



**MURRAY**  
STATE COLLEGE

## From Here... Go Anywhere. Veterinary Nursing Program

### Rabies Vaccination Policy and Information

Effective January 1, 2022, the AVMAV-MC Tc -0.004 Tw 1104nigal(V)-46(nacadem)id From ME (V)-3. (tedvt6)TJ04gV

It is **required** that all veterinary nursing students be vaccinated for rabies. Students must have a copy of

their pre-exposure rabies vaccinations on file with the program before beginning courses requiring contact with animals.

Most states require by law for dogs and cats to be vaccinated for rabies but in reality, this does not occur. We can never be absolutely assured that any vaccinated or unvaccinated dog or cat is not carrying rabies and we will not.

**Risk Categories and Pre**

-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Recommendations	
<b>Risk Category 3</b>	<p>People who interact with, or are at higher risk to interact with mammals other than bats that could be rabid, for a period longer than three years after they receive PrEP</p> <p>This group includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most veterinarians, veterinary technicians, animal control officers, wildlife biologists, rehabilitators, trappers, and spelunkers (cave explorers)</li> <li>Certain travelers to regions outside of the U.S. where rabies in dogs is</li> </ul>

Rabies - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of rabies vaccination with serologic monitoring and /or booster vaccination every two

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

Pre-

cats, dogs, or other species at risk of having rabies. For more information about pre-exposure prophylaxis, see Human Rabies Prevention - United States, 1999 Recommendations of the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee (ACIP).

### **Purpose of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis**

Pre-exposure prophylaxis is given for several reasons. First, although pre-exposure vaccination does not eliminate the need for additional medical attention after a rabies exposure, it simplifies therapy by eliminating the need for human rabies immune globulin (HRIG) and decreasing the number of vaccine doses needed. Second, it may enhance immunity in persons whose post-exposure therapy might be delayed. Finally, it may provide protection to persons with unrecognized exposures to rabies.

### **Treatment if exposed to a rabid animal**

For **vaccinated individuals**, the wound is immediately and thoroughly cleansed with soap and water. Then