



## The Colorado Pharmacists Society Position on Vaccine Administration by Pharmacists

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The Colorado Pharmacists Society (CPS) is a professional association representing pharmacists, interns, and technicians in Colorado. Pharmacy professionals in Colorado stand ready and committed, alongside public health efforts, physicians, nurses, and other healthcare providers to assist and optimize COVID-19 vaccination efforts. We applaud the efforts of the State and the massive effort underway to vaccinate as many citizens as efficiently as possible. As always, we remain consistent in caring for patients, and supplementing and bridging gaps in care delivery.

Vaccination in pharmacies is already a commonplace activity and pharmacies routinely serve this public health need. The COVID-19 vaccination planning entities have highlighted pharmacies' crucial role in the success of the effort, both federally and at the State level since the inception of the pandemic. To protect and vaccinate all Coloradans as soon as possible, pharmacies will continue to be a trusted and maximized partner.

Pharmacists in health-systems and hospitals, as well as community independent and retail chain pharmacies have and will continue to provide full COVID-19 vaccination services. There are over 8,000 pharmacists licensed in CO, the vast majority of which are immunizers. Colorado has almost 1000 registered pharmacies, and 90% of all Americans live within 5 miles of a community-based pharmacy. Furthermore, CPS has recruited volunteer pharmacy professionals to aid in the effort wherever needed by the State.

Pharmacists are Doctorate level trained health care providers, and have undergone additional training to become certified immunizers. To supplement efforts to broadly vaccinate Coloradans, further regulation was passed in November 2020 that allowed qualified pharmacist technicians to also administer vaccines. This was a massive effort by the profession in effort to ramp up and stand prepared to vaccinate all communities for COVID-19.

CPS continues to appreciate the trust and support that the public and other professionals have in pharmacists, pharmacy interns and technicians, as we work together to end the COVID-19 pandemic.

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