

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	- 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	- Spikevax; SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccine, mRNA (Moderna) <i>Intramuscular Suspension: 25 mcg/0.25 mL; 50 mcg/0.5 mL</i> - Comirnaty; SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccine, mRNA (Pfizer) <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 <i>Intramuscular Suspension: 5 mcg (plus 50 mcg adjuvant)/0.5 mL</i>
Eligibility	- Based on vaccine-specific Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) or Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Factsheet Moderna (Spikevax): Fully approved for ages 12 and older; emergency use authorization (EUA) for ages 6 months through 11 years Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty): Fully approved for ages 12 and older; emergency use authorization (EUA) for ages 6 months through 11 years Novavax (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	- Pharmacy employees are trained on proper administration, storage, and handling of COVID-19 vaccines - Pharmacy employees have reviewed manufacturer instructions - Pharmacy 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 Professionals - All 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	- 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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