**Section 690.601 Rabies, Potential Human Exposure (Reportable by telephone or facsimile, within 24 hours)**

a) Reporting. Definition of exposed person to be reported:

1) Any contact (bite or non-bite) to a bat; or

2) Any contact (bite or non-bite) to a person or animal that subsequently tests positive for rabies virus infection; or

3) Anyone who was started on rabies post-exposure prophylaxis; or

4) Exposure to saliva from a bite, or contact of any abrasion or mucous membrane with brain tissue or cerebrospinal fluid of any suspect rabid person or animal. Exposure to healthy rabbits, small rodents, indoor-only pets or rabies-vaccinated dogs, cats or ferrets is excluded, unless the exposure complies with subsections (a)(1) through (a)(3), or the animal displays signs consistent with rabies; or

5) Anyone who was in the same room as a bat and who might be unaware that a bite or direct contact has occurred (e.g., a sleeping person awakens to find a bat in the room or an adult witnesses a bat in the room with a previously unattended child, mentally disabled person, or intoxicated person) and rabies cannot be ruled out by testing the bat.

b) Investigations. All known instances of potential rabies exposure shall be investigated promptly by the local health authority to determine whether rabies post-exposure prophylaxis for the exposed person should be recommended.

c) Control of Biting Animals. See the Animal Control Act [510 ILCS 5].

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