

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is the premier public health agency of the United States. Under the auspices of the CDC, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices periodically reviews the status of selected infectious diseases, including rabies, and issues national recommendations.

The CDC provides useful information on their webpage -

https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/specific_groups/veterinarians/vaccination.html

These recommendations reflect the status of rabies and antirabies biologics in the United States and provide guidance on level of risk. Therefore, the University of Tennessee at Martin Veterinary Technology Program accepts these national recommendations and considers rabies exposure a risk to our students and staff. Based on Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations, administrators of The University of Tennessee at Martin Veterinary Technology Program are requiring each student who enters the program to provide proof of pre-exposure rabies vaccination or a protective rabies serum titer prior to entering the program. Students should contact their personal physician or local health department to receive the pre-exposure vaccination series. The vaccination series costs on average about \$350-\$400 per injection, plus charges for an office visit and injection. Students should check with their health insurance provider to see if the rabies vaccine.