



Virginia Health Care Providers Eligible to Administer COVID-19 Vaccine in the Commonwealth

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The following Virginia healthcare providers are authorized to administer COVID-19 vaccine in the Commonwealth in some capacity and are provided liability protection as set forth by Chapter 1 of the 2021 Acts of Assembly ([House Bill 2333](#)), [Executive Order 60](#), and the federal amended [PREP Act](#). Please note that this list **does not include healthcare providers that are federal employees or those with an out-of-state license or certification**, who may also be authorized to vaccinate under certain circumstances. Please refer to the federal [PREP Act](#) and Governor Northam’s [Executive Order 57](#) for more information on federal employees and out-of-state licensees.

Providers Eligible to Vaccinate (active license/certification/registration required unless otherwise noted)	Pathway to Vaccinate	
	Vaccinate through VDH (i.e. as employee, contractor, or volunteer)?	Vaccinate through non-VDH Vaccine Provider (i.e. private practice, pharmacy, free clinic, etc.)?
MD, DO	Yes*	Yes; in addition to active licensees, those with a license that has expired in the past 5 years may vaccinate for <u>certain providers</u> pursuant to the federal PREP Act
Physician Assistant	Yes*	Yes
Registered Nurse	Yes*	Yes; in addition to active licensees, those with a license that has expired in the past 5 years may vaccinate for <u>certain providers</u> pursuant to the federal PREP Act
Nurse Practitioner	Yes*	Yes; in addition to active licensees, those with a license that has expired in the past 5 years may vaccinate for <u>certain providers</u> pursuant to the federal PREP Act
Licensed Practical Nurse	Yes; must be supervised by RN*	Yes; must be supervised by RN
Pharmacist	Yes*	Yes
Dentist	Yes*	No; must register with VDH to vaccinate only through VDH, LHD, or hospital community clinic
Dental Hygienist	Yes*	No; must register with VDH to vaccinate only through VDH, LHD, or hospital community clinic
Veterinarian	Yes*	No; must register with VDH to vaccinate only through VDH, LHD, or hospital community clinic

Optometrist	Yes*	No; must register with VDH to vaccinate only through VDH, LHD, or hospital community clinic
Athletic Trainer	Yes*	No; must register with VDH to vaccinate only through VDH, LHD, or hospital community clinic
Physical Therapist	Yes*	No; must register with VDH to vaccinate only through VDH, LHD, or hospital community clinic
Respiratory Therapist	Yes*	No; must register with VDH to vaccinate only through VDH, LHD, or hospital community clinic
Radiation Technologist	Yes*	No; must register with VDH to vaccinate only through VDH, LHD, or hospital community clinic
Emergency Medical Services Provider	Yes*	Only as outlined in 2021 Va. Acts ch. 1 (HB 2333)

*Pursuant to 2021 Va. Acts ch. 1 ([HB 2333](#)), these healthcare providers may vaccinate for VDH as set forth above if they have either an active license or a license that was in good standing within 20 years immediately prior to lapsing.

Pursuant to 2021 Va. Acts ch. 1 ([HB 2333](#)), eligible healthcare providers may only administer vaccines for VDH after having complied with VDH training requirements. If a non-traditional vaccinator, on-site oversight from health care providers whose scope of practice includes vaccine administration is also required.

Pharmacy Intern	Yes; must be registered and supervised by pharmacist	Yes; must be registered and supervised by pharmacist
Pharmacy Technician	Yes; must be registered and supervised by pharmacist	Yes; must be registered and supervised by pharmacist
VA Students of Health Professions listed above (in good academic standing)	Yes. School must certify that students have been properly trained in vaccination administration.	No; may only vaccinate through VDH, LHD, or hospital community clinic

How to Register as a Volunteer Vaccinator

Interested volunteers may now register with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) through either the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) or the new COVID-19 Emergency Vaccination Volunteer Program. Eligible vaccinators may also partner with a non-VDH Vaccine Provider (private practice, pharmacy, free clinic, etc.) directly and should contact organizations in their region to identify if there is a need.

> [VDH Medical Reserve Corps](#): Healthcare providers with an interest in volunteering as vaccinators for VDH may [submit an application](#) through the Virginia Volunteer Health System (VVHS).

> VDH COVID-19 Emergency Vaccination Volunteer Program: Pursuant to House Bill 2333, VDH is required to establish an emergency volunteer program as a resource for additional volunteer vaccinators. This program is in development, and additional details are forthcoming.

Training may vary depending on the healthcare provider and program for which they are volunteering. Additional details are forthcoming, but VDH's published [Volunteer Vaccinator Training Information](#) represents a solid foundation for any volunteer vaccinator.

The information in this document does not constitute legal advice and is for informational purposes only. All licensed/registered/certified practitioners and providers of the vaccine at free clinics, pharmacies, private practices, or other locations must ensure that they or anyone who administers the vaccine at their site is authorized by law to do so.