

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Vision: To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

Important Updates for Pharmacists and Registered Pharmacy Interns for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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Pharmacists and Registered Pharmacy Interns May Administer Childhood and COVID-19 Vaccines

For purposes of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating any effect of COVID-19, Emergency Order 20-014 was filed suspending the provision of section 465.189(1), Florida Statutes, to the extent necessary to authorize a pharmacist or registered pharmacy intern certified under section 465.189(6), Florida Statutes, to administer vaccines approved or licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to individuals under 18 years of age, upon receipt of medical consent for a minor, as required by section 743.0645, Florida Statutes.

For purposes of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating any effect of COVID-19, Emergency Order 20-014 suspends the provision of section 465.189(1)(a), Florida Statutes, to the extent necessary to allow a pharmacist or registered pharmacy intern certified under section 465.189(6), Florida Statutes, to administer vaccines ordered and administered according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) immunization schedules and any vaccine approved by the FDA to immunize individuals against COVID-19.

Pharmacists and Registered Pharmacy Interns must report all patient vaccination details to Florida State Health Online Tracking System (SHOTS). Florida SHOTS is a free, statewide, centralized online immunization information system (IIS) that helps healthcare providers and schools keep track of immunization records to ensure that patients of all ages receive the vaccinations needed to protect them from dangerous vaccine-preventable diseases. Click [here](#) for more information on enrolling and reporting requirements.

The full version of the State Surgeon General's Emergency Order may be found at <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/DOH-Emergency-Order-No-20-014.pdf>.