

# BE AWARE OF RABIES



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

## WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a deadly virus that spreads to humans through the saliva of rabid animals. If untreated, the virus attacks the nervous system and can lead to death.

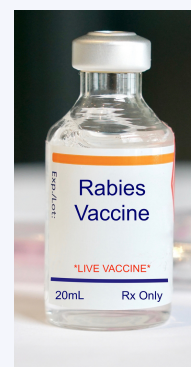


- Don't get too close to unfamiliar animals.
- Don't try to scare them.
- Don't taunt them to make them angry.
- Don't try to separate animals fighting.
- Don't take away their food while they are eating.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE ATTACKED?

If contact is made and you have been bitten or scratched, wash the area with soap & water, and see your doctor immediately to determine if treatment is needed.

Most common sources for the virus include skunks, raccoons, foxes, coyotes, and bats.



## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

- Headache, fever, nausea, vomiting, drooling
- Lack of appetite
- Sensitivity to light and water
- Difficulty breathing, paralysis
- Severe itching around the area of the bite or wound

