

RABIES INFORMATION

By week 7 of the program, all students must provide proof of current rabies vaccinations (administered within 1-year of the program start). Alternatively, students can provide results of an adequate titre* taken within 30 days prior to the program start. *Adequate titre is greater than 0.5IU/ml: Health Canada.

Immunization should be obtained prior to admission and is at the student's expense. Health Canada has officially approved Rabavert™ and Imovax™ as effective pre-exposure vaccines for Rabies. Rabavert (DIN number 02267667) or Imovax (DIN number 01908286) can be obtained through your health care provider by prescription. Health Canada outlines an immunization schedule of: day 0, 7 and 21. If you have drug coverage through work, parents or spouse, check with your plan's administrator for coverage details as certain types of vaccinations may not be covered. ***Note*** there are often shortages of the vaccine so please check early to make sure you can access the vaccine through your family doctor.

If you do not have Health Insurance, the Student Insurance Plan will cover a portion of the immunization series. The series of three injections is approximately **\$1050** (2024 price). Students must make the initial payment and then be reimbursed by the insurance carrier. If students wish to have their vaccines covered under this plan, they should not opt out of the Student Insurance plan. If this is the route you prefer, ensure you pay and schedule your first vaccine for after the first day of classes. You have until week 7 to provide proof of full vaccination.

In addition to your health care provider, Travel clinics in your region can also administer the Rabies vaccine. Immunization clinics will be set up at the Orillia campus. Payment must be made online during week 1 of the program. An online form will be sent to you prior to the start of the semester for you to indicate if you wish to participate in our on-campus clinic

For more information about the immunization requirement, please contact Susan MacNeal at susan.macneal@georgiancollege.ca .