

Vaccination Schedule for Horses

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We recommend you [vaccinate](#) your horse against all diseases he is at risk of being exposed to. Protect against the diseases he could be exposed to around his home as well as those he may be exposed to when traveling. Vaccinating your horse is an important part of his overall health maintenance - and essential to responsible ownership. The schedule below is a general guide to the vaccines suggested for certain ages and classes of horse. Please be sure to consult your veterinarian for a vaccine program that meets the unique needs of your horse, especially for broodmares. If you plan to vaccinate at home, please see our [Equine Vaccines Comparison Chart](#) for assistance making your selections.

Disease/Vaccine	Foals and Weanlings	Yearlings	Performance or Pleasure Horses
Tetanus toxoid	<p><i>From non-vaccinated mare:</i> First dose: 3-4 months Second dose: 4-5 months</p> <p><i>From vaccinated mare:</i> First dose: 6 months Second dose: 7 months Third dose: 8-9 months</p>	Annual	Annual
Equine Encephalomyelitis, Eastern, Western, Venezuelan (EEE, WEE, VEE)	EEE (in high-risk areas): First dose: 3-4 months Second dose: 4-5 months Third dose: 5-6 months	Annual, spring	Annual, spring
	WEE,EEE (in low-risk areas) and VEE: <i>From non-vaccinated mare:</i> First dose: 3-4 months Second dose: 4-5 months Third dose: 5-6 months		

(EEE, WEE, VEE)	<i>From vaccinated mare:</i> First dose: 6 months Second dose: 7 months Third dose: 8 months.	Annual, spring	Annual, spring
Influenza	Inactivated injectable: <i>From non-vaccinated mare:</i> First dose: 6 months Second dose: 7 months Third dose: 8 months, then at 3-month intervals. <i>From vaccinated mare:</i> First dose: 9 months Second dose: 10 months Third dose: 11-12 months, then at 3-month intervals.	Every 3-4 months	Annual, with added boosters prior to likely exposure
	Intranasal modified live virus: First dose: 11 months, or as your veterinarian recommends.	Every 6 months	Every 6 months
	Rhinopneumonitis (EHV-1 and EHV-4)	First dose: 4-6 months Second dose: 5-7 months Third dose: 6-8 months, then at 3-month intervals.	Booster every 3 to 4 months up to annually
West Nile Virus	First dose: 3-4 months Second dose: 1 month later (plus 3rd dose at 6 months in areas at risk)	Annual booster, prior to expected risk. Vaccinate semi-annually or more frequently (every 4 months), depending on risk.	Annual booster, prior to expected risk. Vaccinate semi-annually or more frequently (every 4 months), depending on risk.
Strangles	<i>Injectable:</i> First dose: 4-6 months Second dose: 5-7 months Third dose: 7-8 months (depending on product used) Fourth dose: 12 months	Semi-annual	Optional: semi-annual if risk is high.
	<i>Intranasal:</i> First dose: 6-9 months Second dose: 3 weeks later		

Potomac Horse Fever	First dose: 5-6 months Second dose: 6-7 months	Semi-annual	Semi-annual
Botulism (inactivated type B toxoid)	<i>From vaccinated mare:</i> 3-dose series of toxoid at 30-day intervals, starting at 2-3 months of age. <i>From non-vaccinated mare:</i> Consult your veterinarian	Consult your veterinarian	Consult your veterinarian
Equine Viral Arteritis	Intact colts intended to be breeding stallions: one dose at 6-12 months of age.	Annual for colts intended to be breeding stallions	Annual for colts intended to be breeding stallions
Rotavirus A	Little value to vaccination of foals because there is insufficient time to develop antibodies for protection during susceptible age.	Not applicable	Not applicable
Rabies	Consult your veterinarian	Consult your veterinarian	Consult your veterinarian

**As with administration of all medications, the label and product insert should be read before administration of all vaccines. Please consult your veterinarian for recommendations for an individualized vaccination program for your horse.*