



Typhus Outbreak in Southern California

The typhus outbreak has now hit three major areas in Southern California. There have been 12 cases in Downtown LA, 59 in Pasadena and 20 in Long Beach. Long Beach is the latest city to see a surge in cases of Typhus. Typhus is a bacterial disease spread by lice or fleas. The disease is easily transmitted from animal to animal but **only makes** humans sick.

Common symptoms are sudden fever and other flu like symptoms. After 5-9 days, a rash develops and spreads from midsection to the extremities. To reduce the spread of this disease takes these measures:

- Check cats and dogs are free of fleas
- Clean up food outside
- Don't feed wild animals of any kind
- Cut back vegetation that may hide animals
- Ensure trash is covered and secured
- Use insect repellent

Ctrl+Click on the links below for additional information:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Typhus>

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2018/10/09/typhus-long-beach/>

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