

**FOLLOW-UP INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANIMAL BITE OR BAT EXPOSURE**

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear (Patient Name) \_\_\_\_\_:

Based on the information provided about your animal bite/exposure, immediate rabies post-exposure vaccination is not needed because you were:

- Bit by a skunk, raccoon, or fox that can be captured **AND** sent for rabies testing.
- Exposed to a bat that can be captured **AND** sent for rabies testing.
- Bit by a cat, dog, or ferret that is available for a 10-day observation period **OR** for rabies testing.
- Other:

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**IMPORTANT:** All rabies testing is completed at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) laboratory. Contact Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) at 517-546-9850 for instructions on how to submit an animal.

**Rabies post-exposure treatment is a medical urgency, NOT an emergency.  
The final decision to begin rabies treatment can wait until:**

Test Results Become Available    or    Completion of the 10-day Observation Period

**(Circle One)**

You may be contacted by LCHD to follow-up on your animal bite/exposure. If you are not contacted within **24 hours**, you may reach out to LCHD at 517-546-9850. They will share any rabies testing results with you. You can also contact LCHD if you have any questions, concerns, or if the animal is no longer available for quarantine or testing.