

## Rabies Vaccination Requirement for Fish & Wildlife Students

Dear Student:

Your chosen program includes experience that places you at increased risk of exposure to Rabies i.e. handling mammal carcasses, so for health and safety reasons it is a **mandatory requirement** of this program that you be vaccinated and subsequently show proof of an adequate Rabies antibody level (a blood titre test) prior to entry into 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> years. You must then maintain this adequate level.

Confirmation of Rabies titre status, received by Student Health Services, Frost Campus will be provided to the Fish and Wildlife program to meet your mandatory requirement.

Rabies vaccination is a series of three doses over 4 weeks. Four weeks after the last dose, the Rabies antibody titre (a blood test) is checked. **Minimum time required to complete the process is 2 ½ months, but can take 4 months.**

The cost of the vaccine is approx. \$660 (subject to change). A portion of the cost is covered by the Student Health Plan for full-time students. Alternatively, some private health insurance plans do provide coverage. **The Student Health Plan coverage starts after the commencement of your program, until August 31<sup>st</sup>.** If you have partial private coverage you can coordinate benefits but must wait until after the start of classes and put through the Student Health Plan first as the primary coverage.

There are 2 options for obtaining your rabies vaccination (a series of 3 doses over 4 weeks).

### Option 1:

Vaccination will be offered at Student Health Services, Rm 254 during semester one. The 'Mandatory Rabies Education Session' is scheduled for the first week of school and **must** be completed prior to receiving vaccination through the Student Health Office. No obligation is incurred by attending. Vaccine clinics are scheduled for November and March.

Students granted direct entry to a later semester are **strongly advised** to contact Student Health Services immediately to discuss vaccination options.

**As a Fish and Wildlife student you must maintain an adequate level while in the Program by repeating your titre every 6 or 12 months, as indicated by your antibody level. You will not be allowed to continue in the courses requiring Rabies antibody protection if you do not meet this requirement.**

### Option 2:

You can obtain vaccination through your family physician/walk-in-clinic and your local pharmacy.

Two types of Rabies vaccine are approved for use in Canada: Rabavert, DIN 02267667 and Imovax, DIN 01908286.

You will need a physician's prescription for 3 doses of vaccine; take this form with you to explain your program requirements.

- Have your health practitioner complete the form on the next page, once you've received the 3 dose rabies immunization.
- Make a photocopy for your records. Mail, Fax, or Deliver the completed form to:  
Betty McNeely, RN, Student Health Services, Frost Campus, Fleming College, Box 8000, Lindsay, ON K9V 5E6
- Contact Frost, Student Health Services to arrange the Rabies antibody level.



For more information, contact Student Health Services @ 1-866-353-6464 Ext. 3232, Fax #: 705-878-9316, or [FrostCampusHealthServices@flemingcollege.ca](mailto:FrostCampusHealthServices@flemingcollege.ca).

Or contact Fish & Wildlife Faculty @ 1-866-353-6464, Ext. 3027 or email [paul.ashley@flemingcollege.ca](mailto:paul.ashley@flemingcollege.ca)



## RABIES IMMUNIZATION RECORD

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_


Program: **Fish & Wildlife** start date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month / Year)

The Fish and Wildlife program includes experience that places students at increased risk of exposure to Rabies i.e handling mammal carcasses, so for health and safety reasons Rabies Immunization with an adequate antibody level is a **mandatory requirement** of this program.

**Medical Office:**  
I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare this to be verification that \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician/Nurse Name Student's Name

Completed  3 dose Rabies immunization series on: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date Completed).  
OR  1 booster dose) on: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date Given).

Date of Rabies Titre (Collection Date): \_\_\_\_\_ Titre Result: \_\_\_\_\_  
-to be measured at least 4 weeks after last injection (An adequate response after immunization, is > or = 0.5 IU/ml)  
\_\_\_\_\_ IU/ml

**CLINIC STAMP:**  


### STUDENT CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

I understand and agree that my Rabies immunization status will be released to my program instructors, the departments responsible for access to the College labs, and the Public Health Dept., as required.

**It is the responsibility of the individual to maintain an adequate Rabies antibody level while in the Fish and Wildlife Program.**

I hereby agree to be sent requisitions for blood work, and be informed of my Rabies immunization/antibody status via my Fleming Email Address.

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 

### FOR OFFICE USE:

<b>Date of Rabies Titre:</b> -to be measured after May 1 _____	<b>Titre Results:</b> _____ IU/ml (An adequate response after immunization, is > or = 0.5 IU/ml) Signature of verifying Health Professional. _____	<b>Next Titre Due:</b> * _____ <b>Recommend:</b> _____	<b>Client Advised:</b> _____ ( Date / Signature )
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\* Current F & W students should repeat Rabies Titre 2 months prior to due date to allow time for a booster, if needed.