Has exposure occurred through a bite, scratch, or other situation where saliva or central nervous system (CNS) tissue of an animal entered an open, fresh wound, non-intact skin, or came in contact with a mucous membrane? Or did the patient have any type of contact with a bat?

No further action

No

Yes/Unsure

What type of animal was involved? (If non-mammal, NO risk for rabies.)

Wild Animal
(eg: skunks, foxes, wolf hybrids, bobcats, and javelinas; but excluding bats)

Is animal available for testing?

No

Call MCDPH for assessment

And To arrange for animal testing

Yes

Call MCDPH for assessment

Rodent or Rabbit

PEP not indicated

Note: Rodents and rabbits in AZ are NOT considered likely to transmit rabies and do NOT need to be tested, except for in unusual circumstances.**

** Unusual circumstances:
• An animal exhibiting acute neurological signs (per a veterinarian) and found in rabies enzootic/epizootic area.
• An animal kept as a pet and housed outdoors that survived an attack from a wild animal.

Cat, Dog, or Ferret in U.S.

Is animal available for testing or quarantine?

No

Withhold PEP and call Animal Care & Control to attempt to locate animal

And Call MCDPH for assessment

Yes

Withhold PEP and call Animal Care & Control for quarantine

Bat, Monkey, or Other Exotic Mammal

Call MCDPH for assessment

Note: Herpes B virus may be an urgent concern for contact with Old World Monkey

Livestock

Report to the Arizona Department of Agriculture

Is animal available for testing or quarantine?

Yes

Withhold PEP and call Animal Care & Control

And Call MCDPH for assessment

No

Call MCDPH for assessment

If you have additional questions, please contact the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) Office of Epidemiology at 602-372-2605.