

# Nevada Health Response Guidance: Directive 011 Administration of Vaccines by Providers of Medical Services January 14, 2021

## All qualified providers of medical services may administer the COVID-19 vaccine.

This Guidance clarifies that the intent and purpose of Directive 011 is to broadly allow and encourage as many qualified providers of medical services as possible to administer COVID-19 vaccines, in addition to providing other medical services related to the COVID pandemic.

## Who is a "provider of medical services"?

A "provider of medical services" is defined in Section 1 of Directive 011 to mean "all categories of skilled personnel" who the Governor's Medical Advisory Team determines necessary to augment Nevada's healthcare workforce.

The Medical Advisory Team has determined that individuals working in the professions listed below may provide COVID-19 vaccination, subject to the limitations indicated below and provided that:

- The individual is competent in doing so (training, knowledge, skill, and ability);
- If providing injections is outside their normal scope of practice, the individual has completed the CDC's self-paced vaccine administration course (<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/admin-protocols.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/admin-protocols.html</a>); and
- The injections are given in a setting where potential anaphylactic reactions can be appropriately monitored by appropriately-licensed medical personnel.

Profession	Requires supervision?	Limitations/notes
Physician (MD/DO)	No	
Physician assistant	No	
Emergency Medical	Yes	Must hold an endorsement to administer
Services (EMS) Provider		vaccines pursuant to NRS 450B.1975
Registered Nurse (RN)	No	

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)	No	
Medical Assistant	Yes	
Pharmacist	No	
Pharmacy Intern	Yes	Must be registered with the Board of Pharmacy
Pharmacy Technician	Yes	Must be registered with the Board of Pharmacy
Dentist	No	
Dental hygienists	Yes	
Veterinarian	No	At Point of Distribution ("POD") sites only
Veterinarian	Yes	At POD sites only
Technician		
Podiatrist	No	At POD sites only
Students or trainees of	Yes	
any of these		
professions		

#### Liability protections for providers of medical services who administer the vaccine.

Pursuant to Directive 011, Section 10, providers of medical services who administer the vaccine pursuant to the Governor's Declaration of Emergency are afforded the liability immunities and protections set forth in NRS 414.110, subject to the same exclusions therein.

## Licensing exemptions for administering the vaccine.

Providers of medical services who are retired or whose licenses are inactive are not required to reactive their license, take continuing education credits, or otherwise comply with professional licensing rules in order to administer the vaccine.

However, this only applies to providers of medical services whose licenses were not surrendered, suspended, revoked, or inactivated due to disciplinary or competency issues.

# Register through SERV-NV to help.

If you are provider of medical services and you would like to help administer the vaccine, please apply at <a href="www.servnv.org">www.servnv.org</a> and register as part of the Battle Born Medical Corps organization. Contact the State Volunteer Manager, Rachel Marchetti at <a href="marchetti@health.nv.gov">mmarchetti@health.nv.gov</a> for more information.