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.

**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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