# VETERINARY TECHNICIAN STUDENT RABIES VACCINATION PROGRAM



### Considerations Checklist

Below is a helpful list of considerations as you decide which vaccination program model is right for your school

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	Do we have a space to hold the clinic, and are we licensed to receive vaccines?
	Can we ensure proper temperature-controlled storage and disposal management for vaccines?
	How and what will we communicate to our students about the program?
	How will we schedule appointments and reminders?
INFRASTRUCTURE Facility & Scheduling	Do we have a way to track documentation and reimbursement information?
	Do we have a document management system for vaccination records, including waivers?
	Do we have a trained RN, PA or Physician to administer the vaccine?
	Do we have a Medical Director or Physician willing to assume responsibility for overall program and provide their license number to order and receive shipped vaccines?
PERSONNEL	Who will be the point person to manage overall program logistics, oversee planning and program execution, and manage required documentation and communication?
Program	Are we aware and prepared for the additional time commitment?
Administration	••••••
	Who will fund the costs of vaccines (passed to student or organizationally funded)?
	Who will fund the administration fees (passed to student or organizationally funded)?
	State-funded schools: how long will it take to secure approval, and do we have the required funding approval templates?
	Does our budget need to be amended to support the program, and what are those timing considerations?
FINANCIAL Funding Source	Can we partner with other schools in our area for a combined vaccination program and/or secure state funding approvals?
& Payment	Does our school have an existing relationship with a pharmaceutical distributor to supply vaccine? If not, are we willing to use MedicoMart to support direct shipment of vaccine?
	What finance infrastructure is in place to pay the pharmaceutical wholesaler or distributor?
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	What are the timing considerations for overall program execution?
	How will we support both existing and future students?
	How do we structure a program for distance learners? Where can they access vaccine?
OTHER	If we send students to get vaccinated on their own, will the third-party facility have ample vaccine inventory supply available
OTHER	Do we need up-to-date human rabies educational content to help educate students/faculty?

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Bavarian Nordic is committed to excellence in the delivery of credible educational information to meet the public health challenge of rabies. We are determined to help protect Veterinary Health workers from contracting the rabies virus by supporting Vet Tech programs who wish to vaccinate students through a funded, in-school vaccination program.

### **Vaccination Clinic Model Option 1**

Full Service | Passport Health Partnership



Passport Health provides turn-key vaccination clinic, including:

- Scheduling
- Reminders
- Registration
- Paperwork
- Product Ordering and Storage
- Trained Staff
- Disposal & Clean Up



Program Administration

#### Passport Health provides nursing staff, schedule coordination & student education

- Nursing Staff: Per diem hourly rates vary by geography and student count \*Rates are determined by Passport Health and subject to change
- School program manager needed for light coordination with Passport Health regarding vaccination clinic dates, logistics support and overall progress/completion of vaccination program



**Funding Source** 

& Payment

Passport Health fees include staff & clinic setup. Administrative fees are waived for this program. Bavarian Nordic provides discounted vaccine.

- Determine payment source for vaccine costs (student out-of-pocket or included in student tuition)
- Secure state-level funding approvals, if applicable
- Pay Passport Health for vaccine; discounted through Bavarian Nordic and applies to full vaccine course, per student
- Pay Passport Health for on-site clinic setup fee (1 clinic includes 3 dates for 3-dose vaccination series)
  - \*Rates are determined by Passport Health and subject to change

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### **Vaccination Clinic Model Option 2**

Self Service | School-Run Program



#### School program to facilitate and manage:

- · Vaccination location and licensed to ability to receive vaccine
- Proper temperature-controlled storage/disposal management
- · Scheduling appointments, reminders, and registry tracking for reimbursement
- Document management system for vaccination records, including waivers



Program Administration

#### School program to facilitate and manage:

- Trained RN, PA or Physician to administer the vaccine
- An appropriately licensed medical professional willing to assume responsibility for overall program (provide license number to order and receive shipped vaccine)
- Overall school program point person/logistics manager to handle planning and program execution



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#### School program to facilitate and manage:

- Establish relationship with pharmaceutical Wholesaler if one does not exist (i.e. MedicoMart)
- Determine payment source for vaccine costs and associated administration service fees (student out-of-pocket or included in tuition)
- · Secure any additional healthcare center budget necessary
- · Secure state-level funding approvals, if applicable

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE RABIES VIRUS IN HUMANS

Rabies is a deadly virus that attacks the nervous system — but with basic knowledge and precautions, you can help protect yourself from occupational exposure.



#### **THE RISK**

Veterinarians, veterinary staff and veterinary students are at increased risk of exposure to rabies. 1

Rabies is a deadly but preventable disease caused by a virus that is transmitted to humans from infected animals, usually through a bite or scratch.<sup>2</sup>

#### **THE SPREAD**

The rabies virus attacks the central nervous system and is almost always fatal once a person starts to have symptoms.<sup>1</sup>

Onset of symptoms and timing may vary depending on the rabies virus strain and where on the body the exposure occurred.<sup>3</sup>

#### TREATMENT

Untreated rabies is almost always fatal, but 100% vaccine-preventable.<sup>2</sup>

If you suspect you've been exposed, seek immediate medical attention.

Wash all wounds with soap and water. If necessary, your doctor may prescribe post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), including a course of rabies vaccine and special antibodies called human rabies immune globulin (HRIG) if you have not previously received rabies immunization.<sup>4,5</sup>

Visit your state health department website for up-to-date rabies information and reporting requirements

https://www.usa.gov/state-health

#### **PREVENTION**

Receiving rabies vaccination before an exposure can help to protect against unrecognized occupational exposures. Rabies pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) does not eliminate the need for additional medical care after exposure, but simplifies treatment by reducing the number of required post-exposure vaccine doses (2 doses instead of 4-5 doses) and eliminating the need for HRIG. Additionally, PrEP will prime the immune system so treatment after exposure can be effective more quickly.<sup>6,7</sup>





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