



Rabies and other lyssavirus (including Australian bat lyssavirus) exposures

HOW TO ACCESS POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP): INFORMATION FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IN METROPOLITAN PERTH

- Rabies and other lyssavirus, including Australian bat lyssavirus (ABLV), exposures should be managed as per the Rabies and other Lyssaviruses chapter in the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) and the [CDNA National Guidelines](#).
- All use of rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) stock needs approval by public health. If you have cache government stock held on site, you must seek approval before administering PEP.
- Please refer to the process below for guidance. Contact Boorloo (Perth) Public Health Unit (PHU) on 1300 623 292 or bphu@health.wa.gov.au (**office hours only**) or 1800 434 122 (after hours).
- Outside of metropolitan Perth, contact your [local public health unit](#) (during office hours) or 1800 434 122 (after hours) to access rabies PEP.

Patient with rabies/ABLV exposure attends healthcare provider

- Apply **first aid** and [wound management](#), as required
- Obtain **exposure details** (including country, animal, date of incident, description of incident & wound)
 - Obtain **medical information** (including patient weight, egg allergy and immunocompromise)
- Obtain date/time of any rabies vaccination and immunoglobulin given (before and after this incident)
 - Consider tetanus & other infections

During office hours
Mon-Fri 8am-5pm excluding
public holidays

**Outside of
office hours**

Call Boorloo PHU on 1300 623 292 to notify exposure & discuss PEP requirements. Then complete online form for approval:
<https://redcap.link/rabiesform>

Call the On-Call Duty Officer at the WA Department of Health on **1800 434 122** and request to speak with the **on-call Public Health Physician** to notify exposure & discuss PEP requirements.

Public health (Boorloo PHU during office hours or on-call Public Health Physician after hours) provides PEP advice, recommendations and formal approval.

Site holds cache
stock

Site does NOT hold
cache stock

1. Clinician communicates plan to patient and administers PEP from cache stock *
2. Public Health orders replacement stock

1. Public health orders stock for delivery
2. Clinician communicates plan to patient and administers PEP once received**

** Refer to [Administration of rabies vaccine and HRIG for post-exposure prophylaxis](#) or QR code

