



## Chippewa County Department of Public Health

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### Health Department Warns About 2<sup>nd</sup> Rabid Bat

**Chippewa Falls, WI- September 10, 2019-** The Chippewa County Department of Public Health is warning the public about a 2<sup>nd</sup> rabid bat found on September 5, 2019 on the walking path near the intersection of McIntyre Road and Park Road in the City of Cornell. The bat was located on the edge of the walking path and attempted to bite a dog. The owner was able to safely secure the bat, prior to any exposure to the dog or themselves.

**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: eyes, mouth)

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 known carriers of rabies, any exposure to a bat should be reported to your physician immediately. Additionally, please report any bat exposure to the Public Health Department at (715)726-7900. For more information specific to bats and rabies visit <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/BatsAndRabiesDAH035.pdf>.

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