

TYPHUS

Flea-borne typhus is a disease caused by *Rickettsia typhi* bacteria that are spread by fleas



HOW DO PEOPLE GET TYPHUS?

The bacteria that cause typhus can be found in the feces of some fleas, and these bacteria can spread to the skin's surface when the flea bites

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?



Fever



Headache



Rash



Chills



Muscle Pain

TREATMENT

Flea-borne typhus is treated with antibiotics. Most people recover in a few days and death from typhus is rare (worldwide, about 2-4% without treatment).

WHERE DOES TYPHUS OCCUR?



Human cases of flea-borne typhus are reported worldwide, but mainly in tropical and coastal areas. In the U.S, most cases occur in Texas, California, and Hawaii.

PREVENTION

Avoid direct contact with fleas by

- Using flea control products on pets
- Preventing wild animals from living around your home
- Keeping garbage containers covered
- Trimming or removing plants around buildings