## Recommended Vaccine Schedule FOR Foals

Based on American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Vaccination Guidelines<sup>1</sup>

Your foal initially gets maternal antibodies from the mare, but as they begin to wane, it's important to help protect your foal from common diseases with the appropriate vaccines. In their first year, foals require several doses of both core and risk-based vaccinations to develop protection.



## **CORE VACCINATIONS:**

Protection from diseases that are endemic to a region, those with potential public health significance, required by law, highly infectious, or pose a risk of severe disease and death.

Disease	Schedule
Tetanus West Nile Virus (WNV) Eastern Equine Encephalmomyelitis (EEE) Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (WEE) Rabies	First vaccination at 4-6 months of age Second dose 4-6 weeks after the first dose Booster 10-12 months of age and annually thereafter

## **RISK-BASED VACCINATIONS:**

Protection from diseases which your horse may be more likely to encounter depending on where you live, your travel plans, and amount of socialization selected for use based on risk assessment performed by, or in consultation with, a licensed veterinarian.

Equine Influenza (EIV)	First vaccination at 4-6 months of age
Equine Herpesvirus (EHV-1 and EHV-4)	Second dose 3-4 weeks after first dose
	Booster 10-12 months of age and annually thereafter
	Horses at increased risk of exposure may receive booster every 6 months
Leptospirosis	First vaccination at 6 months of age
	Second dose 3-4 weeks after first dose
	Annual revaccination
Strangles	First dose at 9 months of age
Streptococcus equi	Second dose 3 weeks after first dose
	Third dose at 11-12 months of age
Equine Arteritis Virus (EAV)	Colt (male) foals*: Single dose at 6-12 months of age

\*NOTE: Prior to initial vaccination, colt (male) foals should undergo serologic testing and be confirmed negative for antibodies to EAV. Testing should be performed shortly prior to, or preferably at, the time of vaccination. As foals can carry colostral derived antibodies to EAV for up to 6 months, testing and vaccination should **not** be performed prior to 6 months of age.<sup>1</sup>

Consult your veterinarian to develop a vaccination program to protect your foal.

\*Although FLUVAC INNOVATOR EHV-4/1 is safe for use in foals 3 months of age or older, efficacy has not been established in foals under 10 months of age.

<sup>1</sup>The American Association of Equine Practitioners. Vaccination Guidelines. Available at https://aaep.org/guidelines/vaccination-guidelines. Accessed on June 26, 2023.

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