

RABIES VACCINATION

Students are encouraged to obtain prophylactic rabies immunization. Human rabies vaccine is available through the Medical College of Ohio. The cost is \$450.00 (subject to change) for the series of three immunizations, which must be pre-paid at the time of the first immunization. Appointments are required; please call (419) 383-5403 one week in advance. You may also obtain the vaccine at the Cuyahoga County Department of Health for a fee of \$600.00(subject to change). Please call (216) 201-2000.

You may also check with your health insurance company. Some policies will allow the rabies vaccine to be given by your doctor.

The immunization series is given as follows:

1. First immunization given intradermally on forearm;
2. Second immunization given one week later by the same route;
3. Third immunization given three weeks later by the same route.

Rabies immunization is generally good for about ten years. Persons at high risk should have a rabies titer drawn every two years, and receive a booster immunization as indicated by titer. The cost of a rabies titer is \$60.00 (subject to change).

Students serving in the Veterinary Technician Program will be required either to:

- receive prophylactic rabies immunization, or
- sign a waiver declining immunization.