

WISCONSIN COVID-19 VACCINE STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER

FAQS FOR PHARMACY TEAMS



Where can I find the Wisconsin Statewide Standing Order for COVID-19 Vaccination?

The standing order can be accessed [here](#).

When is the Statewide Standing Order for COVID-19 Vaccination valid?

The standing order is valid from September 16, 2025, until September 11, 2026, unless it is revoked by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) prior to that date.

Do I need to inform DHS that I am using the Statewide Standing Order for COVID-19 Vaccination?

No.

Which members of the pharmacy team can order and administer vaccines under the Statewide Standing Order for COVID-19 Vaccination?

Pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians who are licensed/registered (as required) in good standing and meet their scope of practice-defined training requirements may order and administer COVID-19 vaccines under the standing order. Pharmacy interns and technicians must be under the supervision of a licensed and vaccine-trained pharmacist.

By law, pharmacy interns are defined as individuals who are completing the required internship hours for licensure.

What are the training requirements?

Pharmacists and pharmacy interns: 12 hours of ACPE-accredited training in vaccine storage, protocols, administration techniques, emergency procedures, and record-keeping. See [Wis. Stat. 450.035](#) for more information.

Pharmacy technicians: 2 hours of ACPE-accredited training in vaccine administration technique and emergency reaction recognition and treatment. Pharmacy technicians must also be certified in BLS or CPR and be certified by PTCB or NHA. See [Wis. Stat. 450.035](#) for more information.

Which vaccines may be ordered and administered under the Statewide Standing Order for COVID-19 Vaccination?

Pfizer-BioNTech COMIRNATY (mRNA, 2025-26 formulation)
Moderna SPIKEVAX (mRNA, 2025-26 formulation)
Moderna mNEXSPIKE (mRNA, 2025-26 formulation)
Novavax NUVAXOVID (protein subunit, 2025-26 formulation)

Which patients can receive a vaccine under the Statewide Standing Order for COVID-19 Vaccination?

Pharmacy vaccinators may administer an age-appropriate vaccine to any patient aged 6 years and older. Patients do not need to have an underlying medical condition or be immunocompromised to receive a COVID-19 vaccine under the standing order.

Vaccination may proceed for any patient aged 6 years or older when, in the judgment of the vaccinating clinician, the benefits outweigh the risks.

Doesn't the standing order say patients aged 6 months and older can be vaccinated?

The standing order allows eligible vaccinators to vaccinate patients 6 months and older within the scope of their practice. Pharmacy professionals' scope of practice in Wisconsin allows for vaccination of patients 6 years and older with a standing order.

Patients under the age of 6 years must have a valid prescription order to be vaccinated by a pharmacist. Standing orders are not allowed for patients under age 6 when being vaccinated by a pharmacist.

A pharmacist may administer a vaccine to a patient under the age of 6 years if the following conditions are met:

- The pharmacist has completed vaccination training that includes training in the administration of vaccines to patients under the age of 6.
- The patient has a valid prescription order issued within the previous 29 days.

Pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians are not permitted to administer a vaccine to a patient under the age of 6 years, per Wisconsin law.

Doesn't the PREP Act allow me to administer COVID-19 vaccines to patients 3 years and older?

The PREP Act allowance for pharmacy professionals to administer COVID-19 vaccines to patients aged 3 and older does not apply to the 2025-26 formulation of the COVID-19 vaccine. The PREP Act only applies to vaccines recommended by ACIP, which has not yet recommended the 2025-26 COVID-19 vaccine formulation for any age group.

Do pharmacy vaccinators need to follow each vaccine's FDA-approval criteria when utilizing the Statewide Standing Order for COVID-19 Vaccination?

No. Pharmacy vaccinators may vaccinate any patient, regardless of underlying condition status, who is at least 6 years of age with COMIRNATY or SPIKEVAX. Pharmacy vaccinators may provide mNEXSPIKE or NUVAXOVID to any patient aged 12 or older, regardless of underlying condition status.

Patients must be screened for contraindications and precautions, including (but not limited to) severe or immediate allergic reactions to previous COVID-19 vaccines, history of myocarditis or pericarditis, and history of MIS-C or MIS-A.

Can pharmacy vaccinators administer vaccines off-label under the Statewide Standing Order for COVID-19 Vaccination?

Yes. Patients without underlying conditions and pregnant individuals may receive the COVID-19 vaccine, as vaccination among these groups is supported by professional societies, such as the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and American Academy of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

Off-label use should follow the [AAFP immunization schedules](#) for patients aged 18-64 years and the [AAP immunization schedule](#) for patients aged 6-17 years. ACOG guidelines for pregnant and lactating individuals can be found [here](#).

Who issued the Statewide Standing Order for COVID-19 Vaccination? Who is the ordering provider when vaccinating under Statewide Standing Order for COVID-19 Vaccination?

The issuing provider is Dr. Ryan P. Westergaard, Chief Medical Officer and State Epidemiologist for Communicable Diseases. Dr. Westergaard's medical license is #55727.

The standing order authorizes pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy interns to be the ordering provider for COVID-19 vaccines.

Where can I find product information for each vaccine?

- [Pfizer-BioNTech COMIRNATY](#) (mRNA, 2025-26 formulation)
- [Moderna SPIKEVAX](#) (mRNA, 2025-26 formulation)
- [Moderna mNEXSPIKE](#) (mRNA, 2025-26 formulation)
- [Novavax NUVAXOVID](#) (protein subunit, 2025-26 formulation)

Where can I find the COVID-19 Vaccine Information Statement (VIS)?

[Click here.](#)

Where can I find the CDC's Vaccine Needle Length and Gauge Tool?

[Click here.](#)

Where can I download COVID-19 vaccination cards?

[Click here.](#)

How do I report an adverse reaction to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)?

[Click here.](#)



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