

NORMATIVE OF IMMUNIZATION AGAINST RABIES

This policy is designed to ensure that all faculty, students, and staff of the School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) at Universidad Ana G. Méndez (UAGM) who work with animals and animal tissues are protected from exposure to rabies. All faculty, students, and staff at the SVM UAGM who are at risk of being exposed to rabies will be required to be immunized against rabies.

All students are required to be fully immunized against the rabies virus and to provide evidence of completion “prior to the admission or during pre-clinical coursework and may offer subsequent titers prior to graduation” as recommended by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) (<https://www.avma.org/rabies-pre-exposure-vaccination-and-titers-veterinarians>). The AVMA states that “Failure to complete the series puts you at risk of incomplete protection if exposed to rabies.” If the titers resulted below the result provided by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines, the student must receive a booster and submit proof of a positive titer following immunization. Students who decline to get vaccinated against rabies will not be allowed to commence classes at the School of Veterinary Medicine of the Universidad Ana G. Méndez.

The student will be fully responsible for the cost of the rabies vaccine and must submit the evidence of the vaccines at least 15 days before enrolling in any program at the SVM.