



# College of Veterinary Medicine Policies and Procedures

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CVM Students

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## Rabies Vaccination Policy for CVM Students

The safety of patients, students, faculty and staff is the highest priority of the Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Due to the potential risk of exposure to rabies during veterinary training, as well as throughout one's veterinary career, the College of Veterinary Medicine requires that all freshmen students and transfer students admitted to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine curriculum obtain rabies pre-exposure prophylaxis, and to provide documentation by a health care professional of such immunization.

- Entering first-year DVM students are required to complete the rabies vaccination series prior to the beginning of the second semester of first-year DVM curriculum, and provide proof of vaccination to MSU-CVM.
- Entering transfer students are required to complete rabies vaccination series and provide proof of vaccination prior to starting the DVM curriculum.
- Students previously vaccinated, and able to provide documentation confirming a positive rabies titer, are not required to be re-vaccinated.
- Students who decline rabies vaccination for any reason will be required to sign a waiver of liability.
- Students who fail to provide required proof of vaccination, proof of a positive rabies titer, or sign a waiver declining rabies vaccination are not permitted to participate in activities involving live animals or necropsy submissions.

The student is responsible for the cost of the vaccinations:

- The cost of vaccination may be included in the financial aid package (due to the vaccination being required). Students should confirm with MSU Financial Aid Office.
- Private insurance may cover the cost of rabies vaccination. Check with your insurance provider.

Access to rabies vaccination:

- Check with your local Health Department
- Check with your personal physician
- Check with a travel physician in your area
- Check with the MSU Health Center

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