Avoid consuming raw date palm juice or fruits contaminated or partly eaten by bats.

Nipah is a serious viral disease. It can be transmitted through consumption of fruits or fruit products contaminated by bats, close contact with an infected patient, or through close contact with an infected patient.

Fruit bats are the natural host of Nipah virus. Nipah virus disease causes a range of mild to severe illness, and can lead to death. There is no vaccine or treatment available yet. The primary treatment is supportive care.

Symptoms:
- Fever
- Headache
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Lethargy/Weakness
- Breathlessness
- Convulsions/Coma

How to protect yourself:
- Keep bats away from sap collection sites with protective coverings.
- Wash and peel fruits thoroughly before eating.
- Always wash your hands with soap and water before and after eating, and after contact with sick people.
- The body of a person who has died from Nipah should only be handled by trained persons.

Seek prompt medical attention if you think you are infected with Nipah virus.