

Washington State Department of Health List of Providers Authorized to Administer Vaccines

Introduction

Administering a vaccine to a patient in Washington typically requires holding a state license to practice a particular type of health care profession. Given the need to swiftly and efficiently vaccinate our state's population, the Washington State Secretary of Health and the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have issued authorizations under the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) for certain other types of providers, students, out-of-state license holders, and inactive or expired license holders to administer COVID-19 vaccines in Washington who otherwise would not be permitted to do so under state law.¹

To determine whether and how you are authorized to administer COVID-19 vaccines in Washington, consult the information for your profession in the list below. For many professions, holding an active Washington license provides sufficient authority to administer vaccines. For others, additional requirements may need to be met before you may begin administering vaccines.

You need to be authorized under only one category, but you may be authorized under multiple. If you are authorized under multiple categories, all are legally valid alternative pathways to administering vaccines, but one of the categories may have less burdensome requirements for you to meet. If you meet the requirements of one category, you do not need to meet the requirements of another category. For instance, if you meet the requirements of the HHS PREP Act authorization, then you do not need to meet state law requirements, such as those for supervision or training.

¹ The PREP Act generally provides immunity from suit and liability with respect to all claims for loss caused by, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from the administration of COVID-19 vaccines. This immunity applies equally to people who are eligible to administer COVID-19 vaccines under an active Washington license and those who are eligible pursuant to an authorization issued under the PREP Act.

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Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP)

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Active WA license	Must comply with WA law governing practice
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA	Must comply with WA law governing practice
Student in profession in any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
License is currently expired or inactive, but held full active WA license at any time since July 1998	Must meet requirements of WA Secretary of Health's PREP Act authorization
License is currently expired or inactive, but held active license in any state within last 5 years	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration

Dental Hygienist

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active WA license	Must comply with WA law governing practice, including appropriate training and close supervision by licensed dentist
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA	Must comply with WA law governing practice, including direction and supervision of WA-licensed dental hygienist or dentist acting as instructor

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Dentist

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Active WA license	Must comply with WA law governing practice
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Active license from any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA	Must comply with WA law governing practice, including being under direction and supervision of Washington state-licensed dental school faculty
Student in profession in any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
License is currently expired or inactive, but held active license in any state within last 5 years	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration

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Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Providers (EMTs, AEMTs, and Paramedics)

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active WA license	Must be at the request of and in agreement with local, regional or public health. EMS must have specialized training from the county Medical Program Director (MPD). EMS may only act under the medical oversight and direction of the county Medical Program Director (MPD) or an MPD delegate physician, such as the local health officer, and a DOH-approved MPD protocol must be in place.
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Active license from any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA	Must be a declared emergency and must be done pursuant to the course of training and under the medical oversight and direction of the county Medical Program Director (MPD) or MPD delegate physician, and a DOH-approved MPD protocol must be in place.
Student in profession in any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
License is currently expired or inactive, but held active license in any state within last 5 years	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration

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Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active WA license	Must be supervised by MD, DO, dentist, PA, ARNP, RN, or midwife. Must be competent (training, knowledge, skill, and ability). Must administer pursuant to prescription or standing order of MD, DO, ARNP, PA. Prescriber does not need to be on the premises. No limitations on setting.
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA	Must comply with WA law governing practice, including being under guidance and supervision of the nursing program policies and protocols or as a nurse tech (NT) under the guidance of an employer.
Student in profession in any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
License is currently expired or inactive, but held full active WA license at any time since July 1998	Must meet requirements of WA Secretary of Health's PREP Act authorization
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Medical Assistant-Certified (MA-C)

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Active WA license	Must comply with WA law governing practice. Task must be delegated by a provider with the activity in their scope of practice: MD/DO, RN, ARNP, Naturopathic Physician, PA/DOPA. Per Governor proclamation, supervisor only has to be immediately available, which may be by remote means.
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA	Must comply with WA law governing practice. Must be participating in an externship as part of an approved medical assistant training program under the direct supervision of an on-site health care provider.

Medical Assistant-Registered (MA-R)

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active WA license	Must comply with WA law governing practice. Task must be delegated by a provider with the activity in their scope of practice: MD/DO, RN, ARNP, Naturopathic Physician, PA/DOPA. Need “vaccination” authorized on endorsement form. Per Governor proclamation, supervisor only has to be immediately available, which may be by remote means.
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration

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Midwife

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active WA license	Must comply with WA law governing practice. Must be prescribed by a physician.
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Active license from any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA	Must comply with WA law governing practice. Must be pursuant to regular course of instruction or assignment from instructor while enrolled in Secretary-approved and accredited midwifery program and under supervision and control of WA-licensed midwife.
Student in profession in any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
License is currently expired or inactive, but held active license in any state within last 5 years	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration

Naturopathic Physician (ND)

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active WA license	Must comply with WA law governing practice
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA	Must comply with WA law governing practice. Must be pursuant to a course of instruction or assignments from an instructor and under the supervision of the instructor, who must be a WA-licensed naturopathic physician (ND), allopathic physician (MD), or osteopathic physician (DO).
License is currently expired or inactive, but held full active WA license at any time since July 1998	Must meet requirements of WA Secretary of Health's PREP Act authorization

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Nursing Technician (NT)

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active WA license	Must comply with WA law governing practice. Limited to hospitals, clinics, and nursing home settings. Validation of skill is required. RN must be on site and immediately available. Must administer pursuant to prescription of MD, DO, ARNP, PA. Can follow standing order if within scope of education.
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration

Optometrist

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Active license from any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
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Pharmacist

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Active WA license	Must comply with WA law governing practice
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(d) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA (see Pharmacy Intern)	
Student in profession in any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
License is currently expired or inactive, but held full active WA license at any time since July 1998	Must meet requirements of WA Secretary of Health's PREP Act authorization
License is currently expired or inactive, but held active license in any state within last 5 years	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration

Pharmacy Intern

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active WA license	Must comply with WA law governing practice. Must be within education, skill, and experience. Must be under immediate supervision of pharmacist, which may be by technological means, per WAC 246-945-315.
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(d) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA	Pharmacy interns who are students may administer COVID-19 vaccines. Must be within education, skill, and experience. Must be under immediate supervision of pharmacist, which may be by technological means, per WAC 246-945-315.
Student in profession in any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
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Pharmacy Technician

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active WA license	Must comply with WA law governing practice. Must be under immediate supervision and control of pharmacist, which may be by technological means, per WAC 246-945-315. Requirement for Ancillary Utilization Plan (AUP) is currently waived by the Governor.
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(d) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA	Must be enrolled in pharmacy-technician training programs and have technician-in-training endorsement under WAC 246-945-203. Limited to sites identified on application. Must be under immediate supervision and control of pharmacist, which may be by technological means, per WAC 246-945-315. Requirement for Ancillary Utilization Plan (AUP) is currently waived by the Governor.

Physician (MD or DO)

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active WA license	Must comply with WA law governing practice
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA	Must comply with WA law governing practice
Student in profession in any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
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Physician Assistant (Allopathic or Osteopathic)

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Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Active license from any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA	Must comply with WA law governing practice. Must be pursuant to a regular course of instruction in approved program and under the supervision and control of a licensed physician or PA.
Student in profession in any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
License is currently expired or inactive, but held full active WA license at any time since July 1998	Must meet requirements of WA Secretary of Health's PREP Act authorization
License is currently expired or inactive, but held active license in any state within last 5 years	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration

Podiatrist

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Active license from any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
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Registered Nurse (RN)

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active WA license	Must comply with WA law governing practice. Must be competent (training, knowledge, skill, and ability). Must administer pursuant to prescription or standing order of MD, DO, ARNP, PA. Prescriber does not need to be on the premises. No limitations on setting.
Active license from another state and registered with DOH as an emergency volunteer health practitioner	Same as above
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in WA	Must comply with WA law governing practice. Must be under guidance and supervision of the nursing program policies and protocols or as a nurse tech (NT) under the guidance of an employer.
Student in profession in any state	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
License is currently expired or inactive, but held full active WA license at any time since July 1998	Must meet requirements of WA Secretary of Health's PREP Act authorization
License is currently expired or inactive, but held active license in any state within last 5 years	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration

Respiratory Therapist

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Active license from any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
License is currently expired or inactive, but held active license in any state within last 5 years	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration

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Veterinarian

Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in WA	Specific Requirements
Active license from another state that authorizes the holder to administer COVID-19 vaccines	Must meet requirements of section V(f) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Active license from any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
Student in profession in any state, including WA	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration
License is currently expired or inactive, but held active license in any state within last 5 years	Must meet requirements of section V(h) of HHS PREP Act declaration

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Professions that can administer vaccines other than COVID-19

The following professions can administer vaccines in general, subject to any individual guidelines or restrictions:

Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner

Emergency Medical Service provider (Must be at the request of and in agreement with local, regional or public health. EMS must have specialized training from the county Medical Program Director (MPD). EMS may only act under the medical oversight and direction of the county Medical Program Director (MPD) or an MPD delegate physician, such as the local health officer, and a DOH-approved MPD protocol must be in place. Only COVID-19 and influenza vaccines.)

Licensed Practical Nurse

Medical Assistant-Certified

Medical Assistant-Registered

Midwife (Only vaccines listed in [WAC 246-834-250\(3\)\(e\)-\(j\).](#))

Naturopathic Physician

Nursing Technician

Pharmacist

Pharmacy intern under pharmacist supervision

Pharmacy technician under pharmacist supervision

Physician – Medical Doctor

Physician – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

Physician Assistant

Podiatrist (Only tetanus inoculations and boosters for lower extremity wounds.)

Registered Nurse

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More COVID-19 Information and Resources

COVID-19 information changes rapidly. Stay up-to-date on the [current COVID-19 situation in Washington](#), [Governor Inslee's proclamations](#), and [vaccine information](#).

A person's race/ethnicity or nationality does not, itself, put them at greater risk of COVID-19. However, data are revealing that communities of color are being disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. This is due to the effects of racism, and in particular, structural racism, that leaves some groups with fewer opportunities to protect themselves and their communities. [Stigma will not help to fight the illness](#). Share only accurate information to keep rumors and misinformation from spreading.

- [WA State Department of Health Coexisting with COVID-19](#)
- [WA State Coronavirus Response \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Find Your Local Health Department or District](#)
- [CDC Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Have more questions? Call our COVID-19 Information hotline: **1-800-525-0127**

Monday – 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday – Sunday and [observed state holidays](#), 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. For interpretative services, **press #** when they answer and **say your language**. For questions about your own health, COVID-19 testing, or testing results, please contact a health care provider.



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