

LVVS Guide to Vaccinations

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There are several 'Core' vaccines every horse should have which include:

Vaccine	What it is?	When to Give	When to give foals
Tetanus	Bacteria that can cause severe neurologic signs.	Annually & with any cut or puncture >6 months from last vaccine.	Give antitoxin to foals with non-vaccinated mare or failure of passive transfer.
Rabies	Neurologic virus. Fatal to horses and transmissible to humans.	Annually.	6 & 7 months then annually.
Eastern/Western/ West Nile Encephalomyelitis	Virus attacking the neurologic system of horses. Not transmissible to humans from horses.	Annually	6, 9, 12 months
Influenza		Annually	6, 9, 12 months
Rhinopneumonitis	Equine Herpes Virus. Virus causing respiratory, abortion or neurologic signs in primarily young horses.	Annually	6, 9, 12 months

There are several optional Vaccines Including

Vaccine	What is it?	When to Give	When to give in foals
Strangles	<i>Strep. Equi equi</i> . A bacteria that can cause multiple sings of disease.	Annually to horses less than 2 years of age.	Vaccinate ONLY if increased risk. At 6 months of age.
Botulism	Bacteria causing severe neurologic problems	Annually. Give if feeding round bales.	6, 9, 12 months
EVA	A virus damaging the vasculature.	SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES	SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
Potomac Horse Fever	Disease of the gastrointestinal tract prevalent in the Ohio River Valley	Annually.	6, 9, 12 months

Note: All adult previously unvaccinated horses need an initial dose and then a booster dose in 3-4 weeks, excluding Rabies.

Previously vaccinated adults need only one yearly dose of most vaccines unless specific conditions, such as travel, deem otherwise. Please ask if other than the standard vaccination protocol is needed for your horse.

Pregnant Mares: If unvaccinated vaccinate 2 months and 1 month before parturition with everything. If vaccinated then booster 1 month before parturition with EHV, Eastern/Western/West Nile, Tetanus and Influenza, Rabies. Give Herpes Virus at 5, 7, 9, 11 months of gestation. The dose at 11 being the most important dose.