

## HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WITH AUTHORITY TO VACCINATE IN OREGON

Below is a list, by category of health care professional, who have the authority to vaccinate under state or federal law, and whether they can delegate that authority to others.

If you have specific questions about whether you can vaccinate, whether a particular provider can vaccinate, or whether there are age or other restrictions regarding vaccination authority, please contact the appropriate health licensing board.

Vaccinators by License Type	Authority to Delegate?	Limitations/Conditions	Licensing Board
Medical Doctors (MDs), Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs) <sup>1</sup>	Yes, to medical assistants (could include any licensed or unlicensed health care provider)	Licensee assumes responsibility for training and oversight of person delegated authority	<a href="#">Oregon Medical Board (OMB)</a>
Physician Assistants (PAs) <sup>2</sup>	Yes, to medical assistants (could include any licensed or unlicensed health care provider)	Licensee assumes responsibility for training and oversight of person delegated authority	<a href="#">Oregon Medical Board</a>
Out-of-state MDs, DOs, and PAs granted an emergency authorization by the OMB <sup>3</sup>	Yes, to medical assistants (could include any licensed or unlicensed health care provider)	Not for out of state providers practicing telemedicine	<a href="#">Oregon Medical Board</a>
EMT-Intermediates and Paramedics <sup>4</sup>	No	Only during a Governor declared emergency under a supervising physician's standing orders	<a href="#">Oregon Medical Board</a>
Emergency Medical Services Providers – any level <sup>5</sup>	No	Only if the Oregon EMS Medical Director within the Oregon Health Authority issues statewide protocols AND under supervising physician's standing orders	<a href="#">Oregon Medical Board</a>

<sup>1</sup> ORS 677.085

<sup>2</sup> ORS 677.515

<sup>3</sup> OAR 847-010-0068; <https://www.oregon.gov/omb/Topics-of-Interest/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>.

<sup>4</sup> ORS 682.245; OAR 847-035-0030(11)(c) and (12)(a).

<sup>5</sup> OAR 847-035-0032.

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Dentists <sup>6</sup>	No <sup>7</sup>		<a href="#">Oregon Board of Dentistry</a>
Naturopaths <sup>8</sup>	Yes, could delegate to unlicensed medical assistants or any unlicensed provider	Licensee assumes responsibility for training and oversight of person delegated authority	<a href="#">Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine</a>
Pharmacists <sup>9</sup>	No	Generally can vaccinate ages 7 and up. During a declared emergency if authorized by the Governor/State Public Health Director, can vaccinate ages 3 and up <sup>10</sup>	<a href="#">Oregon Board of Pharmacy (BOP)</a>
Pharmacy Technicians <sup>11</sup>	No	Pharmacy technicians are not authorized to vaccinate under Oregon scope of practice laws but are authorized under the federal PREP Act <sup>12</sup>	<a href="#">Oregon Board of Pharmacy</a>
Pharmacy Interns	No	As authorized by BOP rules, under the supervision of an immunizing pharmacist, and/or as authorized under the federal PREP Act	<a href="#">Oregon Board of Pharmacy</a>
Nurse Practitioners (NP) <sup>13</sup>	Yes	NPs can only vaccinate for the population they are certified to provide care to <sup>14</sup>	<a href="#">Oregon Board of Nursing</a>

<sup>6</sup> ORS 679.010(7)(B)(b).

<sup>7</sup> OAR 818-012-0006 (3).

<sup>8</sup> ORS 685.030(3)(a),(f) and OAR Chap. 850 Div. 60.

<sup>9</sup> ORS 689.645(1)(a).

<sup>10</sup> ORS 433.443(2)(a)(D).

<sup>11</sup> If HB 2486 passes during the 2023 legislative session, beginning January 1, 2024, pharmacy technicians will be authorized to vaccinate.

<sup>12</sup> [Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act \(hhs.gov\)](#).

<sup>13</sup> ORS 678.375; ORS 678.010(8) and (10).

<sup>14</sup> OAR 851-050-0005.

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Registered Nurse (RN) <sup>15</sup>	Yes (not a delegation, but can assign task to qualified individual under RN's supervision) <sup>16</sup>	Must be following protocol/orders from provider <sup>17</sup>	<a href="#">Oregon Board of Nursing</a>
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) <sup>18</sup>	No	Must be following protocol/orders from provider <sup>19</sup>	<a href="#">Oregon Board of Nursing</a>

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<sup>15</sup> ORS 678.010(8) and (10).

<sup>16</sup> OAR 851-045-0070(3)(d).

<sup>17</sup> ORS 678.010(8)(b).

<sup>18</sup> ORS 678.010(8) and (9).

<sup>19</sup> ORS 678.010(8)(b).