

Zoonoses (pl.)
 Zoonosis (sing.)

From Greek
 zōion = animal nosos = disease

Explore selected zoonoses organized by clinical presentation and exposure risk.

Explore the materials 



Zoonoses

Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (ZIDs)

Diseases that spread between animals and humans, with causal agents being pathogenic microorganisms such as viruses, bacteria, fungi, or parasites.

In this selection, zoonotic diseases are presented using two example approaches: by **clinical presentation** (Table 1) and **exposure-related risks and modes of transmission** (Table 2). These tables provide examples of materials and resources that can be consulted to support health professionals' awareness, prevention, and management of zoonotic diseases.

Table 1
Zoonoses: By Clinical Presentation

This table presents selected zoonoses organized by primary clinical presentation: respiratory illness (including influenza-like illness), encephalitis, and viral hemorrhagic fevers. These categories are illustrative; the range of clinical presentation associated with zoonoses varies depending on the specific disease.

Table 2
Zoonoses: By Likelihood of Contact or Exposure

This table focuses on different exposure and contact contexts, providing examples and including links to relevant Canadian information sources.

Exposure-related risk factors arise from activities, environments, or situations at the human–animal interface, such as agriculture, animal companionship, and shared natural environments, that increase the likelihood of contact with or exposure to animals, vectors, or environments that serve as reservoirs or sources of zoonotic infectious agents.