

FAQs on COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

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Who can administer COVID-19 vaccines in Illinois?

- Physician (48,080 licensed)
- Medical Resident (5,669)
- Registered Nurse (203,159)
- Licensed Practical Nurse (25,796)
- Full Practice Authority APRN (1,247)
- APRN (15,945)*
- Physician Assistant (4,834)*

* Must be in collaborative agreement

Expanded Scope:

- Pharmacist (20,399)
- Pharmacy Tech under supervision of a Pharmacist (33,718)
- Dentists (11,154)

Students (with limitations):

- medical
- nursing
- physician assistant

Who is considered “an unlicensed Person” under the Medical Practice Act?

- Not licensed in Illinois as any type of healthcare professional
- possesses appropriate training and experience
- in an office or practice setting and within a physician-patient relationship

225 ILCS 60/54.2



Can physicians delegate functions to other healthcare professional under the Medical Practice Act?

** Must be under the scope of practice of that healthcare professional's licensing act.

225 ILCS 60/54.2

Under what circumstances can nursing students administer COVID-19 vaccinations?

- enrolled in an Illinois-approved, pre-licensure nursing program
- under the supervision of qualified faculty or registered nurse preceptor.
- detailed IDFPR guidance is available [here](#).





Under what circumstances can a Dentist in Illinois administer the COVID-19 vaccine?

- emergency proclamation
- complete an Illinois-approved sponsor's education training program
- certified in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- complies with record keeping requirements
- guidance [here](#)

Under what
circumstances can a
Pharmacist or
Pharmacy Technician in
Illinois administer the
COVID-19 vaccine?

Pharmacists - training course accredited by the
Council on Pharmacy Education

Pharmacy Technicians - under the supervision of a
Pharmacist

- completes a practical training program that is
approved by the ACPE

Requirements for Pharmacists & Pharmacy Techs:

- 2 hours of ACPE-approved, immunization-related
continuing pharmacy education
- current certification in basic cardiopulmonary
resuscitation
- complies with recordkeeping and reporting
requirements

Proclamation available [here](#)



Under what circumstances can medical students and medical residents administer the COVID-19 vaccine?

Medical residents – temporary license from IDPFR

- can administer vaccines as determined by their program

Medical students – enrolled in or recent graduates of an accredited medical college

- under the direct, on-premises, supervision of a physician
- supervising physician must be licensed to practice medicine in all its branches in Illinois and must be a faculty member of an accredited medical or osteopathic college

225 ILCS 60/13

- Detailed guidance for medical residents and students [here](#)



Under what circumstances can physician assistant students and recent physician assistant program graduates administer the COVID-19 vaccine?

- **Physician assistant students** - currently enrolled in and actively pursuing completion of an Illinois approved pre-licensure physician assistant education program and practicing under the auspices of the program. 225 ILCS 95/5(3).
- **Physician assistant recent graduates** - not yet licensed are authorized to provide care as long as the graduate completed an Illinois approved physician assistant education program. The graduate is only authorized to provide care under the supervision of a licensed physician assistant
- More detailed guidance on physician assistant students and graduates can be found [here](#).



Can a healthcare professional with a lapsed IL license assist with vaccinating?

- Former IL Licensed Practical Nurse, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant and Respiratory Care Practitioner in good standing and active as recent as January 1, 2016 may apply for a temporary permit.
- Former IL licensed physicians and surgeons whose license was Active or Inactive on July 31, 2017 or in Not Renewed status after July 31, 2017 can apply for a temporary IL permit.

Will there be temporary permits issued for out-of-state providers?

Physicians (MD), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), Registered Nurses (RN), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN), Physician Assistants (PA), Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP), Pharmacists (PH), Dietitian Nutritionists (DN), Clinical Professional Counselors (LCPC), Professional Counselors (LPC), Clinical Psychologists (CP), Physical Therapists (PT), Physical Therapist Assistants (PTA), Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), Social Workers (LSW), Occupational Therapists (OT), & Occupational Therapist Assistants (OTA) - may use this [form](#) to apply for a Temporary Practice Permit, which will be valid through May 31, 2021.



How do local health departments confirm a health care provider has a valid IL license?

IDFPR's license look-up:

<https://ilesonline.idfpr.illinois.gov/DFPR/Lookup/LicenseLookup.aspx>

Out of State healthcare professionals with an IL Temporary COVID permit:

<https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp> (first link under the FAQs)



Thank You

Questions regarding scope
of practice can be sent to:

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