



A MODERNIZED APPROACH TO RABIES EXPOSURE REPORTING FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

What is a potential human exposure to rabies?



Scratch



Bite



Saliva Contact

Why is exposure reporting important?

Reporting a potential exposure to rabies prompts an investigation which allows the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) to determine the risk level for rabies and need for rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent a human rabies case.



What is our goal?

In the past we have received feedback regarding the lengthy and inconvenient way of exposure reporting. The digital form was created with the intentions to simplify the process, and encourage reporting. By doing so, we are able to provide public health recommendations to prevent rabies cases in Delaware.



What is **NEW** ?

Beginning in 2022, human and animal healthcare workers, the public, and more can now fill out a **digital form** found on the DHSS Rabies webpage and report it directly to DPH. This differs from previous years in which a PDF form had to be printed, completed, and faxed to DPH.

In 2022



2,360 reports of potential human exposures to rabies were received



198 rabies tests were performed on animal specimens



11 animal specimens tested positive for rabies infection



DPH saw a 17% increase in PEP recommendations from 2021

How to submit an exposure report

To report a potential human exposure to rabies, please visit our rabies website below and select:

'Report a Potential Rabies Exposure'



<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/dpc/rabies.html>



For more information about rabies, please visit our website at <https://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/dpc/rabies.html> or call the rabies hotline 1-888-295-5156.

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