

**Inject to Protect**  
WCEC Vaccination Programs 2012  
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The goal of this program is to *help us help you* keep your horse's immunization and health requirements in order. Because many of the contagious diseases of the horse are vector borne (carried by mosquitoes) or contracted by direct exposure, the timing of immunizations to offer maximum protection is paramount. We're here to help you time it just right!

Never before has it been so important to know the brand and manufacturer of the vaccines used to protect your horse. Research has shown that all vaccines are not created equal (See *Vaccinations: Immunization Needs or a Shot in the Dark*). We have done the thinking for you and have incorporated the veterinary industry's best products to help keep your horse healthy. We owe this to you, our customers. This means your program is designed specifically for you and your horse. First, decide which category your horses fit into:

**'MOMMY AND ME' PROGRAM:** A pregnant mare has a program specifically designed to protect her unborn foal and to give a strong passive immunity to the foal (via colostral antibodies) once the baby arrives. Emerging research has demonstrated that maternal protection wanes at different times for different antigens, so the youngster needs a program specifically designed for him/her as well.

**Mares** will need rhinopneumonitis boosters at 3, 5, 7, and 9 months gestation. If there is concern regarding botulism or rotavirus, the mare should receive this as well during her pregnancy. Prenatal boosters are performed 4-6 weeks before her due date to be sure to pass as much protective immunity as possible to the foal. After an interview, we will outline a program specifically for your mare and alert you to the correct timing for her boosters.

**Foals** are vaccinated in an age-specific way, not necessarily linked to the seasons or grouping as with adult horses. If the foal is born from a vaccinated mare (from the above Mommy Program) it will have a different program than a foal born from an unvaccinated mare (as can occur with accidental pregnancies). After collecting all necessary information, we will outline a program specifically for your foal and let you know when they are due. It often takes three visits around weaning time to inoculate a foal, and another when they join the big horses as yearlings.

**'SILVER' PROGRAM:** Directed toward senior citizens or younger horses that live in a 'closed' herd with no potential for co-mingling. This program follows the AAEP Recommendations for Core Vaccinations, and protects against the diseases that can still be risks even when staying home: rabies, encephalitis, tetanus and West Nile virus. With the use of *Vetera*<sup>TM</sup> and *Encephalovac*<sup>TM</sup>, horses in the Silver Program will require only one visit a year.

**'GOLD' PROGRAM:** A step up from the Silver Program, it is designed for an active horse that stays in state and closer to home. This program is recommended for most pleasure horses, show horses, and trail horses that don't travel out of state. Usually these horses require two or three visits a year.

**'PLATINUM' PROGRAM:** This is designed for the pleasure or performance horse that travels and is co-mingling with other horses and is at the highest risk of contracting contagious respiratory diseases. This program is recommended for competition horses, race horses, pleasure trail, young horses leaving for training, horses traveling out of state, and any horse with a passport. This program involves four visits a year, dictated by 90-day inoculations for Equine Herpes Virus.

Once enrolled, we will track your horse for the year, calling to remind you when key boosters need to be done, and coordinate with others in your stable to help provide 'herd' immunity.

**WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO ENROLL?** Just an interview really. After talking with a staff member at WCEC, we will recommend the program that is right for your situation.

**WHAT DOES IT COST?** We can certainly provide you with an estimate of what your annual budget should be for the immunization portion of the visits. In creating the program, we consciously chose to design a 'pay as you go' plan. Please take advantage of our visit to your farm by asking questions, evaluating new issues with your horse and refilling medication prescriptions. These are obviously charges outside the enrolling estimate. Some annual estimates are provided below, but bear in mind that they are merely estimates:

<b>SILVER :</b>	Annual Physical with Vaccinations	
	Rabies vaccine	
	Encephalitis and tetanus vaccine	
	<u>West Nile vaccine</u>	<u>\$83-91 per horse</u>
	Coggins test	\$40.00 additional
	Trip charge to farm	Variable expense

<b>GOLD:</b>	Annual Physical with Vaccinations	
	Rabies vaccine	
	Encephalitis and tetanus vaccine	
	West Nile vaccine	
	<u>Rhino-Influenza vaccine (<i>Calvenza</i><sup>TM</sup>)</u>	<u>\$132-140 per horse</u>
	Coggins test	\$40.00 additional
	Trip charge to farm	Variable expense

<b>PLATINUM:</b>	Annual Physical with Vaccinations	
	Rabies vaccine	
	Encephalitis and tetanus vaccine	
	West Nile vaccine	
	<u>Rhino-Influenza vaccine (<i>Calvenza 03</i><sup>TM</sup>)</u>	<u>\$192-200 per horse</u>
	Coggins test	\$30.00 additional
	Trip charge to farm	Variable expense

**ALA CARTE:** often added to Gold or Platinum Programs as risk of exposure dictates

Strangles booster	\$19-33 additional
Potomac Horse Fever booster	\$30.00 additional
Botulism booster	\$30.00 additional