

Urgent Public Health Alert - Potential Lyssavirus

West Moreton Health is urgently seeking information about four children aged between 2 and 13, who were observed playing with a bat near the Queens Park Nature Centre in Ipswich on Saturday, February 3, around 10 am.

Recently there has been several bats in this area that have tested positive to Australian Bat Lyssavirus (ABLV), and witnesses have reported that the bat was behaving in an abnormal manner.

ABLV is a serious and potentially fatal virus and it is vital that post-exposure action is taken **immediately** if a bat has been handled.

Please be aware of this issue when caring for paediatric patients. Symptoms can take a long time to develop: from 5 days to several years (most commonly after 5 to 8 weeks). If your patients are concerned that a child may have been exposed to a bat, they should contact 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

Treatment advice is available here: Australian Bat Lyssavirus (ABLV) Exposure - [Community HealthPathways West Moreton](#) (username: wmuser; password: wmpassword)

Further information for the public on ABLV can be found here [Australian bat lyssavirus | Health and wellbeing | Queensland Government](#) (www.qld.gov.au)

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