

## AVC Rabies Immunization Program

All students admitted to AVC are required to participate in the Rabies Immunization Program, at no additional cost, that is administered by the UPEI Student Health Centre as follows:

1. Year 1 Fall Semester: all students receive a series of three vaccinations
2. Year 3 Fall Semester: all students have a rabies blood titre evaluation performed
3. Year 3 Fall Semester: students with inadequate titres receive booster vaccinations

Students without a prior rabies vaccination history must complete Sections A, B and D of the Rabies Immunization History Form and return it to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs by **July 1** of the admission year. Students will not be registered for Year 1 Fall Semester classes until this form is received. Students requiring vaccinations in Year 1 Fall Semester will be contacted by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs to coordinate this.

### **Prior Rabies Vaccinations**

Students who have received the series of three vaccinations prior to entering Year 1 Fall Semester must provide appropriate documentation and complete Sections A, B, C and D of the Rabies Immunization History Form. If such students received their vaccinations prior to January 1 of the admission year, they must also provide proof of a protective rabies titre obtained within the last twelve months. Students who received their vaccinations after January 1 of the admission year are not required to supply a titre prior to the start of Year 1 Fall Semester. The completed Rabies Immunization History Form and confirmation of a protective titre (if necessary) must be received by **July 1** of the admission year. Students will not be registered for Year 1 Fall Semester classes until their rabies vaccination status is confirmed. Students who have been recently vaccinated and/or have proof of a protective rabies titre will be contacted by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs to coordinate rabies blood titre evaluation in Year 3 Fall Semester and, if necessary, booster vaccination at that time.

### **Opting out of the Rabies Immunization Program**

Exemption from participation in the Rabies Immunization Program may be granted in exceptional circumstances. Students wishing to opt out of the program must contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs and provide compelling reasons as to why they are unable to participate. They will be provided with a Waiver absolving UPEI and AVC of further liability. This Waiver must be signed and returned to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs by **July 1** of the admission year. Students will not be registered for Year 1 Fall Semester classes until their rabies vaccination status is confirmed. Students opting out of the Rabies Immunization Program should be advised that their ability to participate in external clinical rotation opportunities at other institutions or practices during the fourth year will be extremely limited.