

Kansas Authorized Vaccinators

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The Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) was amended a 5th time to add additional categories of qualified persons authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer COVID-19 vaccines. The PREP amendment allows state and local authorities to quickly expand the vaccination workforce.

Any medical staff listed in either the PREP Act or the Governor's Executive Order 21-21 has the authority to administer COVID vaccines. If there are also others who are not specifically listed under the PREP act or EO 21-21, but are currently licensed under other parts of Kansas law to vaccinate, then they continue to have the authority to vaccinate.

The PREP [amendment](#):

- Authorizes any healthcare provider who is licensed or certified in a state, including physician, advanced practice registered nurse, registered nurse, practical nurse, pharmacist, pharmacy intern, midwife, paramedic, advanced or intermediate EMT, respiratory therapist, dentist, physician assistant, podiatrist, optometrist, or veterinarian licensed to prescribe, dispense, and/or administer COVID-19 vaccines in any other state or U.S. territory.
- Authorizes medical students, nursing students, and students of the other eligible health care professions with proper training and professional supervision to serve as vaccinators.
- Authorizes any of those listed above whose license or certification expired within the past five years to prescribe, dispense and/or administer COVID-19 vaccines in any state or U.S. territory so long as the license or certification was active and in good standing prior to the date it went inactive.
- Requires any healthcare professional described above to have a current certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), complete Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Vaccine Training and, for healthcare providers who are not currently practicing or whose license or certification is expired, requires an on-site observation period by a currently practicing healthcare professional.

Under the PREP Act Declaration, a qualified person is a covered person. Subject to certain limitations, a covered person is immune from suit and liability under federal and state law with respect to all claims for loss resulting from the administration or use of a covered countermeasure.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2021/01/28/hhs-amends-prep-act-declaration-increase-workforce-authorized-administer-covid-19-vaccines.html#:~:text=asprmedia%40hhs.gov-,HHS%20Amends%20PREP%20Act>

The Kansas Executive Order 21-21

- Temporarily grants authority listed below to any Kansas pharmacist, pharmacy student or intern, podiatrist, dentist, dental hygienist, physician's assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, nurse, advanced emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician, and paramedic or any of the above professionals who are allowed to practice in the State during the public health emergency involving COVID-19 who may administer injections or inoculations within their scope of practice.....
 - The professionals identified above may administer a coronavirus vaccine that is approved or authorized by the federal Food and Drug Administration to an adult patient.
 - With the approval of a Kansas licensed physician, the professionals listed above may administer a coronavirus vaccine that is approved or authorized by the federal Food and Drug Administration to a child patient who is 12 years of age or older.
 - The authority granted above is limited to those professionals who have successfully completed the following:
 - A course of study and training in vaccination storage, protocols, injection technique, emergency procedures, and record keeping as part of their profession
 - Have taken a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for humans and have a current CPR certificate when administering the vaccine.

The full Executive Order can be found here: <https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/EO-21-21-Executed.pdf>

