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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued new guidance on March 12, 2021 to expand the pool of qualified professionals able to serve as COVID-19 vaccinators.

Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act), additional qualified vaccine providers will now include Podiatric Physicians.

To become a COVID-19 vaccine provider, your practice or organization must be enrolled in the Florida State Health Online Tracking System (Florida SHOTS) and the Vaccines for Children/Adults Program (VFC/VFA).

For additional information on the process, enrollment instructions, and upcoming training dates, please reference the information provided below.

Providers Authorized to Administer the COVID-19 Vaccine

The list below contains health care professions whose governing practice act or federal guidance authorizes the administration of vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines.

Profession	Legal Authority
Medical Doctors (includes all license types)	Section 458.305(3), Florida Statutes
Osteopathic Physicians (includes all license types)	Section 459.003(3), Florida Statutes
Physician Assistants	Section 459.022(4)(e), Florida Statutes Section 458.347(4)(e), Florida Statutes
Registered Nurses	Section 464.003(19), Florida Statutes
Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	Section 464.003(2), Florida Statutes
Licensed Practical Nurses	Section 464.003(18), Florida Statutes
Certified Nursing Assistants with Registered Nurse Delegation	Section 464.201(5), Florida Statutes
Paramedics	Section 401.272(2)(b), Florida Statutes
Pharmacists	Section 465.189, Florida Statutes, and Health and Human Services Guidance Memorandum Dated 9/9/2020
Registered Pharmacy Interns	Section 465.189, Florida Statutes, and Health and Human Services Guidance Memorandum Dated 9/9/2020
Registered Pharmacy Technicians	Health and Human Services Guidance Memorandum Dated 10/21/2020
Emergency Medical Technicians	Emergency Rule 64JER21-1 and Health and Human Services Guidance Memorandum Dated 3/12/2021
Dentists Licensed Midwives Optometrists Paramedics Physician Assistants Podiatric Physicians Respiratory Therapists Veterinarians	<u>Health and Human Services Guidance Memorandum Dated 3/12/2021</u>

More information about the PREP Act and requirements to administer the COVID-19 vaccine for health care practitioners authorized under this guidance can be found at [PHE.gov](https://www.phe.gov). Some of the requirements include:

- Documentation of completion of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 Vaccine Training Modules,

- Documentation of an observation period by a currently practicing health care professional experienced in administering intramuscular injections, and
- Current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

COVID-19 Vaccine Reporting Requirements

Florida Department of Health, Emergency Rule [64DER21-4](#), Florida Administrative Code, requires all enrolled COVID-19 vaccine providers to report vaccination data in [Florida SHOTS](#) within **24 hours** of administration. This emergency rule follows Emergency Rule 64DER20-43, Florida Administrative Code, which expired March 14, 2021. The following data elements are required when reporting:

(1) Administered at location: facility name/ID	(12) MVX (manufacturer)
(2) Administered at location: type	(13) Recipient address
(3) Administration address (including county)	(14) Recipient date of birth
(4) Administration date	(15) Recipient name
(5) CVX (Product)	(16) Recipient sex
(6) Dose number	(17) Sending organization
(7) IIS recipient ID	(18) Vaccine administering provider suffix
(8) Recipient race	(19) Vaccine administering site (on the body)
(9) Recipient ethnicity	(20) Vaccine expiration date
(10) IIS vaccination event ID	(21) Vaccine route of administration
(11) Lot number: unit of use and/or unit of sale	(22) Vaccination series complete

How Can I Become a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider?

To become a COVID-19 vaccine provider, your practice or organization must be enrolled in the Florida State Health Online Tracking System (Florida SHOTS) and the Vaccines for Children/Adults Program (VFC/VFA). For questions or additional information, please contact the COVID-19 Vaccine Enrollment Desk at 833-701-1397, or email CovidVaccineProgram@flhealth.gov.

Click the following link to view the flyer with enrollment instructions: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/COVID-19VaccineInfo/documents/covid-vaccine-provider-flowchart.pdf>

Florida SHOTS has a number of **trainings available** to help providers. These trainings can be accessed by visiting <http://flshotsusers.com/>.

Florida COVID-19 Vaccine Weekly Pre-Book Request Opens

The Florida COVID-19 vaccine weekly pre-book request is now open in Florida SHOTS. Weekly pre-book requests allow COVID-19 vaccine enrolled providers to share their ability and desire to receive COVID-19 vaccines. **Requests do not guarantee an allocation will be made.** This information will be used to assist leadership with planning activities throughout the state.

For more detailed information, please click [here](#).

Helpful Resources

Health care provider COVID-19 notifications -

www.flhealthsource.gov/covid19

Florida Department of Health Immunization Section COVID-19 vaccine web page -

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/COVID-19VaccineInfo/index.html>

Florida Department of Health COVID-19 web page -

www.floridahealthcovid19.gov