



## Veterinary Technology Program

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To whom it may concern,

Rabies in humans can be prevented either by eliminating exposures to rabid animals or by providing exposed persons with prompt local treatment of wounds combined with appropriate postexposure prophylaxis (including both passive antibody administration and active immunization with cell culture vaccines). In addition, pre-exposure vaccination should be offered to persons in high-risk groups, such as veterinarians, veterinary technicians, animal handlers, and certain laboratory workers.

As of May 2022, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) updated rabies vaccine recommendations. This update redefined risk categories and now classifies veterinary technicians as a risk category 3. The recommendations of the CDC for this category (see attached) that this category be vaccine with a 2-dose series followed up by titers.

Students enrolled in Jefferson State Community College Veterinary Technology program fall into risk category 3 by the nature of the AVMA required skills and therefore should be vaccinated according to the CDC and ACIP requirements.

Sincerely,

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