



Veterinary Technology Students Only

Immunizations and Health Insurance Requirements

Statement: All students enrolled in the Program of Veterinary Technology must be fully immunized with a pre-exposure rabies prophylaxis vaccine series and a tetanus toxoid vaccine. In addition, all students enrolled in the Program must carry health insurance for the duration of their matriculation at Manor College.

Why are rabies and tetanus immunizations, and health insurance required before matriculation?

The Program's curriculum includes many laboratories in which students will be working directly with animals. Animals are unpredictable and can carry diseases that can be passed to humans. Though it is a rare disease, all mammals can carry rabies, particularly those with unknown immunization histories such as strays that come from shelters. The Program uses shelter animals in many of its courses. Therefore, all students enrolled in the Program of Veterinary Technology must be fully immunized against Rabies (or be exempted by a physician). The pre-exposure rabies immunization series is a three (3) or two (2) shot series. It is usually NOT covered by personal health insurance. The cost of the series is about \$850, but this can increase without notice. All students must receive the full series and should allow 8 weeks for its completion.

In addition, Students can be exposed to viral and bacterial infections from bite wounds and other contact with animals. Therefore all students in the Program must be immunized against tetanus and must carry health insurance during the duration of their matriculation.

Students are responsible for their own health care costs including the rabies immunization series. Most health insurance policies do not cover pre-exposure rabies immunizations.

How do I prove that I have received the rabies and tetanus immunizations?

The back of this form must be completed and signed by a physician as verification of coverage. Students will not be permitted to take VT105 Large Animal Clinical and Emergency Procedures or any other course that requires hands-on training with animals until this form is completed and returned to the Veterinary Technology Office.

Where can I go to get the immunizations?

Speak with your family doctor about ordering and receiving the required immunizations. If you do not have a family physician, some students have been immunized at urgent care facilities or in neighborhood drug store chains such as Walgreens. Some hospitals have occupational health departments that administer the vaccine. Incurred costs are the responsibility of the student and are typically not part of a financial aid budget or covered by most health insurance.

Be sure to take this form with you and have it signed each time you go to your appointments.

When completed, mail to:

Charmaine Hofmann, Program of Veterinary Technology
Manor College
700 Fox Chase Road
Jenkintown, PA 19046

Vet Tech Verification Form

Completed form is due to the Veterinary Technology Office prior to the first day of classes.

Student's First Name

Middle Initial

Student's Last Name

The following is to be completed by a physician:

1. Rabies IM Pre-exposure Rabies Prophylaxis

Day 0: _____ Date given	Day 21 or 28: _____ Date given
Day 7: _____ Date given	Students with a protective titre do not require additional immunization against rabies. Titre: _____ Protective? Yes ___ No ___
_____ Physician's Signature	
_____ Date	

2. Tetanus Toxoid

Please confirm that patient is protected against tetanus. If booster is required, an immunization must be administered prior to the commencement of classes (Aug. 30 for fall semester or Jan. 15 for spring semester).

Date of last tetanus immunization

Physician's Signature

Exemption

The administration of rabies pre-exposure prophylaxis and/or tetanus toxoid may be contraindicated in students with some medical conditions. If the student is exempt from receiving these immunizations, the physician must sign below:

Physician's Signature

Date

Immunizations NOT administered: Rabies ___ Tetanus toxoid _____

Reason for exemption: _____

3. Health Insurance

To confirm that you carry current and active health insurance, please xerox a copy of your health care card (front and back) and staple it to this form.