



# New Hope Veterinary Clinic

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## **Equine Vaccinations As Recommended by the AAEP**

Core Vaccinations – this is the bare minimum.

The AVMA defines core vaccinations as those “that protect from diseases that are endemic to a region, those with potential public health significance, required by law, virulent/highly infectious, and/or those posing a risk of severe disease. Core vaccines have clearly demonstrated efficacy and safety, and thus exhibit a high enough level of patient benefit and low enough level of risk to justify their use in the majority of patients.” The following equine vaccines meet these criteria and are identified as ‘core’ in these guidelines:

- Tetanus
- Eastern/Western Equine Encephalomyelitis
- West Nile Virus
- Rabies

### Foal Vaccination Recommendations

4 to 6 months of age

Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Tetanus, and West Niles Virus  
Needs a booster dose and Rabies given at 6 months of age  
Rhino and Influenza should be given beginning 6 months of age

### Yearly Boosters for back yard horses

Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Tetanus, West Niles Virus, and Rabies

### Additional vaccination recommendations for horses traveling to shows and large trial rides

Rhino and Influenza – every 6 to 12 months depending on age, location and use

Strangles requires two doses initially and needs to be boosted annually

Strangles is a very debilitating and highly infectious bacterial organism.

The vaccine is a modified live product which is instilled into the nasal passages. Extreme caution must be used when administering the product to avoid contamination of equipment and accidental abscess formation from other injections.