



# Erie County Department of Health



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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **FREE RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS FOR DOGS, CATS & FERRETS**

*Locations Scheduled in May for West Seneca, Tonawanda and Buffalo, and in September for ECC South, ECC North and Cheektowaga*

**ERIE COUNTY, NY**— Erie County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz and Commissioner of Health Dr. Gale Burstein are announcing six upcoming rabies vaccination clinics offered by the Erie County Department of Health. These free clinics in May and September give family pets protection from rabies, which is a fatal disease for humans and animals.

Erie County's Division of Environmental Health manages the county's rabies control program, responses to rabid or potentially rabid animals, and these free clinics for county residents.

"Our department vaccinated more than 4,000 pets in 2018," **said Dr. Burstein**. "These vaccinations protect humans and domesticated animals alike."

"I want to give thanks to the Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society, Medaille College's Veterinary Technology Program and the SPCA Serving Erie County for their continued assistance in running these clinics," **said Poloncarz**. "These community partners bolster the County's efforts in offering this service to area residents and families."

Bats, raccoons, fox and skunks can enter homes, barns and sheds undetected. Pets, including "indoor" and "outdoor" cats, are at risk for rabies exposure inside and outside the home. In 2018, the Division of Environmental Health identified 21 animals in Erie County that tested positive for rabies.

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“Call the Erie County Department of Health at 716-961-6800 if you or your pet have been exposed to any wild animal, or have been bitten by a dog, cat or wild animal,” said **Senior Public Health Sanitarian Peter Tripi**. “If there is the smallest chance that you, a loved one or a pet have been exposed, we want to talk to you about your risk of exposure.”

**Checklist for Clinics:**

- Bring your pet on a secure collar/harness and leash, or in a pet carrier
- Avoid using retractable or extended leashes
- Bring a copy of your pet’s vaccination record, if possible

**Full Schedule**

<http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=free-rabies-vaccination-clinics-0>

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

4-7 p.m.

WEST SENECA HIGHWAY GARAGE

39 South Avenue

West Seneca (off Union near NYS 400)

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

4-7 p.m.

TOWN OF TONAWANDA HIGHWAY GARAGE

450 Woodward Ave. (Off Military Rd. near Sheridan)

Tonawanda

Wednesday May 29, 2019

4-7 p.m.

BROADWAY MARKET

999 Broadway (PARKING RAMP)

Buffalo

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

4-7 p.m.

ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE–SOUTH Campus

Bldg. #7 - Maintenance Garage

4041 Southwestern Blvd.

Orchard Park

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

4-7 p.m.

ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE-NORTH Campus

Noonan Center - Maintenance Garage

6205 Main Street (off Youngs Rd./ Tech Dr.)

Amherst

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

4-7 p.m.

Cheektowaga Highway Garage

3145 Union Road

Cheektowaga

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