

Executive Officer Notice: Administration of Publicly Funded COVID-19 Vaccines in Ontario Pharmacies – Eligibility

Effective April 1, 2021

Part A pharmacists, registered pharmacy students, interns and pharmacy technicians who are members of the Ontario College of Pharmacists (OCP) and who have completed the required injection training and in accordance with [OCP guidance](#) can administer publicly funded injectable COVID-19 vaccines to eligible Ontarians at participating pharmacies (see Pharmacy Eligibility below).

The purpose of this Executive Officer (EO) Notice (Administration of the Publicly Funded COVID-19 Vaccines in Ontario Pharmacies – **Eligibility**), the EO Notice: Administration of the Publicly Funded COVID-19 Vaccines in Ontario Pharmacies – **Billing**, and the accompanying Questions and Answers (Qs & As) documents, are to set out the terms and conditions for a participating pharmacy’s submission of claims for payment (claims) for administering injectable COVID-19 vaccines to eligible Ontarians. Each document is a ministry policy that pharmacy operators must comply with under section 3.2 of the Health Network System (HNS) Subscription Agreement for Pharmacy Operators.

The two (2) EO Notices and the accompanying Qs & As documents are **not** intended to describe a pharmacy operator’s obligations in respect of administering injectable COVID-19 vaccines under applicable legislation, other agreements with the Province of Ontario, or policies of the OCP. Pharmacy operators with questions about their legal obligations outside of the HNS Subscription Agreement should refer to the applicable legislation, other agreement, or OCP policy as appropriate.

This EO Notice (Administration of the Publicly Funded COVID-19 Vaccines in Ontario Pharmacies – **Eligibility**) replaces the previous EO notice on the same topic respecting the administration of publicly funded COVID-19 vaccines in Ontario pharmacies that was effective March 22, 2021.

Pharmacy eligibility

In order to be eligible to submit claims for administering a publicly funded COVID-19 vaccine, a pharmacy operator (also referred to in this document as a “participating pharmacy”) must be selected to participate by the ministry and meet the following requirements:

- Have a valid HNS Subscription Agreement with the ministry; and
- Have a valid agreement with the ministry respecting COVID-19 vaccine administration and the use of the Provincial COVID-19 vaccine solution (the “COVID-19 Vaccine Agreement”).
- Enrolled in the 2020-21 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP)

This eligibility criteria may be updated from time to time. Please refer to the [ministry website](#) for the most recent version of this notice.

Patient eligibility

- Effective April 1, 2021, the patients eligible for publicly funded pharmacy COVID-19 vaccine administration are those aged 55 years and older¹ at the time of vaccination or any time in 2021.

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Prior EO Notices

- Executive Officer Notice: Administration of Publicly Funded COVID-19 vaccines in Ontario Pharmacies, effective March 10, 2021.
- Executive Officer Notice: Administration of Publicly Funded COVID-19 vaccines in Ontario Pharmacies – Eligibility, effective March 22, 2021.

Additional Information:

For pharmacy billing:

Please call ODB Pharmacy Help Desk at: 1-800-668-6641

¹ This eligibility criteria is aligned with the NACI [guidelines](#) and Ontario's Ethical Framework.

For COVID-19 vaccine rollout in pharmacy:

Please email the ministry at: OPDPInfoBox@ontario.ca

For Ministry COVID-19 Vaccine-Relevant Information and Planning Resources

Please access this [website](#)

For all other Health Care Providers and the Public:

Please call ServiceOntario, Infoline at 1-866-532-3161 TTY 1-800-387-5559. In Toronto, TTY 416-327-4282.