

# Authority to Provide Childhood Immunizations

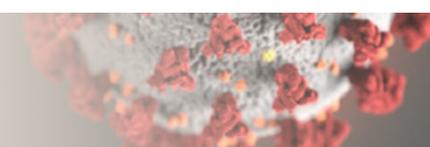
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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) expanded [childhood](#) vaccination authority under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act for pharmacists, [pharmacy technicians, and student pharmacists](#) and interns. To optimize these opportunities and increase access for the communities you serve, it is important to know what is expected and prepare for your expanded role as an immunizer.

Note: HHS released an [amendment](#) to the PREP Act on December 3, 2020, that modifies and clarifies the pharmacist training and CPR requirements. For more information, view the [Continuing Pharmacy Education Provider e-Update](#) from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The table below reflects these requirements as amended.

	Pharmacists	Pharmacy Technicians	Student Pharmacists/Interns
<b>Licensure Requirements</b>	Active state license	Licensed or registered per state requirements; must have Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) certification from the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) or National Healthcareer Association (NHA) if no state requirements	Licensed or registered per state board of pharmacy
<b>Authority</b>	Order and administer	Administer	Administer
<b>Supervision Requirements</b>	None	As required by state	
<b>Age Requirements</b>	3-18 years old; may provide vaccines to individuals aged 2 years or younger to the extent authorized under state law.		

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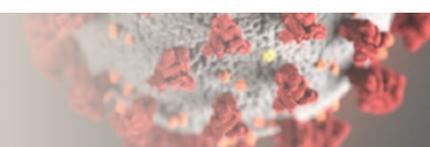
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<b>Vaccine Requirements</b>	FDA-authorized or FDA-licensed/ACIP-recommended vaccines		
<b>ACIP Guidelines/Recommendations</b>	<a href="#">Standard Immunization Schedules</a>		
<b>Training Requirements</b>	<p>Must complete the immunization training requirement in their state. If the licensing state does not specify training, an ACPE-approved practical training program of at least 20 hours is required and should include hands-on injection technique, clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of vaccines, and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines. APhA's <a href="#">Certificate Training Program for Pharmacy-based Immunization Delivery</a> meets this requirement.</p>	<p>Must complete an ACPE-approved practical training program that includes hands-on injection technique, clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of vaccines, and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines.</p>	
<b>Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Requirement</b>	<p>Must have a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). An <a href="#">online basic CPR certification program</a> accredited by ACPE, the American Nurses Credentialing Center, or the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education satisfies this requirement.</p>		
<b>CPE Requirement</b>	<p>Must complete a minimum of 2 hours of ACPE-approved, immunization-related continuing pharmacy education during each state licensing period. <b>Resources:</b> <a href="#">Access APhA's Education Library for Immunization CPE.</a></p>		

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<b>Recordkeeping Requirements</b>	Must comply with recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the jurisdiction in which he or she administers vaccines, including informing the patient's primary care provider when available, reporting adverse events and submitting the required immunization information to the state or local immunization information system (vaccine registry).		
<b>Well-Child Visit Requirement</b>	Must inform the patient and the adult caregiver accompanying the patient of the importance of a well-child visit with a pediatrician or other licensed primary care provider and refer patients as appropriate. Refer to the <a href="#">Well-Child Visit Brochure</a> , <a href="#">Template Referral Form Well-Child Visit</a> , and <a href="#">Well-Child Checkup Letter</a> designed for pharmacy teams.		

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