

Requirements to Administer Influenza Vaccination

To qualify for registration to Administer Influenza Vaccinations, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- A licensed pharmacist in good standing.
- Successful completion of a certification course approved by the Board of Pharmacy.
- Possession of an active certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Registration:

- A licensed pharmacist shall submit a registration to the Board on a form that the Board requires.
- The registration form shall include verification from the pharmacist of the following:
 - a. Successful completion of a certification course approved by the Board of Pharmacy that includes the current guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and
 - b. Possession of an active certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- A registration authorizing a licensed pharmacist to administer influenza vaccinations expires with the expiration of the pharmacist license to practice pharmacy unless the pharmacist has completed:
 - a. 4 hours of continuing education credits related to influenza vaccinations.
 - b. All other requirements for license renewal.
- A pharmacist may not administer influenza vaccinations until the pharmacist receives a written confirmation from the Board accepting the pharmacist's registration.
- A pharmacist may not administer influenza vaccinations to any individual younger than 18 years of age.
- A pharmacist may not administer influenza vaccinations to any individual without patient information and consent.

Training - Any course approved by the Board shall contain at a minimum the following elements:

- Responses to an emergency situation as a result of the administration of influenza vaccination.
- Administration of intramuscular injections and intranasal vaccination.
- Record-keeping and reporting requirements.
- American Pharmacists Association (AphA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.

Record Keeping and Reporting:

- The pharmacy permit holder shall maintain documentation in the pharmacy from which the vaccine was administered for a minimum of 5 years that include:
Name, address, and date of birth of the individual receiving the influenza vaccination;
 1. Date of administration and route and site of vaccinations;
 2. Name, dose, manufacturer's lot number, and expiration date of the influenza vaccine;
 3. Name and address of the primary health care provider of the individual receiving the influenza vaccination, as identified by that individual;
 4. The name of the pharmacist, pharmacy student, physician, or nurse administering the influenza vaccination;
 5. Version of the influenza vaccination information statement provided to the individual receiving the influenza vaccination; and
 6. Copy of the signed patient consent form of those individuals to whom the vaccine was administered.
- The records required in this regulation shall be made available on the request of the Board.

Patient Information and Consent:

- Every patient receiving an influenza vaccination shall be provided with a current vaccine information statement.
- Every patient receiving an influenza vaccine shall sign a consent form consenting to the administration of the vaccine.
- The consent form shall disclose the credentials of the person administering the vaccination.

Approved Protocols:

- The pharmacist can administer influenza vaccinations only within a protocol signed and dated by a licensed Maryland physician. The administering pharmacist and permit holder of the pharmacy site at which the vaccination is administered shall maintain a copy of that protocol.
- The pharmacist shall review the protocol annually with the physician
- The pharmacist shall provide the physician-established protocol for influenza vaccinations to the Board on request