



ASSOCIATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

The Association of New Brunswick Licensed Practical Nurses is the regulatory authority for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) in New Brunswick. Our mandate is protection of the public by promoting the provision of safe, competent, ethical, and compassionate care by its registrants.

ARE LPNS ABLE TO ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS?

Immunization is not part of the regular practical nurse program curriculum and is therefore, not an entry level competency for LPNs. However, LPNs may obtain the additional education as post-graduates. Once an LPN has obtained the required education, they may perform immunizations providing they maintain the knowledge and competence to do so, and they are authorized by their employer.

WHERE CAN AN LPN ACCESS IMMUNIZATION EDUCATION?

ANBLPN offers an on-line Immunization education module. The module provides LPNs with the educational theory required to administer immunizations. LPNs may also obtain this education through employer- based education (i.e., Horizon Health Immunization Module for LPNs). Additionally, The Canadian Paediatric Society also offers an education module "[Education Program for Immunization Competencies](#)" (EPIC). *(For more information on ANBLPNs module please contact the main office directly)*

WILL THE ANBLPN IMMUNIZATION MODULE QUALIFY ME TO ADMINISTER THE COVID-19 VACCINATION?

Yes, our immunization module was reviewed by Public Health prior to its release to our membership. As our module is based on the New Brunswick Immunization Guide, Public Health has deemed our module as sufficient education for participating in COVID-19 immunization.

CAN I ADMINISTER THE COVID-19 VACCINE IN A PHARMACY SETTING?

Yes, as per the [LPN Act](#) (2014), LPNs "*undertake the care of patients under the direction and in collaboration with a registered nurse or duly qualified medical practitioner or pharmacist*". Therefore, LPNs may work for pharmacies providing the COVID-19 vaccine or the annual flu vaccine as pharmacists are listed as one of the regulated health professionals whom LPNs may work "in collaboration and under the direction of".

Q & A:

COVID-19 VACCINATION

- *LPNs may administer vaccines providing they have obtained the necessary post-graduate education.*
- *LPNs may administer the COVID-19 vaccine in a pharmacy setting with the necessary education.*

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IF I WORK FOR A PHARMACY, DO I REQUIRE ADDITIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE?

No, if you are an active member of ANBLPN you already have [Medical Malpractice Liability Insurance](#). You are only required to obtain additional insurance if you are self-employed.

WHAT TYPE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) SHOULD I WEAR IF I AM ADMINISTERING THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

We advise all LPNs to follow the recommendations of Public Health and follow their employer policies regarding the use of PPE. There are several resources available on the Government of New Brunswick website. If you are working for a pharmacy, you can review Public Health's publication "[COVID-19 Vaccination in Community Pharmacies](#)" for further information.

WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPROVED COVID-19 VACCINES?

We recommend you continue to visit the Government of New Brunswick website for the most accurate, evidenced based information pertaining to COVID-19 vaccines: [Approved COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

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COVID-19 VACCINATION

- *All actively registered LPNs have Medical Malpractice Liability Insurance through ANBLPN*
- *Continue to follow recommendations set forth by Public Health for the most accurate, up to date information on COVID-19*

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