2-5-2015

A bat found at the University of Arizona Medical Center at 1501 N. Campbell Avenue tested positive for rabies.

The bat was found in the patio area of the main cafeteria on Monday, 2-2-2015.

At this time, there is no known human or animal contact with the bat, but it is not known how long the bat was in the area.

If you touched it or had contact with a bat in this area, please notify the Pima County Health Department at: 520-724-7797 immediately.

Rabies is a disease caused by a virus. Humans and pets may get rabies from direct physical contact such as a bite or scratch from an infected animal. It may take weeks to years for people to show symptoms after being infected. However, once someone starts developing symptoms, that person usually does not survive.

Please remember that if you see a bat on the ground or any other wildlife, do not touch it. Cover it with a box or container and immediately notify the Pima Animal Care Center at 520-724-5900.