

PHARMACISTS' SCOPE OF PRACTICE DURING COVID-19

Prescribing and continuity of care

The following table shows what pharmacists are authorized to do across Canada to provide continuity of care and key pharmacy services to patients during the COVID-19 outbreak. For further information about pharmacists' scope of practice in each jurisdiction, please refer to:

www.pharmacists.ca/scope

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NT	NU
Renew/extend Rx for continuity of care	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Change drug dosage, formulation, regimen, etc.	✓	✓	✓ ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Provide therapeutic substitution	✓	✓	✓ ¹	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Assess/prescribe for minor ailments/conditions	✗	✓	✓	✓ ²	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Prescribe in an emergency	✓ ³	✓	✓ ³	✓ ⁴	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ³	✗	✗	✗
Administer vaccines ⁵	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗

P Pending

1. Applies only to pharmacists working under collaborative practice agreements.
2. Applies only to pharmacists with additional training, certification and/or authorization through their regulatory body.
3. Applies only to existing prescriptions, i.e., to provide continuity of care.
4. Pursuant to a Ministerial Order during a public health emergency.
5. Authority may not be inclusive of all vaccines. Please refer to the respective regulations in each jurisdiction.

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