



Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology

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BEL-REA RABIES VACCINATION MEDICAL EXEMPTION PHYSICIAN FORM

****This form is to be completed by health care providers or their designated staff and signed by a health care provider (physician (MD, DO), advanced practice nurse (APN), delegated physician's assistant (PA)).***

Students in Bel-Rea Institutes of Animal Technology's Veterinary Technology Program provide hands-on care for many animals, including strays with unknown vaccination and medical histories. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association,

“Veterinarians and veterinary support staff are in the frequent-risk group with regard to rabies exposure and should be administered pre-exposure rabies vaccinations, according to the recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). According to the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians' Compendium of Veterinary Standard Precautions for Zoonotic Disease Prevention in Veterinary Personnel, all staff with animal contact must be vaccinated against rabies, followed by periodic titer checks and rabies vaccine boosters, in accordance with the ACIP recommendations.”

<https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Reference/Pages/Rabies-preexposure-vaccination-titers-veterinarians.aspx>

https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/prevention/pre-exposure_vaccinations.html

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/rabies.html>

In accordance with these guidelines, Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology requires incoming and or currently enrolled Veterinary Technology students to be vaccinated against rabies per the CDC's human pre-exposure prophylaxis protocol series of 2 timed vaccinations, days 0 and 7, plus: either a one-time titer check after 1 year and up to 3 years following the first 2-dose vaccination Or 1-dose booster between 3 weeks and 3 years following first vaccine in the 2-dose vaccination:

https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/prevention/pre-exposure_vaccinations.html

The CDC recommends that certain individuals not receive the rabies vaccine:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/should-not-vacc.html>

Exemptions may be allowed for religious or medical purposes. Medical exemptions may be appropriate if the student provides documentation establishing that the vaccination would endanger his or her life or health or is medically contraindicated due to other medical conditions.

Students wishing to be exempted from vaccination must complete this exemption form, ***signed by a physician, containing a statement of justification, along with an Action Plan per the Bel-Rea Rabies Vaccination Exemption Policy.***

Student Information:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Required Vaccine for School Entry* - Rabies Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

Rabies Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) vaccine ***declined***

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Statement of Justification (attached or completed below):

The physical condition of the above-named student is such that vaccinations would endanger their life or health or is medically contraindicated due to other medical conditions. The information I have provided on this form is complete and accurate.

REQUIRED Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
Physician (MD, DO), Advanced Practice Nurse (APN), or Physician Assistant (authorized pursuant to section 12-240-107 (6), C.R.S.)

REQUIRED: _____ **Professional License Number:** _____
(State/Territory)