

Greetings!

The New Brunswick Provincial Veterinary Service proposes the following recommendations regarding equine vaccinations for 2017:

All vaccine programs should be developed in consultation with your veterinarian. You and your veterinarian will collectively develop a schedule based on the risk for disease, age of horse and planned travel destinations.

All horses should receive the following vaccines for Tetanus and Rabies as a minimum. These diseases pose a risk of serious to potentially fatal conditions. Vaccines for these diseases are effective, safe and provide a level of protection to justify their use in any horse.

For all horses travelling locally or away to clinics, lessons, trail rides or shows vaccinations against Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis are strongly recommended to protect those horses and the horses interacting with them. Strangles is also an important consideration and should be discussed with your veterinarian.

In recent years, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (a mosquito-borne disease) has been found in Nova Scotia, Maine and Quebec so you may wish to have your horse protected against this disease. Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis vaccine is combined in a five-way vaccine with Tetanus, Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis at a very low cost.

The risk of a horse having or contracting Equine Infectious Anemia is low in this region. However, a positive case has been reported in Quebec in 2017. A simple blood test called a Coggins can be done so that you may know the status of your horse and can protect your horse and others around you. For more information on EIA go to: <http://inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/eia/fact-sheet/eng/1329554028418/1329554166646>.

If you have any questions on vaccinations or any other matter, please contact your veterinarian.

Have a great year with your horse(s)!



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