**Section 690.600 Rabies, Human (Reportable by telephone or facsimile as soon as possible, within 24 hours)**

a) Control of Case.

1) Standard Precautions shall be followed. Caregivers shall wear either masks and eye protection or face shields; gowns shall be worn when substantial contact with patient is anticipated. The number of exposed personnel should be limited.

2) Testing for suspected human rabies cases can be requested through the Department and local health authority.

b) Control of Contacts. Contacts who have open wound or mucous membrane exposure to the case's saliva or central nervous system fluid or tissue shall be offered rabies post-exposure prophylaxis.

c) Laboratory Reporting.

1) Laboratories shall immediately report to the local health authority all persons for whom rabies testing has been requested.

2) The Department's laboratory shall be contacted for instructions prior to the shipment of specimens.

3) Laboratories shall report to the local health authority patients who have a positive result on any laboratory test indicative of or specific for detecting acute rabies infection.

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