



BOARD OF PHARMACY

Pharmacy Interns and Technicians – Vaccinations and Testing

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On October 20, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services issued a mandate allowing pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians to administer COVID-19 tests and vaccinations. Pharmacists, interns, and technicians must become licensed by the Alaska Board of Pharmacy before providing these services in the state. In anticipation of vaccinations becoming available this fall, it is recommended that:

- **For those not already licensed in Alaska, a complete application for licensure is submitted promptly**
 - Pharmacists
 - An emergency pharmacist permit is recommended. Please follow the instructions here: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/PHAEmergencyPermitInstructions.pdf>. If you intend to continue practicing in Alaska beyond 60 days, all other application items must be submitted. It is recommended you opt-in to receiving status updates via email/MYLICENSE.
 - The emergency pharmacist permit cannot be used after the Governor's emergency declaration ends on November 15, 2020.
 - Download the application at: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/pha4032.pdf>
 - Pharmacy interns and technicians
 - Include a note on your application that it is being submitted to support testing and vaccination services for COVID-19. This will assist staff with application prioritization.
 - Intern application: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/pha1468.pdf>
 - Tech application: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/pha4353.pdf>
 - All
 - For prompt updates on the status of your application, please opt-in to receive correspondence via email/MY LICENSE
 - Be aware of available ACPE immunization training programs to meet HHS requirements
- **For existing licensees**
 - Complete an immunization program approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) prior to providing immunizations
 - ACPE programs are already approved by the Board of Pharmacy under 12 AAC.52.340.
 - Complete other applicable training, notification, and reporting requirements per HHS guidance: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/prep-act-guidance.pdf> and those still required by the board under 12 AAC 52.

Once the federal mandate is lifted, licensees under the Alaska Board of Pharmacy will not be able to administer tests. The board will pursue authority as necessary to allow for continued services. Please monitor their meeting page for discussion details at pharmacy.alaska.gov.