



# Lambton Public Health ADVISORY

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**To:** **Health Care Providers**  
**From:** Dr. Dueck, Medical Officer of Health  
**Re:** **Human Rabies in Ontario**

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## Human Rabies in Ontario

Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health has alerted Public Health Units, Ontario Hospital CEOs, and Primary Care Providers that earlier this week they received notice of a case of clinical rabies in Ontario. The case was exposed to a bat in Ontario. This marks the first domestically acquired case of human rabies in Ontario since 1967. Further details are within the attached memo from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health sent today.

Lambton Public Health's portal for Health Care Professionals hosts resources for rabies exposure risk assessment, rPEP administration, and mandatory timely reporting to Lambton Public Health of all Animal Bite/Exposures through the online form:

<https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/health-care-professionals/infectious-disease-prevention-and-control/>

### Risk Assessment and rPEP Administration

- [Managing Suspected Rabies Exposures](#)
- [Administering Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis](#)
- [Rabies for Health Professionals](#)

Report an Animal Bite/Exposure - [Online Form](#)

For consultation on rabies-related matters, please call 519-383-8331

Sincerely,

Lambton Public Health

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