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## Important Updates for Health Care Providers Regarding COVID-19 Vaccines

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### Providers Authorized to Administer the COVID-19 Vaccine

The list below contains health care professions whose governing practice act or federal guidance authorizes the administration of vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines. If you have specific questions regarding a profession, please contact the respective regulatory board office at [MedicalQualityAssurance@flhealth.gov](mailto:MedicalQualityAssurance@flhealth.gov).

Profession	Legal Authority
Medical Doctors (includes all license types)	Section 458.305(3), Florida Statutes
Osteopathic Physicians (includes all license types)	Section 459.003(3), Florida Statutes
Physician Assistants	Section 459.022(4)(e), Florida Statutes Section 458.347(4)(e), Florida Statutes
Registered Nurses	Section 464.003(19), Florida Statutes
Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	Section 464.003(2), Florida Statutes
Licensed Practical Nurses	Section 464.003(18), Florida Statutes
Certified Nursing Assistants with Registered Nurse Delegation	Section 464.201(5), Florida Statutes
Paramedics	Section 401.272(2)(b), Florida Statutes
Pharmacists	Section 465.189, Florida Statutes, and <a href="#">Health and Human Services Guidance Memorandum Dated 9/9/2020</a>
Registered Pharmacy Interns	Section 465.189, Florida Statutes, and <a href="#">Health and Human Services Guidance Memorandum Dated 9/9/2020</a>
Registered Pharmacy Technicians	<a href="#">Health and Human Services Guidance Memorandum Dated 10/21/2020</a>
Emergency Medical Technicians	<a href="#">Emergency Rule 64JER21-1</a> and <a href="#">Health and Human Services Guidance Memorandum Dated 3/12/2021</a>
Dentists	<a href="#">Health and Human Services Guidance Memorandum Dated 3/12/2021</a>
Licensed Midwives	
Optometrists	
Paramedics	
Physician Assistants	
Podiatric Physicians	
Respiratory Therapists	
Veterinarians	

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued [new guidance](#) on March 12, 2021, to expand the pool of qualified professionals able to serve as COVID-19 vaccinators. HHS has used its authority under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) to add additional categories of qualified people authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, including dentists, emergency medical technicians,

midwives, optometrists, paramedics, physician assistants, podiatrists, respiratory therapists, and veterinarians. This action also authorizes medical students, nursing students, and other health care students in the professions listed under the PREP Act with proper training and professional supervision to serve as additional COVID-19 vaccinators under an established COVID-19 vaccine enrolled provider. More information about the PREP Act and requirements to administer the COVID-19 vaccine for health care practitioners authorized under this guidance can be found at [PHE.gov](https://www.phe.gov). Some of the requirements include:

- Documentation of completion of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 Vaccine Training Modules,
- Documentation of an observation period by a currently practicing health care professional experienced in administering intramuscular injections, and
- Current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

HHS has also authorized physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses, practical nurses, pharmacists, pharmacy interns, midwives, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, respiratory therapists, dentists, physician assistants, podiatrists, optometrists who have held an active license within the last five years, which is inactive, expired, or retired, to serve as COVID-19 vaccinator under an established COVID-19 vaccine enrolled provider. Employers can view the licensure status and disciplinary history for retired and inactive health care practitioners on the Department of Health’s website located [here](#).

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Reporting Requirements**

Florida Department of Health, Emergency Rule [64DER21-4](#), Florida Administrative Code, requires all enrolled COVID-19 vaccine providers to report vaccination data in [Florida SHOTS](#) within **24 hours** of administration. This emergency rule follows Emergency Rule 64DER20-43, Florida Administrative Code, which expired March 14, 2021. The following data elements are required when reporting:

(1) Administered at location: facility name/ID	(12) MVX (manufacturer)
(2) Administered at location: type	(13) Recipient address
(3) Administration address (including county)	(14) Recipient date of birth
(4) Administration date	(15) Recipient name
(5) CVX (Product)	(16) Recipient sex
(6) Dose number	(17) Sending organization
(7) IIS recipient ID	(18) Vaccine administering provider suffix
(8) Recipient race	(19) Vaccine administering site (on the body)
(9) Recipient ethnicity	(20) Vaccine expiration date
(10) IIS vaccination event ID	(21) Vaccine route of administration
(11) Lot number: unit of use and/or unit of sale	(22) Vaccination series complete

### **How Can I Become a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider?**

To become a COVID-19 vaccine provider, your practice or organization must be enrolled in the Florida State Health Online Tracking System (Florida SHOTS) and the Vaccines for Children/Adults Program (VFC/VFA). For questions or additional information, please contact the COVID-19 Vaccine Enrollment Desk at 833-701-1397, or email [CovidVaccineProgram@flhealth.gov](mailto:CovidVaccineProgram@flhealth.gov).

Click here to view the flyer with enrollment instructions: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/COVID-19VaccineInfo/documents/covid-vaccine-provider-flowchart.pdf>

Florida SHOTS has a number of trainings available to help providers. These trainings can be accessed by visiting <http://flshotsusers.com/>.

### **Florida COVID-19 Vaccine Weekly Pre-Book Request Opens**

The Florida COVID-19 vaccine weekly pre-book request is now open in Florida SHOTS. Weekly pre-book requests allow COVID-19 vaccine enrolled providers to share their ability and desire to receive COVID-19 vaccines. **Requests do not guarantee an allocation will be made.** This information will be used to assist leadership with planning activities throughout the state.

For more detailed information, please click [here](#).

### **Helpful Resources**

- Health care provider notifications - [www.flhealthsource.gov/covid19](http://www.flhealthsource.gov/covid19)
- Florida Department of Health Immunization Section COVID-19 vaccine webpage - <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/COVID-19VaccineInfo/index.html>
- Florida Department of Health COVID-19 webpage - [www.floridahealthcovid19.gov](http://www.floridahealthcovid19.gov)