



## VACCINATIONS FOR ADULT HORSES

**\*\*ALL VACCINATION PROGRAMS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH A LICENSED VETERINARIAN\*\***

**CORE VACCINATIONS protect against diseases that are endemic to a region, are virulent/highly contagious, pose a risk of severe disease, those having potential public health significance, and/or are required by law. Core vaccines have clearly demonstrable efficacy and safety, with a high enough level of patient benefit and low enough level of risk to justify their use in all equids.**

<b>DISEASE</b>	<b>Broodmares</b>	<b>Other Adult Horses</b> (> 1 year of age) <i>previously vaccinated against the disease indicated</i>	<b>Other Adult Horses</b> (> 1 year of age) <i>unvaccinated</i> <i>or</i> <i>lacking vaccination history</i>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Tetanus</b>	<p><i>Previously vaccinated:</i> Annual, 4 - 6 weeks pre-partum</p> <p><i>Previously unvaccinated or having unknown vaccination history:</i> <b>2-dose series</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> dose 4-6 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose. Revaccinate 4-6 weeks pre-partum</p>	Annual	<b>2-dose series</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose 4 - 6 weeks after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose. Annual revaccination	Booster at time of penetrating injury or prior to surgery if last dose was administered over 6 months previously.
<b>Eastern / Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (EEE/WEE)</b>	<p><i>Previously vaccinated:</i> Annual, 4 - 6 weeks pre-partum</p> <p><i>Previously unvaccinated or having unknown vaccination history:</i> <b>2-dose series</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> dose 4 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose. Revaccinate 4-6 weeks pre-partum.</p>	Annual – spring, prior to onset of vector season.	<b>2-dose series</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose 4 - 6 weeks after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose.  Revaccinate prior to the onset of the next vector season.	<p>Consider 6-month revaccination interval for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* In high risk situations such as an early onset of seasonal disease</li> <li>* Increase incidence in a geographic area</li> <li>* Foals of unvaccinated mares</li> </ul> <p>Practitioner in consultation with manufacturer, may consider starting earlier vaccination or using a product more frequently.</p>

<p><b>West Nile Virus (WNV)</b></p>	<p><i>Previously vaccinated:</i> Annual, 4 - 6 weeks pre-partum</p> <p><i>Unvaccinated or lacking vaccination history:</i> It is preferable to vaccinate naïve mares when open.</p> <p>In areas of high risk, initiate primary series as described for unvaccinated, adult horses.</p>	<p>Annual – spring, prior to onset of vector season</p>	<p>Annual Revaccination</p>	
<p><b>Rabies</b></p>	<p>Annual, 4 - 6 weeks pre-partum</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Prior to breeding*</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>Single dose Annual revaccination</p>	<p>*Due to the relatively long duration of immunity, this vaccine may be given post-foaling but prior to breeding and thus reduce the number of vaccines given to a mare pre-partum.</p>

**RISK-BASED VACCINATIONS can be found on the following pages**

**RISK-BASED VACCINES** are selected for use based on risk assessment\*\* performed by, or in consultation with, a licensed veterinarian. Use of these vaccines may vary between individuals, populations, and/or geographic regions.

Note: Vaccines are listed in this table in alphabetical order, not in order of priority for use.

\*\*Refer to “Principles of Vaccination” in main document for criteria used in performing risk assessment.

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<b>Anthrax</b>	Not recommended during gestation	Annual	<b>2-dose series</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose 3-4 weeks after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose. Annual revaccination.	Do not administer concurrently with antibiotics.  Use caution during storage, handling, and administration. Consult a physician immediately if human exposure to vaccine occurs by accidental injection, ingestion, or otherwise through the conjunctiva or broken skin.
<b>Botulism</b>	<i>Previously vaccinated:</i> Annual, 4 - 6 weeks pre-partum  <i>Previously unvaccinated or having unknown vaccination history:</i> <b>3-dose series</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> dose at 8 months gestation. 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose 4 weeks after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose 4 weeks after 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	Annual	<b>3-dose series</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose 4 weeks after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose 4 weeks after 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose  Annual revaccination	Horses with history of natural exposure: A vaccination protocol should be initiated once antitoxin immunoglobulins are depleted.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Equine Herpesvirus (EHV)</b></p>	<p><b>3-dose series</b> with product labeled for protection against EHV abortion</p> <p>Give at 5, 7 and 9 months of gestation</p> <p><b>It is recommended to also booster broodmares with a product labeled for protection against respiratory disease 4-6 weeks prepartum</b></p>	<p>Annual (see comments)</p>	<p><b><u>Inactivated vaccine:</u></b> Dependent upon on manufacturer's product recommendation, the vaccine may be a two or three dose series with a 3 to 4-week interval between doses.</p> <p><b>Annual revaccination</b></p>	<p>Consider 6-month revaccination interval for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Horses less than 5 years of age</li> <li>2) Horses on breeding farms or in contact with pregnant mares</li> <li>3) Performance or show horses at high risk</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA)</b></p>	<p>Not recommended unless high risk.</p> <p>Mares in foal should not be vaccinated until after foaling and not less than 3 weeks prior to breeding.</p> <p><i>The manufacturer does not recommend use of this vaccine in pregnant mares, especially in the last two months of pregnancy.</i></p>	<p>Annual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Breeding stallions previously vaccinated against EVA:</b> Annual booster every 12 months and not less than 3 to 4 weeks prior to breeding.</li> <li>• <b>Breeding stallions, unvaccinated or having unknown vaccine history:</b> All first-time vaccinated stallions should be isolated for 3 weeks following vaccination before being used for breeding.</li> <li>• <b>Teaser Stallions:</b> Vaccination against EVA is recommended on an annual basis.</li> </ul> <p><i>Mares:</i> Vaccinate when open</p>	<p><b>Single dose</b> (See comments)</p>	<p><b><u>Prior to initial vaccination, intact males and any horses potentially intended for export should undergo serologic testing</u></b> and be confirmed negative for antibodies to EAV. Testing should be performed shortly prior to, or preferably at, the time of vaccination.</p>

<p><b>Influenza</b></p>	<p><i>Pregnant mares, previously vaccinated against influenza:</i></p> <p><b>Inactivated vaccine:</b> Annually with one dose administered 4 - 6 weeks pre-partum</p> <p><i>Pregnant mares, unvaccinated or having unknown vaccine history:</i></p> <p><b>Inactivated vaccine:</b> Dependent upon on manufacturer's product recommendation, the vaccine may be a two or three dose series with a 3 to 4-week interval between doses (IM), with the last dose administered 4-6 weeks pre-partum</p>	<p>Horses with ongoing risk of exposure: Semi-annual</p> <p>Horses at low risk of exposure:</p> <p>Annual revaccination</p>	<p><b>Inactivated vaccine:</b> Dependent upon on manufacturer's product recommendation, the vaccine may be a two or three dose series with a 3 to 4-week interval between doses</p> <p><b>Modified live vaccine:</b> Administer a single dose (IN application).</p> <p>Annual revaccination</p>	<p>Horses at increased risk of exposure may be revaccinated every 6 months. Some facilities and competitions may require vaccination within the previous 6 months to enter.</p> <p><b>USEF Vaccination Rule</b>  <a href="https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/ANcxoLX1gNs/equine-vaccination-rule-gr845">https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/ANcxoLX1gNs/equine-vaccination-rule-gr845</a></p>
<p><b>Leptospirosis</b></p>	<p>Safe for use in pregnant mares</p> <p><i>Previously unvaccinated or having unknown vaccination history:</i>  2 Initial doses 3-4 weeks apart</p> <p><i>Previously vaccinated:</i>  Annual revaccination</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>2 initial doses 3-4 weeks apart</p> <p>Annual revaccination</p>	<p>Field safety testing has demonstrated this product is safe for use in pregnant mares</p>
<p><b>Potomac Horse Fever (PHF)</b></p>	<p><i>Previously vaccinated:</i>  Semi-annual, with one dose given 4 - 6 weeks pre-partum</p> <p><i>Previously unvaccinated or having unknown vaccination history:</i>  <b>2-dose series</b>  1<sup>st</sup> dose 7-9 weeks pre-partum  2<sup>nd</sup> dose 4-6 weeks pre-partum</p>	<p>Semi-annual to annual</p>	<p><b>2-dose series</b>  2<sup>nd</sup> dose 3-4 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose  Semi-annual or annual booster</p>	<p>A revaccination interval of 3 - 4 months may be considered in endemic areas when disease risk is high.</p>

<b>Rotavirus</b>	<b>3-dose series</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> dose at 8 months gestation. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> doses at 4-week intervals thereafter	Not applicable	Not applicable	
<b>Snake Bite</b>	Please see guidelines for additional information	Please see guidelines for additional information	Please see guidelines for additional information	
<b>Strangles</b> <i>Streptococcus equi</i>	<p><i>Previously vaccinated:</i></p> <p><u>Killed vaccine containing M-protein:</u></p> <p>Semi-annual with one dose given 4 - 6 weeks pre-partum</p> <p><i>Previously unvaccinated or having unknown vaccination history:</i></p> <p><u>Killed vaccine containing M- protein):</u></p> <p><b>3-dose series</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> dose 2 - 4 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose 3<sup>rd</sup> dose 4 - 6 weeks pre-partum</p>	Semi-annual to annual	<p><u>Killed vaccine containing M-protein:</u></p> <p><b>2-3 dose series</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> dose 2 - 4 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose 3<sup>rd</sup> dose (where recommended by manufacturer) 2 - 4 weeks after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose Revaccinate semi-annually</p> <p><u>Modified live vaccine:</u></p> <p><b>2-dose series administered intranasally</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> dose 3 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose Revaccinate semi-annually to annually</p>	Vaccination is <b>not</b> recommended as a strategy in outbreak mitigation.

*Vaccinations for Adult Horses were developed by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Infectious Disease Committee. These guidelines and charts were reviewed and updated by the committee & Vaccination Guidelines Subcommittee and approved by the Board of Directors in 2020.*

*Please note that updates to these guidelines and charts may occur online at any time and should always be referenced there for the most current version at [www.aaep.org](http://www.aaep.org).*