

Kentucky Statewide Physician Protocol for COVID-19 Vaccines

Purpose

This statewide physician protocol, signed by a physician with the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services, specifies the criteria and procedures for eligible pharmacists to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth in accordance with [KRS 315.10\(22\)](#). *This signed protocol is intended for pharmacists who **do not** have a medical provider to issue a protocol.*

COVID-19 Vaccine Protocol	
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by the virus severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).Healthcare professionals, including pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians, have been authorized to administer the COVID-19 vaccine.
Vaccine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spikevax; SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccine, mRNA (Moderna)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Intramuscular Suspension: 25 mcg/0.25 mL; 50 mcg/0.5 mL</i>Comirnaty; SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccine, mRNA (Pfizer)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Intramuscular Suspension: 3 mcg/0.3 mL; 10 mcg/ 0.3 mL; 30 mcg/0.3 mL</i>Novavax (Nuvaxovid); COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Intramuscular Suspension: 5 mcg (plus 50 mcg adjuvant)/0.5 mL</i>
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Based on vaccine-specific Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) or Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Factsheet<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderna (Spikevax): Fully approved for ages 12 and older; emergency use authorization (EUA) for ages 6 months through 11 yearsPfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty): Fully approved for ages 12 and older; emergency use authorization (EUA) for ages 6 months through 11 yearsNovavax (Nuvaxovid): Fully approved for ages 65 and older, and those ages 12 through 64 who have at least one health condition that puts them at increased risk for a severe outcome from COVID
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pharmacy employees are trained on proper administration, storage, and handling of COVID-19 vaccinesPharmacy employees have reviewed manufacturer instructionsPharmacy employees should educate their patients about the vaccine using the respective Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) or Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Factsheet and/or COVID-19 Vaccination Training Programs and Reference Materials for Healthcare ProfessionalsAll pharmacists, pharmacist interns, and pharmacy technicians may administer COVID-19 vaccines to children age 5 and above under this protocol pursuant to meeting all requirements established by 201 KAR 2:420
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pharmacy employees must comply with recordkeeping and reporting requirements as required by the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy and the Kentucky Department of Public Health.Pharmacy employees should report the administration of each vaccination to the Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR) within 72 hours. For off-site administration, pharmacy employees must also document vaccine administration in their dispensing system within 24 hours of administration.

COVID-19 Vaccine Statewide Physician Protocol Signatures:

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