

April, 2020

Dear Member of the Class of 2024,

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 \$55.**

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 3 of this link: <http://www.immunize.org/vis/rabies06.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.
 - Set up appointments to have the series administered during the spring or summer at Thielen Student Health Center. This is advised for any current Iowa State University student or students who will be residing in Iowa at these times. **(Call TSHC (515-294-5801) to schedule your appointments) APPROXIMATE COST: \$349/vaccination (Approximate Total cost: \$1,047)***
 - Make an appointment to have the series administered at the Fall Clinic (see 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 document should suffice for the documentation they may request.

FALL RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

TSHC will sponsor a vaccination clinic for the Class of 2024 admits. Dates to be determined; likely will be during the first month of classes in the fall 2020 semester.

Call TSHC (515-294-5801) **AFTER AUGUST 1, 2020 to schedule your appointments.**

APPROXIMATE COST: \$370/vaccination (Approximate Total cost: \$1,110) **Price is subject to change.**

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/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 3, 2020**.

Proof of Rabies Vx	
	ALL STUDENTS: Send rabies documents directly to Dr. Monica Howard
Address	College of Vet Med Iowa State University 2270E Vet Med 1800 Christensen Dr. Ames, IA 50011
Email	mohoward@iastate.edu
FAX	515-294-8341
Phone	515-294-0391

Proof of MMR Vx	
	NEW STUDENTS: Submit through ACCESS PLUS
	FORMER ISU STUDENTS: You may contact Nurse Julie Burge or Jessica Shannon to see if your information is on file.
Email	jburge@iastate.edu
	shannon3@iastate.edu
Phone	515-294-5801