





## Preventing human-to-bat transmission of SARS-CoV-2 for cavers




### Exposure Risks

- **Aerosol exposure**  
Infectious droplets from cavers in close proximity to bats
- **Environmental exposure**  
Sharing enclosed, poorly-ventilated spaces with bats, where virus may persist in the air
- **Contact exposure**  
Cavers coming in contact with bats



**MAP**  
your plan  
to prevent  
transmission to  
cave-dwelling  
bats!

### Mitigation Strategies

- Minimize**  
Plan routes to avoid bat aggregations, wear mask if passing bats is unavoidable 
- Assess**  
The level of risk the trip poses to bats, avoid caving if you have been exposed or have symptoms 
- Protect**  
Adopt best caving practices, wear masks if passing bats, avoid crowding, clean and disinfect equipment 



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