



CVS Equine Vaccination Guidelines
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Disease	What is it?	How is it Transmitted?	Adult Horses (>1 year of age)	Foals and Weanlings (< 12 months)	Broodmares
EWET Eastern/Western Encephalomyelitis and Tetanus	All three diseases are fatal and affect the central nervous system.	EWE– Sleeping sickness is passed by blood-sucking insects. Tetanus– lives in environment enters body through wounds.	Annually –Spring If unvaccinated they will require one booster 4-6 weeks after initial dose.	1st dose at 3-4 months 2nd dose 4-6 weeks later 3rd dose 4-6 weeks later	Annually 4-6 weeks before foaling. If unvaccinated must have 2 dose series 4 weeks apart 2nd dose 4-6 weeks before foaling
FLURH Influenza and Rhino	Viral communicable diseases that cause respiratory infections. Rhino is from the Herpes virus.	Lives in a contaminated environment and spread by direct contact with an infected horse.	Low risk –Annually High exposure - Quarterly If unvaccinated booster required 4-6 weeks after first vaccination.	1st dose at 6 months 2nd dose 3-4 weeks later 3rd dose at 10-12 months	Semi-annually with one dose 4-6 before foaling. If Unvaccinated 3 dose series– 2nd dose 4-6 weeks after 1st. Last dose 4-6 weeks before foaling
WN West Nile	Viral disease that causes swelling around spinal cord and brain.	Infected birds transmit disease to mosquitoes, which pass it to horse through bites	Annually prior to mosquito season if unvaccinated a booster is required 4-6 weeks after first dose.	1st dose at 3-4 months 2nd dose 4 weeks after 1st 3rd dose at 10-12 months	Annually 4-6 weeks before foaling.
ER Rabies	Fatal viral disease that affects the nervous system and brain.	Bites from animals such as coons, skunks, cats, fox, coyotes, etc. The farther the bite is from the brain the longer it takes for symptoms to appear and the more people are exposed.	Annually	One dose at 6 months and revaccinate annually	Annually 4-6 weeks before foaling
STR Strangles	A highly contagious disease that causes respiratory infections and abscesses under jaw or internally.	Lives in environment and spread by direct contact from infected horse.	Annually	2-3 dose series depending on exposure risk spaced 4-6 weeks apart.	Annually 4-6 weeks before foaling.
PHF Potomac Horse Fever	A bacteria that causes severe diarrhea, founder, and possible death.	Biting insects that often live near wet places or water ways.	Annually to semi annually depending on risk. If unvaccinated booster needed 4-6 weeks after first dose.	1st dose at 5 months 2nd dose 3-4 weeks later	Annually 4-6 weeks before foaling
RHIK Equine Viral Rhinopneumonitis	A viral disease that causes abortion in pregnant mares	Through the air and direct contact with an infected horse. Mares pass it to their unborn foals, causing abortion	N/A	N/A	Vaccinate prior to breeding and at 5, 7, 9 months.
EPM Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis	Neurological disease caused by protozoan that is passed by possums, skunks, and raccoons.	Transmitted by horse consuming forage, hay, or water contaminated with feces from those animals.	Unavailable at this time	Unavailable at this time	Unavailable at this time