

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: December 7, 2022
Re: Amendment to Prescribing Standards – Vaccines

The Standards of Practice: Prescribing Drugs – Appendix E Prescribing Preventative Medicines has been amended to provide clarity on the vaccines that pharmacists are able to prescribe.

In addition to being able to prescribe for all schedule II vaccines, pharmacists are also authorized to prescribe vaccines for the following, regardless of how the product is scheduled:

- *Pneumococcal
- *Meningococcal
- *Influenza
- *SARS-CoV-2
- hepatitis A
- hepatitis B
- varicella
- herpes zoster
- human papillomavirus (HPV)
- typhoid fever

* Added to the list in Dec 2022 to provide clarity.

Is there an age limit for prescribing vaccines?

No

Is there an age limit for administering vaccines?

Yes. Pharmacists are authorized to vaccinate:

- For COVID-19 and the seasonal flu – anyone 6 months of age and older
- All other vaccines – anyone over two years of age.