

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/Verity Pharmaceuticals COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Screening Checklist](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines HealthLinkBC File #124](#)
- [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 ⁵	Medical student (UGME) ⁵	Pharmacy student (if vaccine certified) ⁵	Dental Hygienist, Dental Therapist	Anesthesia Assistant	Medical Laboratory Technologist / Assistant	Pharmacy Technician (vaccine preparation only)	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 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 educational resources listed below are 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.