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Health Department Warns About 2nd Rabid Bat

Eau Claire, WI – August 23, 2019—The Eau Claire City-County Health Department is warning the public about a 2nd rabid bat found August 22, 2019 in the 2200 block of North Hillcrest Parkway in Altoona. The bat fell from the side of a business and then was unable to fly.

Anyone with possible exposure to this bat should seek immediate medical attention.



Exposure to rabies includes:

- A bite from any animal, including wild, stray or domestic pet.
- Saliva or brain tissue from an animal that gets into a scratch, wound, or mucous membrane (example: nose, eyes).



Possible exposure to rabies includes:

- A bat in the room with an unattended child, mentally impaired person, intoxicated person, or anyone who's been sleeping.
- A bat in firewood hand-carried into the home.



Not an exposure to rabies:

- A bat flying nearby.
- A bat seen in your attic or in a cave.
- Being in the same area as a questionable animal **without any contact** with the animal.

Bats are considered by federal and state health authorities to be of high risk for carrying rabies. Any exposure to a bat should be reported to your physician immediately. Additionally, please report any bat exposure to the Health Department at (715) 839-4718.

For more information about rabies:

<https://www.eauclairewi.gov/home/showdocument?id=29340>

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