

**Licensees Authorized to Administer Vaccines in California + Potential Vaccinators\***

Licensee	Authorizing Statutes & Regulations	Conditions for Immunizing
Physician and surgeon	<a href="http://www.mbc.ca.gov">www.mbc.ca.gov</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May independently initiate</li> </ul>
Nurse Practitioner	<a href="https://www.rn.ca.gov/pdfs/regulations/bp2834-r.pdf">https://www.rn.ca.gov/pdfs/regulations/bp2834-r.pdf</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under standardized procedures or protocols developed by the nurse practitioner and the supervising physician.</li> </ul>
Physician Assistant	<a href="https://www.pab.ca.gov/">https://www.pab.ca.gov/</a> <a href="https://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Physicians_and_Surgeons/Physician_Assistants.aspx">https://www.mbc.ca.gov/Licensees/Physicians_and_Surgeons/Physician_Assistants.aspx</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When immunization is delegated in writing by a supervising physician, who is available in person or by electronic communication.</li> </ul>
Registered Nurse, Licensed Vocational Nurse	<a href="https://www.rn.ca.gov/">https://www.rn.ca.gov/</a> <a href="https://www.rn.ca.gov/pdfs/regulations/npr-i-15.pdf">https://www.rn.ca.gov/pdfs/regulations/npr-i-15.pdf</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under supervision, or</li> <li>• Independently, using standard procedures or protocols signed by a licensed prescribing physician or nurse practitioner</li> </ul>
Nursing Student	16 California Code of Regulation (CCR) 1426.1(b)(4)(B)(2).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preceptor must be present and available on the patient care unit the entire time the student is rendering nursing services.</li> </ul>
Medical Assistant	Business and Professions Code (BPC) § <a href="#">2069</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under written order by physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or Certified Nurse Midwife</li> <li>• Supervisor must be onsite</li> </ul>
Pharmacist	BPC § <a href="#">4052(a)(11)</a> BPC § <a href="#">4052.8(a)</a> 16 CCR § <a href="#">1746.4</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May independently initiate and administer ACIP vaccines to persons age at least 3 years</li> <li>• May administer immunizations to all ages pursuant to a protocol with a prescriber</li> </ul>
Pharmacy Technicians	Federal HHS Guidance (supersedes state law) <a href="https://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/prepact/Documents/pharmacist-guidance-COVID19-vaccines-immunity.pdf">https://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/prepact/Documents/pharmacist-guidance-COVID19-vaccines-immunity.pdf</a> Executive Order N-39-20 <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-">https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidance from Federal HHS authorized pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines and explicitly supersedes any state law to the contrary</li> <li>• Director of DCA has authority to amend the scope of practice for pharmacy technicians</li> <li>• Board of Pharmacy has submitted a waiver for pharmacy technicians to</li> </ul>

	<a href="#">content/uploads/2020/03/3.30.20-EO-N-39-20.pdf</a>	administer COVID-19 vaccines ordered by a supervising pharmacist to persons age 3 years+
Dentists	DCA Order Waiving Restrictions on Dentists Relating to Ordering and Administering COVID-19 Vaccines <a href="https://www.dca.ca.gov/licensees/dca_20_104.pdf">https://www.dca.ca.gov/licensees/dca_20_104.pdf</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May independently prescribe and administer COVID-19 vaccines to persons age 16 years and older</li> <li>• Must complete immunization training programs through the CDC</li> <li>• Comply with federal and state recordkeeping and reporting requirements</li> <li>• Vaccine is administered in accordance with any applicable FDA emergency use authorization</li> </ul>
Optometrists	BPC <a href="#">§ 3041(g)(1)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must complete immunization training program</li> <li>• Currently only authorized to administer influenza, herpes zoster virus, and pneumococcus vaccines</li> </ul>
Podiatrists	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BPC § 2472 would require a legislative change to authorize vaccine administration</li> </ul>
Students (medical or pharmacy)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varies by license type, student status, supervision requirements, and school</li> </ul>

*\*Provider scope of practice issues are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer Affairs. CDPH does not license these professions. CDPH defers to DCA for comprehensive, authoritative legal review of provider authority to administer vaccines.*