If you observe the following:

* 3-14 days of fever
* Headache
* Vomiting
* Muscle pain
* Drowsiness, disorientation
* Sore throat
* Neck stiffness

these may be the symptoms of Nipah virus.

**Are you aware about Nipah virus (Niv)???**

Nipah virus is an emerging infectious disease which first appeared in domestic pigs in Malaysia and Singapore in 1998 and 1999. At that time, it was primarily caused in pigs and through them got transferred to humans. Nipah Virus infected as many as 265 people then, out of which 40 per cent were taken under intensive care due to the infection having spread severely. As quoted by the **WHO**, the natural host of the virus is fruit bats of the Pteropodidae Family, Pteropusgenus.

[**Here’s how you can protect yourself from the deadly Nipah Virus**](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/health-fitness/health-news/heres-how-you-can-protect-yourself-from-the-deadly-nipah-virus/articleshow/64271448.cms)

* Avoiding direct contact with infected pigs, bats and humans in endemic regions should be practiced.
* Health professionals while attending to such patients should be aware of PPE i.e. Personal Protection Equipment such as wearing masks, protective eyewear gloves, gown, shoes, If you feel uneasiness when in and around an infected region, get yourself tested immediately.
* It's supremely important to avoid any food/drink which has had the chance to be contaminated by bats.