

AT A GLANCE: Changes to Injection Authority

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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 & first aid certification requirements.

| REGISTRANT TYPE | CURRENT ENVIRONMENT | AS OF JULY 1, 2026 | AS OF MARCH 31, 2027 |
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| Pharmacists - Part A | <p>NEW Now authorized to administer three additional vaccines added to Schedule 3 – pertussis, tetanus and diphtheria</p> <p>Must register injection training with the College and keep CPR & first aid certification up to date</p> | <p>Must continue to register injection training with the College and keep CPR & first aid certification up to date</p> | <p>Same as July 1, 2026, environment</p> |
| Interns - Pharmacist | <p>NEW Now authorized to administer three additional vaccines added to Schedule 3 – pertussis, tetanus and diphtheria</p> <p>Must register injection training with the College and keep CPR & first aid certification up to date</p> | <p>Must continue to register injection training with the College and keep CPR & first aid certification up to date</p> | <p>Same as July 1, 2026, environment</p> |
| Pharmacy Technicians - Part A | <p>Authorized to administer certain Schedule 3 vaccines – coronavirus (COVID-19), influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)</p> <p>Must register injection training with the College</p> <p>Must be <i>supervised by</i> a pharmacist or another healthcare professional who has CPR & first aid certification</p> | <p>NEW Now authorized to administer all Schedule 3 vaccines</p> <p>Must continue to register injection training with the College</p> <p>Must continue to be <i>supervised by</i> a pharmacist or another healthcare professional who has CPR & first aid certification</p> | <p>NEW Now must have CPR & first aid certification to administer any Schedule 3 vaccine</p> <p>Must continue to register injection training with the College</p> <p>Must continue to be <i>supervised by</i> a pharmacist or another healthcare professional who has CPR & first aid certification</p> |
| Intern Technicians | <p>Not authorized to administer any vaccines</p> | <p>NEW Now authorized to administer all Schedule 3 vaccines</p> <p>NEW Now must register injection training with the College</p> <p>Must be <i>supervised by</i> a pharmacist or another healthcare professional who has CPR & first aid certification</p> | <p>NEW Now must have CPR & first aid certification to administer any Schedule 3 vaccine</p> <p>Must continue to register injection training with the College</p> <p>Must continue to be <i>supervised by</i> a pharmacist or another healthcare professional who has CPR & first aid certification</p> |

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.

Starting July 1, 2026, the administration of tetanus, pertussis, diphtheria, pneumococcal, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and herpes zoster (shingles) vaccines by pharmacy professionals will be publicly funded for eligible Ontarians. To learn how to access these publicly funded vaccines, pharmacies should contact the [Ministry of Health](#).

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 pharmacy team to find out what healthcare services they offer, how to access those services, and whether they are right for their needs.