

NAME OF STUDENT has been accepted to XXXXXX College's Veterinary Technology Program. This is a X-year XXXXXXXXXXXXX degree program designed for graduates to serve as veterinary technicians (also known as veterinary nurses) for all species of animals. XXXXX is registered for the Fall 202X semester which begins in late August.

During the course of their education, students in XXX's Veterinary Technology Program provide hands-on care for many animals, including strays with unknown vaccination and medical histories. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association,

“ Veterinarians and veterinary support staff are in the frequent-risk group with regard to rabies exposure and should be administered pre-exposure rabies vaccinations, according to the recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). According to the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians' Compendium of Veterinary Standard Precautions for Zoonotic Disease Prevention in Veterinary Personnel, all staff with animal contact must be vaccinated against rabies, followed by periodic titer checks and rabies vaccine boosters, in accordance with the ACIP recommendations.” (<https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Reference/Pages/Rabies-preexposure-vaccination-titers-veterinarians.aspx> )

In accordance with these guidelines, and in light of the fact that the XXXXX Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the University of XXXXX, have declared rabies to be endemic in wildlife throughout the state of XXXXX, XXXXXXXX Technical College requires incoming Veterinary Technology students to be vaccinated against rabies per the CDC's human pre-exposure prophylaxis protocol series of 3 timed vaccinations (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/rabies.html>).