



## CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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### DRUG CONTROL DIVISION

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The Department of Consumer Protection is aware of the federal [Department of Health and Human](#) services declaration that permits registered pharmacy interns and registered pharmacy technicians to administer vaccinations that are FDA authorized or FDA licensed, under the supervision of a qualified pharmacist, to children ages 3 and above subject to the satisfaction of the requirements listed below.

- The vaccination must be ordered by the supervising qualified pharmacist or medical practitioner.
- The supervising qualified pharmacist must be readily and immediately available to the immunizing qualified pharmacy technicians.
- The vaccine must be FDA-authorized or FDA-licensed.
- In the case of a COVID-19 vaccine, the vaccination must be ordered and administered according to ACIP's COVID-19 vaccine recommendation(s).
- In the case of a childhood vaccine, the vaccination must be ordered and administered according to ACIP's standard immunization schedule.
- The qualified pharmacy technician or State-authorized pharmacy intern must complete a practical training program that is approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). This training program must include **hands-on** injection technique and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines.
- The qualified pharmacy technician or State-authorized pharmacy intern must have a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- The qualified pharmacy technician must complete a minimum of two hours of ACPE approved, immunization-related continuing pharmacy education during the relevant State licensing period(s).
- The supervising qualified pharmacist 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 and submitting the required immunization information to the state or local immunization information system (vaccine registry) in accordance with Executive Order 9Q.

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- The supervising qualified pharmacist is responsible for complying with requirements related to reporting adverse events.
- The supervising qualified pharmacist must review the vaccine registry or other vaccination records prior to ordering the vaccination to be administered by the qualified pharmacy technician or State-authorized pharmacy intern.
- The qualified pharmacy technician and State-authorized pharmacy intern must, if the patient is 18 years of age or younger, 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.
- The supervising qualified pharmacist must comply with any applicable requirements (or conditions of use) as set forth in the CDC's COVID-19 vaccination provider agreement and any other federal requirements that apply to the administration of COVID-19 vaccine(s).

Connecticut will abide by the declaration and will not enforce state laws preempted by it. The administration is dedicated to ensuring as many individuals, including children as possible receive vaccinations including and any scheduled vaccine whose administration was delayed by COVID-19 and the disruptions to well-care visits as well as any COVID-19 vaccination available. The administration also recognizes the value of vaccinations that occur as part of the well-care visits and fully supports that activity. Ultimately, the individual seeking to be vaccinated and their parent or guardian should consider all of their options and speak with their primary care practitioner prior to making any decisions about their care.