

Requirements for the Administration of COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccines by Dental Professionals in New York State

To facilitate the timely distribution and administration of COVID-19 and influenza vaccines in various settings throughout New York State, Governor Andrew Cuomo has issued an Executive Order conditionally permitting healthcare professionals not currently authorized to administer vaccinations to participate in administering vaccinations. Pursuant to the Order dentists and dental hygienists with a restricted local infiltration anesthesia/nitrous oxide analgesia certificate, can administer vaccinations after receiving appropriate training while under medical supervision at an authorized Point of Dispensing (POD) site. These requirements are explained in further detail below.

Authorization:	New York State Executive Order 202.82
Effective Dates:	December 13, 2020 to January 12, 2021
Applicable to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dentists • Dental Hygienist with a restricted local infiltration anesthesia/nitrous oxide analgesia certificate
Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POD site must be overseen or approved by the NYS Department of Health or local health departments. • POD site is operated under the medical supervision of licensed physicians, licensed physician assistants or certified nurse practitioners. • Dental professionals must first receive training in the following areas as determined by the Commissioner of Health after consultation with the Commissioner of Education: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Techniques, indications, precautions, contraindications, infection control practices; 2) Use of personal protective equipment sufficient to provide the basic level of competence for such tasks; and 3) A current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which at a minimum must include a certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation by an online program that has received accreditation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, or the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.
Immunity:	Pursuant to a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services amendment to the Declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act), healthcare providers who administer covered countermeasures (COVID-19 vaccines licensed, approved, cleared or authorized by the FDA) are entitled to immunity from state and federal liability claims arising from injury or wrongful death claims arising from the administration of the countermeasures (except for willful misconduct).

