

# AT A GLANCE: Changes to Injection Authority

The Ministry of Health has approved changes to Ontario Regulation 256/24 under the Pharmacy Act, 1991 that impact pharmacy professionals' scope of practice. The table below helps pharmacy professionals understand upcoming changes to injection authority and new CPR and first aid certification requirements.

REGISTRANT TYPE	CURRENT ENVIRONMENT	AS OF JULY 1, 2026	AS OF MARCH 10, 2027
Pharmacists - Part A	Authorized to administer all <a href="#">Schedule 3 vaccines</a>  Must <a href="#">register injection training with the College</a> and keep CPR & first aid certification up to date	<b>NEW</b> Now authorized to administer three additional vaccines added to Schedule 3 – pertussis, tetanus and diphtheria  Must continue to <a href="#">register injection training with the College</a> and keep CPR & first aid certification up to date	Same as July 1, 2026, environment
Interns - Pharmacist	Authorized to administer all <a href="#">Schedule 3 vaccines</a>  Must <a href="#">register injection training with the College</a> and keep CPR & first aid certification up to date	<b>NEW</b> Now authorized to administer three additional vaccines added to Schedule 3 – pertussis, tetanus and diphtheria  Must continue to <a href="#">register injection training with the College</a> and keep CPR & first aid certification up to date	Same as July 1, 2026, environment
Pharmacy Technicians - Part A	Authorized to administer <b>certain</b> <a href="#">Schedule 3 vaccines</a> – coronavirus (COVID-19), influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)  Must <a href="#">register injection training with the College</a> . CPR & first aid certification is not required by the College as the <i>supervising</i> pharmacist or another healthcare professional must have this certification	<b>NEW</b> Now authorized to administer <b>all</b> Schedule 3 vaccines (including pertussis, tetanus and diphtheria)  <b>NEW</b> Now must have CPR & first aid certification to administer all Schedule 3 vaccines <b>except</b> for coronavirus (COVID-19), influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)  Must continue to <a href="#">register injection training with the College</a>	<b>NEW</b> Now must have CPR & first aid certification to administer <b>any</b> Schedule 3 vaccine (including coronavirus (COVID-19), influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines)
Intern Technicians	Not authorized to administer any vaccines	<b>NEW</b> Now authorized to administer <b>all</b> Schedule 3 vaccines (including pertussis, tetanus and diphtheria)  <b>NEW</b> Now must have CPR & first aid certification (and <a href="#">register injection training with the College</a> ) to administer <b>any</b> Schedule 3 vaccine	Same as July 1, 2026, environment

Students enrolled in an educational program to become a pharmacist or pharmacy technician can perform the injections for their respective roles in accordance with the [Supervision of Pharmacy Personnel Policy](#). Individuals practicing under [As of Right](#) rules have the same injection authority as pharmacists or pharmacy technicians.

**Availability of Services:** Providing these services is a choice, not a requirement. Each pharmacy professional practices with professional autonomy. To ensure safe patient care, Designated Managers must assess whether their pharmacy can provide this service while continuing to meet the [Standards of Operation for Pharmacies](#). Patients should speak to their pharmacist to find out what healthcare services they offer, how to access those services and whether they are right for their needs.