

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](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Screening Checklist](#)
- [COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines HealthLinkBC File #124](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine After Care Sheet](#)

| Education Recommendations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Nurses (RN, RPN, LPN) ^{1, 2, 3} | Physician, Nurse Practitioner ¹ | Pharmacist, Naturopathic Physician ^{1, 4} | Dentist, Midwife, Podiatrist | Retired Nurses (RN/RPN/LPN/NP) | Retired Physician | Nursing student (RN/RPN/LPN/NP) | Midwifery student | Medical student (UGME) | Pharmacy student (if vaccine certified) | Dental Hygienist | Anesthesia Assistant | Medical Laboratory Technologist / Assistant | Pharmacy Technician | Paramedic (Critical Care, Advanced Care, Primary Care) | EMA, EMA First Responder (firefighter) |
| BCCDC Immunization Competency Course (LearningHub course #20404) | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 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 recommended that all health care professionals (HCPs) have their immunization competencies reviewed using the [BCCDC COVID-19 Immunization Skills Checklist](#) by the employer, with the exception of Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, and HCPs 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 BCCDC [Dry Ice Handling Safety Training Course](#).

¹ Regulated health professionals who have the authorization to perform the roles/activities independently AND can 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 previously 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.