## CASES OF RACCOON ROUNDWORM were recently found in your area!

## What is Raccoon Roundworm (Baylisascaris procyonis)?

Raccoon Roundworm (*Baylisascaris procyonis*) is an intestinal worm commonly found in raccoons. The eggs of the worm are found in raccoon feces (poop). Although very rare, humans can become infected with raccoon roundworm if raccoon feces are ingested.

## FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE FROM RACCOON ROUNDWORM



Do not feed raccoons, other wildlife, or keep them as pets!



Peed pets indoors. Avoid leaving open sources of food outside for community cats.



Do not touch raccoon poop. Keep children and pets away from areas where raccoons may have pooped.

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Keep all trash in tightly closed containers. Pick up and discard fruit that has fallen from trees.

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5 Make sure your child doesn't touch or eat sand or dirt that may have raccoon poop.



Always wash hands with soap and water after working or playing outside or touching pets.



Cover all sandboxes when not in use, as raccoons may poop in sandboxes.



Close off access to basements, attics, and crawl spaces. Clear brush and trees away from property.



Contact your doctor if you suspect your child has ingested raccoon feces.



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