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Frederick County Health Department

# *Public Health Alert*

DATE: May 20, 2020

## **Man Bitten by Dog on May 20, 2020, Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD; Seeking Dog's Owner**

A man was bitten by a dog at approximately 11:45 am on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, in the area of Main Street and Federal Avenue in Emmitsburg. The bite occurred when the victim jogged past the dog. The biting dog is described as a brindle, Pit Bull type dog weighing around 80 to 90 pounds. The people with the dog are described as a woman in her 40s and a girl approximately middle school aged.

The Frederick County Health Department is requesting that the owner, or anyone who has information regarding the biting animal, contact Frederick County Animal Control (FCAC) so the victim may avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. Contact is needed to confirm the animals' health and whereabouts. The animal will be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animal is verified to be in good health 10 days after the bite, the victim will not need to receive the series of post-exposure rabies vaccinations, and the animal will be allowed to resume normal activity. The owner or anyone who has information about the animal is asked to contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1715. Visit [health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES](http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES) for more information.

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