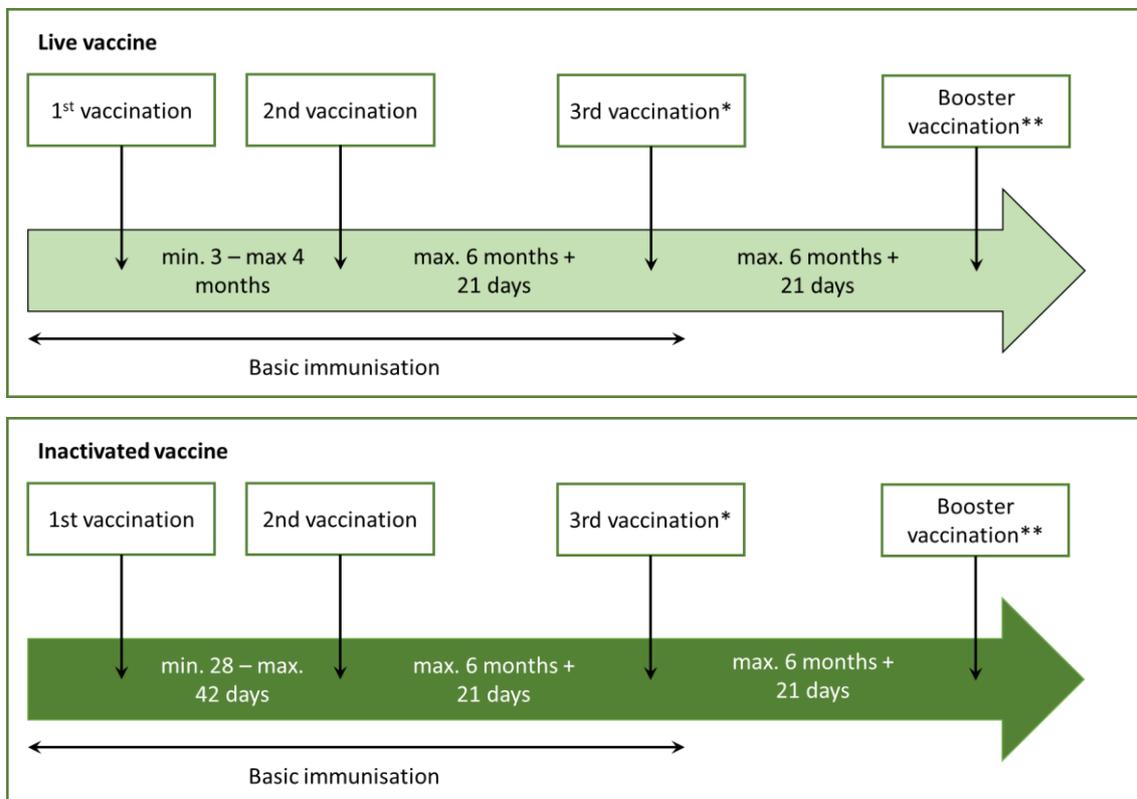


Islandpferde- Reiter- und Züchterverband e.V. (IPZV)
Inclusion of compulsory herpes vaccination in the IPO

In the joint meeting of the Presidium and the National Council of our IPZV, both bodies voted by a majority in favour of compulsory herpes vaccination from 1 January 2023. The current year 2022 is to be a transitional year and the IPO will be adapted. A further discussion on this will take place at the autumn meeting of the board in November 2022.

The mandatory introduction of vaccination in the IPO will ensure a greater vaccination density. As many horses from different herds come together at competitions and other events, it is important to protect this group of horses particularly well by vaccination and to reduce the risk of disease transmission. The overriding goal of compulsory vaccination is to contribute to a reduction in the amount of circulating herpes viruses through consistent vaccination, thus interrupting chains of infection and reducing the number of cases. The vaccination obligation is intended to make an important contribution to the prevention of infection.

From 01.01.2023, the IPZV prescribes the vaccination against EHV-1 every six months for horses participating in competitions or other events after the basic vaccination. The prescribed vaccination scheme for the basic vaccination depends on whether a live or inactivated vaccine is administered. It is important that the same vaccine is used for the first two vaccinations of the basic immunisation. The first two vaccinations of the basic immunisation are therefore to be carried out with either a live or an inactivated vaccine. After the first two vaccinations, i.e. from the third vaccination of basic immunisation, it is possible to switch between live and inactivated vaccine.



*start at tournaments possible after 14 days
 **start at tournaments possible after 7 days

Source: Magazine of the direct members of the Deutschen Reiterlichen Vereinigung (FN)

All horses that have not yet been vaccinated against EHV-1, have not received a proper basic vaccination or for which the interval between two vaccinations against herpes viruses is longer than 6 months plus 21 days, must be given a new basic vaccination before a competition start or the start of an event. For horses that have been vaccinated for a long time of their life or in case of missing information about a basic vaccination, the following applies: The vaccinations within the last three years must have been carried out correctly, i.e. at an interval of maximum 6 months plus 21 days, in order for the horse to be allowed to participate in competitions.

If the basic vaccination is required, the horse may only start a competition if 14 days have passed after the 2nd vaccination of the basic vaccination. Between the 3rd vaccination of the basic immunisation as well as repeat vaccinations and a tournament start, 7 days must have passed.

The FN has compiled further information on the vaccination of horses on its website.

Source: <https://www.pferd-aktuell.de>