

Promoting Public Health & Wellness

Expand patient access to essential vaccinations through pharmacist immunization authority in North Carolina.

The US Department of Health & Human Services expanded access to childhood vaccines during COVID-19 pandemic through pharmacist support

The amendment to the Prep Act allows pharmacists to administer vaccines to **individuals ages 3-18 years**

The vaccine must be ordered and administered **according to ACIP immunization schedules**

The licensed pharmacist must complete a practical training program **of at least 20 hours** that is approved by the ACPE

Pharmacists are the **forefront of COVID-19 vaccine administration in NC**

NC pharmacists have proven they are in a position to administer other vaccinations

40 states already permit pharmacists to **order and administer all approved vaccines**

Ten US states are running legislation to make all or part of the Prep Act authorities for vaccination permanent - **3 have already passed!**

Approximately 22% of influenza vaccines are given in pharmacies

Immunization rates across the US have continued to increase since pharmacists began vaccinating

Shifting Vaccinations to the Pharmacy Lowers Healthcare Costs

Literature shows that average direct medical costs paid per adult vaccination were **16 to 26 percent lower** in pharmacies compared to physician practices

