

Who Can Administer COVID-19 Vaccinations?

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For all authorized vaccinators, administration of COVID-19 vaccination pursuant to Executive Orders 202.82 and 202.90 (as extended, modified, and added to) must be consistent with applicable Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Vaccination Program, and recommendations issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

GROUP 1:

Current and Modified Vaccinators

Licensed healthcare professionals in Group 1 can administer immunizations as part of their current scope of practice, including at Points of Dispensing (PODs) sites or healthcare settings, in accordance with applicable laws governing their scope of practice.

1. Training requirements for Group 1:

- If vaccinating in a POD, the ***NYSDOH COVID-19 Vaccine Training for Vaccinators*** modules are recommended for Group 1 vaccinators, but not required.
- Note: Licensed physicians, certified nurse practitioners, and licensed physician assistants medically supervising a POD site must have a current certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

2. Who can vaccinate in Group 1:

- Licensed physicians
- Certified nurse practitioners
- Licensed physician assistants
- Nurses
 - Registered professional nurses (RNs)
 - Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) under the supervision of an RN pursuant to a non-patient-specific order
- Licensed pharmacists with a certificate to administer immunizations from the New York State Education Department

- Newly licensed pharmacists who were previously issued a limited permit with a certification to administer immunizations, pursuant Education Law § 6806 and 8 NYCRR 63.4, may continue to immunize patients in New York State for 90 days immediately following their licensure and registration. Such newly licensed pharmacists must also have applied for a certification of administration with the New York State Department of Education.
- Pharmacy students **with** a limited permit and certified by the New York State Education Department to administer vaccine
 - These students will be deemed to meet the clinical experience, training, and attestation requirements for all other students, as described below.
 - Current Basic CPR Certification
 - Pharmacy students not certified to administer vaccine are in Group 2
- Licensed midwives **with** a certificate to administer immunizations from the New York State Education Department

Out-of-State Providers: With the exception of pharmacists and pharmacy interns, individuals licensed and in good standing in one of the above listed professions in another state or Canada may administer COVID-19 vaccine, if administered in accordance with laws and Executive Orders applicable to individuals licensed in New York State.

GROUP 2:

New vaccinators (POD sites only)

Healthcare professionals and students in Group 2 can administer vaccinations against COVID-19 pursuant to a non-patient specific order at PODs if they first receive training and are assessed as described below. PODs using these vaccinators must have medical oversight by a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant (PA), or certified nurse practitioner (NP). The person providing medical oversight must also have a current certification in CPR.

1. Who can vaccinate in Group 2:

- Midwives **without** a certificate to administer immunizations from the New York State Education Department
- Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs)
 - Unlike other healthcare settings, supervision by a Registered Nurse (RN) is not required in a POD site for LPNs pursuant to a non-patient specific standing order.
- Podiatrists
- Dentists
- Dental hygienists who have been issued a dental hygiene restricted local infiltration anesthesia/nitrous oxide analgesia certificate
- Licensed pharmacists **without** a certificate to administer immunizations from the New York State Education Department



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- Pharmacy technicians with certification from the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or National Healthcareer Association, and who meet the additional requirements below.
 - Students:
 - Medical students
 - Physician assistant students
 - Pharmacy students **without** a limited permit that includes a certificate to administer vaccinations
 - **Note:** Pharmacy students with a limited permit and certified by the New York State Education Department to administer vaccinations are in Group 1
 - Dentistry students
 - Podiatric medicine students
 - Midwifery students
 - Nursing students, both RNs and LPNs
2. Training and skills assessment requirements for this group
- On-line Training: All individuals within this group **must** complete ***NYSDOH COVID-19 Vaccine Training for Vaccinators*** modules offered through the NYSDOH Learning Management System (LMS).
 - An in-person training and skills assessment, in accordance with Department guidance.
3. Additional requirements for pharmacy technicians:
- Complete a practical training program that is approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). This training program must include hands-on injection technique and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines.
 - Continuing education requirement: Within the licensing period, pharmacy technicians must complete a minimum of two hours of ACPE approved, immunization-related continuing pharmacy education. This is not an immediate requirement.
 - Current Basic CPR Certification
4. Additional requirements for students
- All students within Group 2 must have one year of clinical experience, as attested to by their educational institution.

GROUP 3:

EMS Providers (new vaccinators) at POD sites and other settings

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Advanced EMTs, like Group 2, can administer COVID-19 vaccine pursuant to a non-patient specific order at PODs, if they first receive training as outlined below. PODs using these vaccinators must have medical oversight by a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant (PA), or certified nurse practitioner (NP). The person providing medical oversight must also have a current certification in CPR.

In addition to vaccinating at PODs, EMTs and Advanced EMTs may vaccinate in other settings approved by NYSDOH.

Training and skills assessment requirements for this group:

- On-line Training: All individuals within this group must complete ***NYSDOH COVID-19 Vaccine Training for Vaccinators*** modules through Vital Signs Academy, in accordance with Department guidance.
- An in-person training and skills assessment, in accordance with Department guidance.