

Expanding Scope of Practice – Vaccines

Schedule 3 of Ontario Regulation 256/24 under the Pharmacy Act, 1991

As of July 1, 2026, pharmacists, interns, pharmacy technicians, and intern technicians can administer these vaccines to patients **5 years of age or older** unless otherwise indicated:

- Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG)
- Combined Typhoid and Hepatitis A
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) (can administer to patients **6 months of age or older**)
- Diphtheria **NEW** to Schedule 3 as of July 1, 2026
- Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis A and B combined
- Herpes Zoster
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- Influenza (can administer to patients **two years of age or older**)
- Japanese Encephalitis
- Meningococcal
- Pertussis **NEW** to Schedule 3 as of July 1, 2026
- Pneumococcal
- Rabies
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
- Tetanus **NEW** to Schedule 3 as of July 1, 2026
- Typhoid
- Varicella
- Yellow Fever

Injection and CPR & First Aid Training Requirements

Before administering vaccines by injection, you must:

- ✓ Complete a College-approved [injection training course](#)
- ✓ [Register your injection training](#) with the College
- ✓ Complete and maintain valid certification in [CPR and First Aid](#) at a level equivalent to St. John Ambulance or Canadian Red Cross Standard First Aid & CPR/AED Level C*

**Pharmacy technicians can continue to administer coronavirus (COVID-19), influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines without CPR and first aid certification until March 9, 2027. This allows pharmacy technicians to continue practicing their existing injection scope while they work to meet the new CPR and first aid requirements. View the [injection authority table](#) for more details.*

Supervision Requirements

- Pharmacy technicians and intern technicians administering vaccines must be supervised by a Part A pharmacist or other healthcare professional who also has CPR and first aid certification.
- In community pharmacies, pharmacy technicians and intern technicians must only practice under direct supervision of a Part A pharmacist (i.e., pharmacist is physically present), including while administering vaccines, as outlined in the [Supervision of Pharmacy Personnel Policy](#).

Administering Injections Expectations

- ✓ **Know Your Scope**
 - Pharmacy professionals can **only** administer vaccines listed in Schedule 3 of *Ontario Regulation 256/24 under the Pharmacy Act, 1991*. If it's not listed in Schedule 3, pharmacy professionals cannot administer the vaccine.
- ✓ **Complete a Therapeutic Check**
 - Before a vaccine is administered, the patient must be assessed by a **pharmacist** to determine the therapeutic appropriateness of the vaccine. A pharmacy technician cannot complete the therapeutic check.
- ✓ **Understand College Expectations**
 - Access, review and understand College expectations. The [Administering Injections Practice Topic](#) brings together information about administering injections in one location.

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.