

# INJECTION AUTHORITY AND VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN PHARMACIES ACROSS CANADA

 Authority  
  Temporary authority under an emergency order  
  Vaccines  
  Drugs and vaccines  
  No authority

	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PE	NL	YT	NWT	NU
<b>Pharmacist Injection Authority and Prescribing</b>													
Scope of injection authority <sup>1</sup>													
Pharmacists authorized to prescribe vaccines <sup>2</sup>													
<b>Pharmacist Administration of Vaccines<sup>3,4</sup></b>													
Influenza													
COVID-19													
Pneumococcal													
Meningococcal													
Haemophilus influenza B													
Hepatitis A													
Hepatitis B													
Measles, mumps, rubella													
Diphtheria, tetanus (with/without pertussis)													
Varicella zoster (chickenpox)													
Herpes zoster (shingles)													
Human papillomavirus													
Polio													
<b>Pharmacy Student Injection Authority<sup>3,5</sup></b>													
Influenza													
COVID-19													
Other drugs/vaccines <sup>6</sup>													
<b>Pharmacy Technician Injection Authority<sup>3,5,7</sup></b>													
Influenza													
COVID-19													
Other drugs/vaccines <sup>6</sup>													
<b>Minimum Patient Age</b>													
Minimum patient age	≥2 years intranasal ≥4 years injectable	≥5 years	≥5 years	≥5 years influenza, COVID-19 ≥7 years all other injectable	≥2 years influenza ≥5 years all other injectable <sup>K</sup>	≥2 years influenza or travel-related vaccines ≥6 years all other injectable <sup>L</sup>	≥2 years	≥6 months influenza, COVID-19 ≥2 years all other injectable	≥2 years intranasal influenza ≥5 years influenza, rabies (pre-exposure), traveller's diarrhea, or other drugs ≥12 years COVID-19 ≥18 years other vaccines	≥2 years inhalation ≥5 years all other injectable	≥5 years		

**General:**

\* Pharmacists may access and administer publicly-funded vaccine; note that for each infectious disease, the individual vaccine product(s) included in public programs through pharmacies may vary by jurisdiction. (Otherwise, patients requiring these vaccines can access the publicly-funded supply through physicians or public health clinics at no charge or can pay the cost of privately acquired product through the pharmacy, except in QC where an eligible patient must obtain a publicly-funded vaccine.) Patient eligibility may vary by jurisdiction.

\$ Remuneration is provided by P/T government for publicly-funded vaccine administration or assessment/prescribing of vaccine. Patient eligibility may vary by jurisdiction.

- Authority excludes injectable cosmetic treatments (except in AB)
- Prescribing authority is subject to additional training and/or regulatory requirements. Regulations vary by jurisdiction.
- Injection training, CPR, and application to regulatory authority required, along with other training depending on jurisdiction.
- This is not a comprehensive list of all vaccines pharmacists may administer by injection.
- Under supervision of a pharmacist with injection authority.
- Scope of injection authority varies by jurisdiction.
- Authority is limited to the technical functions of drug/vaccine administration.

**Jurisdictional:**

A. May administer other drugs for patient education/demonstration and in an emergency.

B. No prescription required for most vaccines, incl. influenza, COVID-19, and any vaccine part of a routine immunization program.

C. Pharmacists with Additional Prescribing Authority may prescribe vaccines.

D. Pharmacists may prescribe for a list of preventable and/or travel related diseases approved by the provincial regulator.

E. Prescribing for certain travel-related diseases (SK, NB) or providing comprehensive travel health services (NS) requires additional training in travel medicine.

F. Five vaccines can be administered without a prescription only if the patient is eligible for the publicly funded vaccine (HPV, Tdap, diphtheria, tetanus, pneumococcal and influenza).

G. Influenza, herpes zoster and COVID-19 are the only vaccines that can be administered without a prescription.

H. No prescription required for any vaccine under the provincial immunization program.

I. Pneumococcal authority in MB only includes polysaccharide-containing vaccines.

J. For travel indications.

K. No age limit for COVID-19 vaccine if engaged by an organization in agreement with the Minister of Health.

L. Under emergency order, there are no age restrictions for the administration of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.