

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS
RABIES EXPOSURE CONTROL PROGRAM
PRE-EXPOSURE IMMUNIZATION DECLINATION**

The University of Missouri Collected Rules and Regulations recommends that "all personnel ... working with animals that are raised in other than a laboratory setting should be immunized against rabies virus" (Chapter 400.010, part E).

I understand that due to my occupational/educational exposure to rabies-susceptible animals or other potentially infected material, I may be at risk of acquiring rabies virus infection. I have been advised of the need to receive pre-exposure immunization. However, I decline immunization at this time.

I understand that by declining this immunization I continue to be at risk of acquiring rabies, a fatal disease. If in the future I continue to have exposure to rabies-susceptible animals or other potentially infected material and I want to be immunized, I can receive the pre-exposure immunization series.

By voluntarily declining pre-exposure rabies immunization as recommended by the UM Collected Rules and Regulations and the UM-St. Louis Animal-Human Rabies Exposure Policy, I hereby release the Curators of the University of Missouri (for UM-St. Louis) and its employees from any claim of liability resulting from my exposure to, or death from, rabies virus or any animal suspected of harboring rabies virus.

(Print name)

(SSN)

(Signature)

(Date)

Witnessed (Instructor or Principal Investigator)

(Print name)

(Signature)

(Date)