

Quick Guide to Water Vaccinations

PRIOR TO VACCINATING

1. Consult your veterinarian or flock supervisor for a vaccination schedule for your flock.
2. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations regarding transport, storage and disposal of vaccine and containers.
3. Remove chlorine, antibiotics, disinfectants and other additives from the water. Presence of these materials will interfere with the vaccine.
 - a. Two days prior to scheduled vaccination, turn off chlorine.
 - b. If water is chlorinated from the supply source use a charcoal filter to remove chlorine or let water stand in holding tank for two days.
 - c. Test water to ensure chlorine is removed. It may take longer than two days.
4. Rinse and flush water tank or ensure you have a clean medication bucket for proportioner.
5. Wash drinkers the day before vaccination.
6. One day prior to scheduled vaccination, run vaccine stabilizer.

DAY OF VACCINATION

1. Only vaccinate healthy birds.
2. Restrict water intake to ensure birds are thirsty for the vaccine water.
3. Two hours prior to lights coming on (or prior to normal chore activities):
 - a. Flush water lines with clean water
 - b. Raise the drinkers
 - c. Turn off the water
4. Mix correct number of vaccine doses into enough water to last 3-4 hours.
5. Add vaccine stabilizer (with blue dye).
6. Flush the water lines, ensuring that all the drinkers in the house have water with blue dye. Drinkers must be emptied to get vaccine water started.
7. Lower the drinkers.
8. Walk through the barn every 20-30 minutes.
9. Resume chlorination 4 – 6 hours after all the vaccine is consumed.