did the patient's open wound, broken skin or mucous membrane contact saliva or central nervous system tissue from a mammal?
- Did the patient have direct contact with a bat such that a bite or scratch cannot be ruled out?
- Did the patient waken to find a bat in the room or see a bat in a room with a previously unattended young child or mentally impaired person?

No

No postexposure prophylaxis (PEP)

YES

Bat?

YES

Available to test?

YES

Test  
Start PEP if positive

NO

Contact public health authorities

NO

Wild animal?

YES

High risk species?  
(ex. raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, bobcat, woodchuck)

YES

Available to test?

YES

Test  
Start PEP if positive

NO

Start PEP promptly

NO

Low risk wild species?  
(ex. squirrel, chipmunk, mouse/rat, rabbit/hare)

YES

No PEP

NO

Other or unknwn?

YES

Contact public health authorities

NO

Dog, cat or ferret?

YES

Healthy and available for quarantine?

YES

10 day quarantine, stays healthy?

YES

No PEP

NO

Unhealthy?

YES

Test  
Start PEP if positive

NO

Unavailable?

YES

Start PEP promptly

NO

Small pocket pet?  
ex. guinea pig, rabbit, gerbil, hamster

YES

Housed exclusively indoors?

YES

No PEP

NO

Contact public health authorities

NO

Livestock?

YES

Contact public health authorities