

CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS

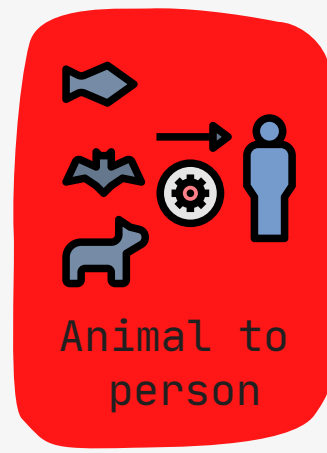
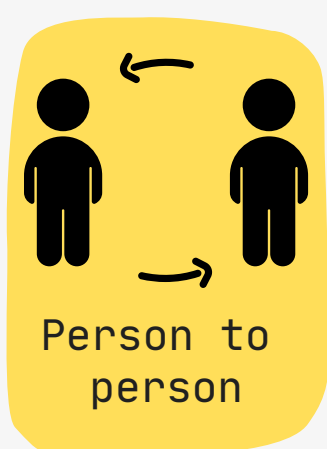
INFORMATION FOR RURAL AND REMOTE
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WHAT IS IT?

Cryptosporidiosis is a sickness with diarrhoea and stomach cramps caused by the parasite *Cryptosporidium parvum*

HOW CAN YOU GET IT?



The bacteria is spread through human and animal faeces.

WHY IS THIS PARASITE A PROBLEM?

It is the most common waterborne disease in Australia



Infection rates are 50x higher in Indigenous communities compared to non-Indigenous communities

TREATMENT

If you are sick, talk to your doctor to see if you need special medicine

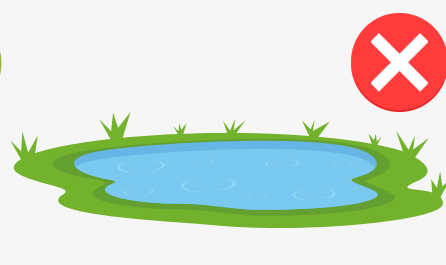
Be sure to drink lots of water to prevent dehydration



PREVENTION



Wash your hands after toileting or handling animals



Don't allow pets to drink dirty water



Water should be filtered or boiled before drinking