

Education recommendations for COVID-19 Immunizers as per respective regulatory college scope of practices and [Provincial Health Officer Orders](#)

Refer to the [BC Immunization Manual](#) for best practice guidelines to direct the provision of immunization services, with a particular focus on [Part 3 - Management of Anaphylaxis in a Non-Hospital Setting](#) and the COVID-19 vaccine specific resources contained in [Part 4 - Biological Products](#):

- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Screening Checklist](#)
- HealthLinkBC File #124a and #124b
- [COVID-19 Vaccine After Care Sheet](#)

Education Recommendations																		
	Nurse (RN, RPN, LPN) ^{1, 2, 3}	Physician, Nurse Practitioner ¹	Pharmacist, Naturopathic Physician (if vaccine certified) ^{1, 4}	Dentist, Podiatrist	Retired Nurse (RN/RPN/LPN/NP)	Retired Midwife	Retired Physician	Nursing student (RN/RPN/LPN/NP) ⁵	Midwife, Midwifery student	Medical student (UGME) ⁵	Pharmacy student (if vaccine certified) ⁵	Dental Hygienist, Dental Therapist	Anesthesia Assistant	Medical Laboratory Technologist / Assistant	Pharmacy Technician	Paramedic (Critical, Advanced & Primary Care)	EMA, EMA First Responder (Firefighter)	International Medical Graduate
BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Competency Course for Non-Nursing Professionals (LearningHub course #25286)				✓		✓			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Competency Course for Nurses (RNs, RPNs, LPNs) (LearningHub course #24913)	✓				✓			✓										
BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Webinars (LearningHub course #24764)		✓	✓				✓			✓	✓							
In-person education and clinical lab training to perform intramuscular injections as per the BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Skills Checklist					✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Anaphylaxis Initial Emergency Treatment by Nurses (Adult & Pediatric) (LearningHub course #19708)							✓			✓								

- It is required that all those involved in immunization activities have their competencies reviewed using the [BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Skills Checklist](#) by the immunization employer, with the exception of Physicians, NPs, and those who have previously completed the BCCDC Immunization Competency Course and BCCDC Immunization Skills Checklist.
- All professionals with authorization to perform an immunization activity under the PHO Order on a child 12-17 years of age must complete the [BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization for Older Children and Adolescents](#) course (LearningHub course #26082)
- All professionals with authorization to perform an immunization activity under the PHO Order on a child 5-11 years of age must complete the [BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization for Children 5-11 Years of Age](#) course (LearningHub course #27185)
- All professionals handling dry ice as part of their immunization role must take the [Dry Ice Handling Safety Training Course](#) (LearningHub course #24530).

¹ Regulated health professionals with authorization to perform the activities independently AND immunize without a PHO Order.

² Although additional education is not required for Nurses administering immunizations with a Physician/Nurse Practitioner order, completion of the recommended education is strongly encouraged.

³ Those who have completed the [BCCDC Immunization Competency Course](#) are recommended to complete the BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Webinars, and are not required to complete the BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Competency Course for Nurses.

⁴ Pharmacists and Naturopathic Physicians who are not vaccine certified by the College of Pharmacists of BC / College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC are required to take the [BCCDC Immunization Competency Course](#) and be certified before providing immunizations.

⁵ All students must have completed the requisite foundational knowledge obtained in their educational program related to intramuscular injections, immunization basics and medication principles to participate in the mass vaccination clinics.