

Nipah virus disease

Nipah is a serious viral disease

It can be transmitted through



consumption of fruits or fruit products contaminated by bats



close contact with an infected patient

Fruit bats are the natural host of Nipah virus

Nipah virus disease causes a range of mild to severe illness, and can lead to death

There is no vaccine or treatment available yet. The primary treatment is supportive care

Symptoms



Fever



Headache



Nausea/
Vomiting



Lethargy/
Weakness



Breathlessness



Convulsions/
Coma

How to protect yourself

Avoid consuming raw date palm juice or fruits contaminated or partly eaten by bats



Keep bats away from sap collection sites with protective coverings



Wash and peel fruits thoroughly before eating



Always wash your hands with soap and water

before and after eating, and

after contact with sick people



The body of a person who has died from Nipah should only be handled by trained persons

Seek prompt medical attention if you think you are infected with Nipah virus