Vaccination Schedule for Horses

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Vaccinate your horse against all diseases he may be exposed to, including at home or if you travel with your horse. The chart below is a guideline of the vaccines suggested for some general ages and classes of horses. Please consult your veterinarian for an individualized vaccine program for your horse, especially for broodmares.

Disease/Vaccine	Foals and Weanlings	Yearlings	Performance or Pleasure Horses
Tetanus toxoid	*From non-vaccinated mare:* First dose: 3-4 months Second dose: 4-5 months *From vaccinated mare:* First dose: 6 months Second dose: 7 months Third dose: 8-9 months	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: *From non-vaccinated mare:* First dose: 3-4 months Second dose: 4-5 months Third dose: 5-6 months *From vaccinated mare:* First dose: 6 months Second dose: 7	Annual, spring	Annual, spring

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	months Third dose: 8 months.		
Influenza	**Inactivated injectable:** *From non-vaccinated mare:* First dose: 6 months Second dose: 7 months Third dose: 8 months, then at 3-month intervals. *From vaccinated mare:* 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	*Performance horses:* Booster every 3-4 months up to annually. *Pleasure horses:* Optional: semi-annual if elected.
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	*Injectable:* First dose: 4-6 months Second dose: 5-7 months Third dose: 7-8 months (depending on product used) Fourth dose: 12 months *Intranasal:* First dose: 6-9 months Second dose: 3 weeks later	Semi-annual	Optional: semi-annual if risk is high.
Potomac Horse Fever	First dose: 5-6 months Second dose: 6-7 months	Semi-annual	Semi-annual

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Botulism (inactivated type B toxoid)	*From vaccinated mare:* 3-dose series of toxoid at 30-day intervals, starting at 2-3 months of age. *From non-vaccinated mare:* 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.*

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