

VACCINATION GUIDELINES:

These are vaccination guidelines- each individual situation required evaluation based on the following criteria:

- risk of the disease- geographical, anticipated exposure, age, breed, use
- consequences of the disease
- anticipated effectiveness of the vaccine
- potential for adverse reactions or history of adverse reaction.

Your veterinarian will help develop a program specifically tailored to your horse's needs.

Clients should understand that:

- Vaccination alone does not prevent diseases- good management practices are essential.
- Vaccinations minimize the risk of infection or the severity of the infection but cannot prevent disease in all circumstances
- The primary series of vaccine and boosters should be administered prior to exposure- vaccines are not effective immediately after administration, your horse needs to build an immune response.
- Although rare, there is potential for adverse reaction to vaccines, the nature and severity of the reaction varies from one horse to another and one vaccine to another.

Vaccine recommendations:

DISEASE	ROUTE	FREQUENCY	COMMENTS
Eastern encephalitis/Western Encephalitis/ Tetanus	IM	Every 6 months	
West Nile Virus Vaccine	IM	Every 6 months	
Rabies	IM	Yearly	Must be administered by a veterinarian
Rhinopneumonitis (Herpesvirus)	IM	Every 3 months or 6 months	Frequency depends on exposure
Influenza	IN	Every 6 months	
Strangles (Strep Equi)	IN	Yearly	Decision to vaccinate based on risk factors- not given at the same time as other injections
Potomac Horse Fever	IM	Yearly	Decision to vaccinate based on geographical exposure
Pneumabort (pregnant mare rhino)	IM	5 th , 7 th , 9 th months of gestation	Pregnant mares only

You may be traveling to areas that required additional vaccinations such as Botulism, ask your veterinarian about the recommendations and make sure to allow ample time to complete the initial series of vaccines.

This schedule of recommendations may vary- and is only adequate if your horse has had the initial series and boosters of the vaccines as determined by the manufacturer.

Foal and pregnant mare vaccination schedules are tailored to the individual animal.