

CDC: Nationwide Increase in Reported Human Rabies Exposures: Rabies Post-exposure Prophylaxis Administration

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Action Steps

Local and tribal health department: Please forward to hospitals, clinics, and other health care facilities in your jurisdiction.

Hospitals, clinics and other facilities: Please forward to physicians, infection preventionists, primary care clinicians, infectious disease doctors, and laboratorians.

Health care providers & laboratorians:

- Read [CDC: Nationwide Increase in Reported Human Rabies Exposures: Rabies Post-exposure Prophylaxis Administration \(https://www.cdc.gov/han/php/notices/han00533.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/han/php/notices/han00533.html) for situational awareness and recommendations.
- No changes in clinical or laboratory practices are recommended at this time.
- Contact MDH at 651-201-5414 for rabies consultations, including human exposure, rabies post exposure prophylaxis administration and deviation recommendations, and bite management.

Situation summary

The Minnesota Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are issuing this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to share information and notify clinicians, public health authorities, and the public about an increase in reported human rabies exposures and rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) administration errors. Please read [CDC: Nationwide Increase in Reported Human Rabies Exposures: Rabies Post-exposure Prophylaxis Administration \(https://www.cdc.gov/han/php/notices/han00533.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/han/php/notices/han00533.html) for situational awareness and to review rabies exposure and PEP recommendations.

Physicians and veterinarians may obtain information on rabies, including human exposure, rabies PEP administration and deviation recommendations, and bite management by calling MDH at 651-201-5414. Staff are available for consultation 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

For more information

- [Rabies \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/rabies\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/rabies)

A copy of this HAN is available at: [MDH Health Alert Network \(www.health.state.mn.us/han\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/han)

The content of this message is intended for public health and health care personnel and response partners who have a need to know the information to perform their duties