



## Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology

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### BEL-REA RABIES VACCINATION RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FORM

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/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](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 only. Religious exemptions may be appropriate if the student is an adherent to a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to all immunizations.

Students wishing to be exempted from vaccination must complete this exemption form, **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):**

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**Statement of Exemption:**

I am claiming a religious exemption from the Rabies Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). The information provided on this form is complete and accurate. I can review evidence-based information about the Rabies Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) at CDC Rabies Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP): [https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/prevention/pre-exposure\\_vaccinations.html](https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/prevention/pre-exposure_vaccinations.html)

**REQUIRED Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_