

Zoonotic Disease - Animals and Human Health

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10:00-11:30am MST

Join us, as this session looks at the various zoonotic diseases and their distribution across Alberta, with a focus on rabies. This session will also include a review of current animal exposure reporting mechanisms, available resources, and regional animal exposure data



Learning Outcomes:

- An understanding of what a zoonotic disease is, and the associated public health risks
- A review of how animal bites are reported, and the important information required to conduct a rabies risk assessment

Speakers:

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Target Audience:
Community members,
Individuals involved in
animal exposure reporting,
public health professionals
and other health center
staff

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