

Duty to Report Animal to Human Bite/Exposure Incidents

REMINDER TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, DECEMBER 2, 2018

In accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Rabies Prevention and Control Protocol, York Region Public Health is required to remind health care professionals of their duty to report animal to human bite/exposure incidents that could result in the transmission of rabies to York Region Public Health.

Section 2 of Ontario Regulation 501 (*Communicable Disease Regulation*), under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* states:

2. (1) A physician, registered nurse in the extended class, veterinarian, police officer or any other person who has information concerning either or both of the following shall, as soon as possible, notify the medical officer of health and provide the medical officer of health with the information, including the name and contact information of the exposed person:

1. Any bite from a mammal.
2. Any contact with a mammal that is conducive to the potential transmission of rabies to persons.

How to Notify Us

To notify York Region Public Health of an exposure incident during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), please contact Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 to speak to a public health inspector. For after-hours notification of an exposure incident, please contact 1-888-335-0111 to leave a message for a public health inspector.

Your time and effort to ensure timely notification to York Region Public Health is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joseph Mancuso, Manager, Health Protection Division at 1-877-464-9675, ext. 74569.

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