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### COVID-19 Vaccines Update from the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy

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As of the date of this publication, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has not published updated recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines since 12/2024. However, the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy is receiving inquiries regarding a pharmacist's authority to administer the COVID-19 vaccine under a prescriber approved protocol.

Pharmacists may administer COVID-19 vaccines pursuant to a prescriber-approved protocol or a prescription drug order in accordance with KRS 315.010(22). This applies to all FDA-authorized or licensed COVID-19 vaccines.

KRS 315.010(22) defines the practice of pharmacy to include the administration of adult immunizations pursuant to prescriber-approved protocols and the administration of immunizations to individuals five (5) to seventeen (17) years of age pursuant to prescriber-approved protocols with the consent of a parent or guardian.

While 201 KAR 2:420 states "a pharmacist may administer a vaccine to an individual pursuant to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) standard immunization schedule...,," this regulation does not limit practice in accordance with KRS 315.010(22). Vaccines that are not on the ACIP schedule may be administered by pharmacists pursuant to a prescriber-approved protocol\*or prescription drug order.

\*Pharmacists are reminded to regularly review prescriber-approved protocols to ensure compliance with all limits and requirements specific to each protocol as pharmacists' authority to administer a vaccine under a protocol is granted based on the limits and requirements specified therein.

#### **Resources:**

September 2025 ACIP Meeting: [Federal Register Doc. 2025-16706](#)

#### **Questions?**

Email vaccine related inquiries to [pharmacy.board@ky.gov](mailto:pharmacy.board@ky.gov)