



# Possible Bat Exposure



**April 20, 2026**

**A bat found in the Monte Vista pool area on 4/16/2026 tested positive for Rabies.**

**Bats can carry rabies and contact with a bat can put you at risk for rabies. Anyone who may have had physical contact with a bat should contact OC Health Care Agency (HCA) Communicable Disease Control Division at (714) 834-8180 to have their risk for rabies assessed. This phone line is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

**Never Touch a Bat:** Teach children and family members never to touch a bat and to alert an adult if a bat is found on the ground or inside the house.

**The HCA recommends the following actions to minimize the risk of rabies:**

- Avoid all contact with wild animals.
- Vaccinate all cats and dogs against rabies.
- Do not sleep with open unscreened windows or doors.
- If bats are seen inside the house or other structure, close off the area and contact animal control. Once the bat(s) have been removed, close off any areas allowing entrance into the house.
- Do not leave pet food outside where it will attract wild animals.
- Immediately wash all animal bites with soap and water, being sure to flush the wound well, then contact your doctor.
- Report all animal bites to OC Animal Care.
- Report stray animals to OC Animal Care.

Potential exposure to a bat or other wild animal should be reported to the HCA Communicable Disease Control Division at (714) 834-8180. <https://www.ochealthinfo.com/services-programs/disease-prevention/communicable-disease-control-division>

To report a bat in your home, an animal bite, or a stray animal, contact OC Animal Care at (714) 935-6848. Find out more at [www.ocpetinfo.com/field-operations/wildlife-information](http://www.ocpetinfo.com/field-operations/wildlife-information).

<https://www.ocpetinfo.com/education-resources/animal-disease-information/rabies/rabies-information>

<https://www.ocpetinfo.com/field-operations/report-animal-bite>