

February, 2025

Dear Member of the Class of 2029,

Welcome to the College of Veterinary Medicine. We look forward to your arrival. There are many things that you must do before you arrive and we want to help you as much as we can.

RABIES VACCINATIONS

It is a requirement that all students are vaccinated against rabies prior to or shortly after matriculation. Some of you already may be vaccinated as you may have been employed at a veterinary clinic prior to applying to veterinary school or have had exposure to the disease.

Students who have been vaccinated against rabies:

- Must have been vaccinated in the past 2 years
 - Must have a copy of verification of vaccination (copy of medical records showing dates signed by a human health professional on letterhead OR with contact information of location where vaccination was received)
- Must provide proof of sufficient titer if vaccination has **NOT** occurred in the past 2 years

NOTE: If you have been vaccinated elsewhere, you will need to provide proof of immunity. If you have not had your titer obtained showing proof of immunity in the past two years, you may choose to have your blood collected by your physician to be sent for titer evaluation OR have this done by Thielen Student Health Center (TSHC). They will send it for titer evaluation. **The total cost is approximately \$45.**

Students who have NOT been vaccinated against rabies:

- **Vaccinations need to be administered by a HUMAN health care person (not a veterinarian).** The vaccine should be administered in the deltoid muscle at the appropriate times (see **Section 2** of this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/rabies.pdf>)
- May do any **ONE** of the following:
 - Get vaccinated by their own health care provider. Some pharmacies such as Walgreens can administer the vaccine series.
 - Attend the Fall Rabies Clinic at ISU CVM (see below).
- Should check with their insurance carrier to see if the vaccinations are covered by their policy. **The procedure code is 90675 with dx code Z23.** Some companies will require that you submit documentation of this requirement prior to approval of coverage. This document should suffice for the documentation they may request.

ISU CVM FALL RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

- TSHC will sponsor a vaccination clinic for the Class of 2029 admits. Dates to be determined; likely will be during the first month of classes in the fall 2025 semester.
- **APPROXIMATE COST: \$500/vaccination (Approximate Total cost: \$1000) Price is subject to change.**
- Email Dr. Monica Howard (mohoward@iastate.edu) by August 1, 2025 if you will be attending this clinic.

MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA (MMR) VACCINATIONS

Iowa State University requires that all students enrolled at the university be vaccinated for measles and has recommendations regarding other vaccinations.

(<https://cyclonehealth.iastate.edu/preventative-care/vaccinations>)

NOTE: If you are/have been enrolled at ISU your vaccination history already should be on file with THSC. You should call them to ensure that they have your records.

*******DEADLINE*******

Please send proof of vaccinations to respective contacts below by **August 1, 2025**.

Proof of Rabies Vx		Proof of MMR Vx	
	ALL STUDENTS: Send rabies documents directly to Dr. Monica Howard	NEW STUDENTS: Submit through Iowa State Health Portal. See Workday Student checklist	
		FORMER ISU STUDENTS: You may check your Iowa State Health portal to verify your MMR status. To enroll in patient portal: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Go to the Google Play or App Store and download the ISU Student Health Portal application.2. Click Sign in with Microsoft.3. Enter your ISU Net-id and Password.	
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