

May, 2017

Dear Member of the Class of 2021,

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

### **RABIES VACCINATIONS**

It is a requirement that all students be vaccinated against rabies prior to matriculation. Some of you already may be vaccinated as you may have been employed at a veterinary clinic prior to applying to veterinary school.

#### **Students who have been vaccinated for 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 immunization was received)
- Must provide proof of sufficient titer if immunization has **NOT** occurred in the past 2 years

#### **Students who have NOT been vaccinated for 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 3 of this link: <http://www.immunize.org/vis/rabies06.pdf>)
- May attend one of the two clinics that will be offered by Thielen Student Health Center (TSHC), Iowa State University (see information below)
- Should check with their insurance carrier to see if the vaccinations are covered by their policy. Some companies will require that you submit documentation of this requirement prior to approval of coverage. This letter should suffice for the documentation they may request.

### **RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS**

The TSHC will sponsor two sets of vaccination clinics for Class of 2021 admits. **Please be advised that you must complete the series in the clinic that you sign up for (i.e., you cannot start your series in the Early Clinic and complete it in the Late Clinic). This requires your commitment to all three dates in the clinic you choose.**

#### **Early Vaccination Clinic (Advised for Iowa resident admits\*)**

<b>First of 3 vaccinations</b>	June 7, 2017
<b>Second of 3 vaccinations</b>	June 14, 2017
<b>Third of 3 vaccinations</b>	June 28, 2017

**(Call TSHC (515-294-5801) to schedule your appointments) COST: \$347/vaccination (Total cost: \$1,041)**

***\*This clinic is available to any admit who can commit to all three dates.***

**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 titer checked at TSHC. **The total cost is approximately \$55.**

#### **Late Vaccination Clinic**

Dates to be determined; likely will be during the first month of classes in the Fall 2017 semester.

You will need to have all three vaccinations.

## 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.

(<http://www.cyclonehealth.org/new-students/>)

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

**\*\*\*\*\*DEADLINE\*\*\*\*\***

Please send proof of vaccinations to respective contacts below by **July 28, 2017**.

Proof of Rabies Vx	
Contact	Dr. Monica Howard
Address	College of Vet Med Iowa State University 2270B Vet Med 1800 Christensen Dr. Ames, IA 50011
Email	<a href="mailto:mohoward@iastate.edu">mohoward@iastate.edu</a>
FAX	515-294-8341
Phone	515-294-0391

Proof of MMR Vx
<b>NEW STUDENTS:</b> Submit through ACCESS PLUS
<b>FORMER ISU STUDENTS:</b> You may contact Nurse Sue Dekkers to see if your information is on file.
<a href="mailto:sdekkers@iastate.edu">sdekkers@iastate.edu</a>
515-294-5801