

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WITH AUTHORITY TO VACCINATE IN OREGON

Below is a list, by category of health care professional, who have the authority to vaccinate under state or federal law, and whether they can delegate that authority to others.

If you have specific questions about whether you can vaccinate, whether a particular provider can vaccinate, or whether there are age or other restrictions regarding vaccination authority, please contact the appropriate health licensing board.

Vaccinators by License Type	Authority to Delegate?	Limitations/Conditions	Licensing Board
Medical Doctors (MDs), Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs) ¹	Yes, to medical assistants (could include any licensed or unlicensed health care provider)	Licensee assumes responsibility for training and oversight of person delegated authority	Oregon Medical Board (OMB)
Physician Assistants (PAs) ²	Yes, to medical assistants (could include any licensed or unlicensed health care provider)	Licensee assumes responsibility for training and oversight of person delegated authority	Oregon Medical Board
Out-of-state MDs, DOs, and PAs granted an emergency authorization by the OMB ³	Yes, to medical assistants (could include any licensed or unlicensed health care provider)	Not for out of state providers practicing telemedicine	Oregon Medical Board
EMT-Intermediates and Paramedics ⁴	No	Only during a Governor declared emergency under a supervising physician's standing orders	Oregon Medical Board
Emergency Medical Services Providers – any level ⁵	No	Only if the Oregon EMS Medical Director within the Oregon Health Authority issues statewide protocols AND under supervising physician's standing orders	Oregon Medical Board

¹ ORS 677.085

² ORS 677.515

³ OAR 847-010-0068; <https://www.oregon.gov/omb/Topics-of-Interest/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>.

⁴ ORS 682.245; OAR 847-035-0030(11)(c) and (12)(a).

⁵ OAR 847-035-0032.

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Dentists ⁶	No ⁷		Oregon Board of Dentistry
Naturopaths ⁸	Yes, could delegate to unlicensed medical assistants or any unlicensed provider	Licensee assumes responsibility for training and oversight of person delegated authority	Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine
Pharmacists ⁹	No	Generally can vaccinate ages 7 and up. During a declared emergency if authorized by the Governor/State Public Health Director, can vaccinate ages 3 and up ¹⁰	Oregon Board of Pharmacy (BOP)
Pharmacy Technicians ¹¹	No	Pharmacy technicians are not authorized to vaccinate under Oregon scope of practice laws but are authorized under the federal PREP Act ¹²	Oregon Board of Pharmacy
Pharmacy Interns	No	As authorized by BOP rules, under the supervision of an immunizing pharmacist, and/or as authorized under the federal PREP Act	Oregon Board of Pharmacy
Nurse Practitioners (NP) ¹³	Yes	NPs can only vaccinate for the population they are certified to provide care to ¹⁴	Oregon Board of Nursing

⁶ ORS 679.010(7)(B)(b).

⁷ OAR 818-012-0006 (3).

⁸ ORS 685.030(3)(a),(f) and OAR Chap. 850 Div. 60.

⁹ ORS 689.645(1)(a).

¹⁰ ORS 433.443(2)(a)(D).

¹¹ If HB 2486 passes during the 2023 legislative session, beginning January 1, 2024, pharmacy technicians will be authorized to vaccinate.

¹² [Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act \(hhs.gov\)](#).

¹³ ORS 678.375; ORS 678.010(8) and (10).

¹⁴ OAR 851-050-0005.

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Registered Nurse (RN) ¹⁵	Yes (not a delegation, but can assign task to qualified individual under RN's supervision) ¹⁶	Must be following protocol/orders from provider ¹⁷	Oregon Board of Nursing
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) ¹⁸	No	Must be following protocol/orders from provider ¹⁹	Oregon Board of Nursing

¹⁵ ORS 678.010(8) and (10).

¹⁶ OAR 851-045-0070(3)(d).

¹⁷ ORS 678.010(8)(b).

¹⁸ ORS 678.010(8) and (9).

¹⁹ ORS 678.010(8)(b).