

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration by Dental Hygienists

20 states have authorized dental hygienists to administer COVID-19 vaccines. Below is information for the respective states. Please review and check with the state licensing authority for additional information. This resource will be updated with new information.

California

- Dental hygienists may administer COVID-19 vaccines subject to the conditions of the order. The order includes requirements for supervision, training, and record keeping.
- https://www.dca.ca.gov/licensees/dca_21_113.pdf

Colorado

- Dental hygienists may administer the COVID-19 vaccination while working in a hospital, inpatient facility or outpatient setting as delegated by physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, certified registered nurse anesthetists, or professional nurses.
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jE4HIVlzgEG8X8Vu5Q5J0wze9DZFYATw/view>

Connecticut

- Dental hygienists with training to administer anesthesia; must complete vaccine training
- <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/20201207-DPH-Order-Expanding-Authorized-Professions-to-Administer-Vaccines.pdf>

Idaho

- Executive order suspends any state regulations that interfere with the ability of licensed or registered health professional from administering COVID-19 vaccines during the declared state of emergency. Health professionals must possess education and training to administer COVID-19 vaccine.
- https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/proclamation_emergency-declaration_012921.pdf

Kansas

- Executive Order #21-06 allows only those dental hygienists who are authorized to administer injections or inoculations within their scope of practice to administer a coronavirus vaccine that is approved or authorized by the federal Food and Drug Administration. Each licensed dental hygienist interested in becoming a temporary vaccinator should carefully review Executive Order #21-06 to determine whether they might qualify as a temporary vaccinator under this order and then consult with their supervising dentist. All dentists and dental hygienists should also consult with their local county health departments regarding the appropriate procedures for qualifying as a temporary vaccinator under this order.
- https://www.dental.ks.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/eo-21-06-covid-vaccinators-executedad373d600997623f8994ff0000a74f6d.pdf?sfvrsn=5ba05f32_0

Kentucky

- On January 27, 2021, the Kentucky Board of Dentistry filed an emergency administrative regulation to temporarily bring COVID-19 vaccination into its scope of practice. The new rule, 201 KAR 8:505E, allows qualifying dentists and dental hygienists to administer any COVID-19 vaccine authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in accordance with U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services guidelines. Those eligible to administer COVID-19 vaccinations under this regulation must have an active Kentucky dental license OR an active Kentucky dental hygiene license and registration to practice local anesthesia.
- <https://dentistry.ky.gov/Pages/ImmunizationTraining.aspx>

Maryland

- The Board has issued [guidance](#) based on the order below, allowing dental hygienists and other dental team members to administer vaccines. Guidance includes details about training, supervision, and record keeping.
- <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/MDH%202020-12-08-01-%20Vaccination%20Matters.pdf>

Massachusetts

- *At its meeting on January 6th, the Board voted to confirm that dental hygienists may administer vaccines as within their permissible scope of practice if the dental hygienist holds a current local anesthesia permit and administers the vaccine under the direct supervision of a dentist.*
- <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-vaccinators/download>

Nevada

- The Medical Advisory team has determined several providers of medical services, including dental hygienists, may provide COVID-19 vaccinations provided that the individual is competent in doing so (training, knowledge, skill, and ability), if providing injections is outside their normal scope of practice, the individual has completed the CDC's self-paced vaccination administration course and the injections are given in a setting where potential anaphylactic reactions can be appropriately monitored by appropriately-licensed medical personnel.
- <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Directive-011-guidance.pdf>

New Hampshire

- The New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners approved the following statement: Administration of vaccines is within the scope of practice of a dentist and dental hygienist and they should be permitted to administer the vaccine if they choose to.
- <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt441/files/inline-documents/sonh/dental-board-minutes-20201207.pdf>

New Jersey

- Division of Consumer Affairs issued an administrative order allowing dental hygienists who hold a local anesthesia permit to administer a COVID-19 vaccine to a patient under supervision by a health care practitioner.
- https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/COVID19/Documents/DCA-AO-2021-07_DCA-W-2021-03.PDF

New York

- Dentists, dental hygienists with an infiltration certificate, and dental students. The order includes flu shots. It can only be done at points of administration and not individual offices. Supervision and specified training required. Dental hygiene information is in section 6606.
- <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20282-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>

Ohio

- Ohio Dept of Health is seeking volunteers to help administer vaccine and includes dental hygienists in its list of potential recruits.
- <https://www.ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov/>

Oklahoma

- The Oklahoma Board of Dentistry and the Board's Executive Director and General Counsel have determined the Catastrophic Health Emergency Plan regulations allow dentists and dental hygienists to administer COVID-19 vaccines as long as the CDC reporting requirements are being met.
- §195:1-2. Recognition of dental providers. Dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants should be considered as "acting within the scope of his or her profession when providing all needed care during a declared local, state or national emergency", and should be allowed to perform services requested of them when working under the supervision of a dentist or physician.
- <https://www.ok.gov/dentistry/documents/2010%20Dental%20Rules%20and%20Regulations.pdf>

Oregon

- The Oregon Health Authority has expanded the list of providers who are authorized to administer COVID-19 vaccines to include registered dental hygienists. Interested individuals should review the authorization to understand the requirements.
- <https://www.oregon.gov/dentistry/Documents/Amended%20PREP%20Act.pdf>

Rhode Island

- Dentists and dental hygienists with a local anesthesia permit can administer the vaccine. Please reference the "Training" section of the included link.
- <https://covid.ri.gov/healthcare-professionals/vaccine-information-healthcare-providers>

South Carolina

- Dental hygienists who are currently licensed with the South Carolina Board of Dentistry and in good standing, who are certified in infiltration anesthesia; and who have successfully completed the required COVID-19 training programs; may administer the vaccine at a site in which a Physician, Physician Assistant, Advanced Practiced Registered Nurse, and/or a Registered Nurse is present.
- <https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/Second-amended-DHEC-LLR-Joint-Order-Expands-Who-Can-Administer-COVID-19-Vaccine-January-28-2021.pdf>

Utah

- Per Utah Code § 58-1-307, dental hygienists licensed under Chapter 69 and other licensees, while employed by or volunteering with a COVID-19 vaccination effort by (1) a local or state department of health, or (2) a host entity as defined in Utah Code Section § 26-49-102, may administer COVID-19 vaccinations in accordance with statutes and rules governing supervision and delegation by appropriately licensed healthcare professionals.
- <https://dopl.utah.gov/covid19.html>; On the left hand panel, select 'practice exemptions during declared emergency' then COVID-19 vaccinations.

Virginia

- Dental hygienists are authorized to administer the COVID-19 vaccine in some capacity. Interested professionals should register with the Virginia Department of Health.
- https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/191/2021/03/VDH-Guidance_Eligible-Vaccinators.pdf

Washington

- The Washington Department of Health – Dental Quality Assurance Commission issued an emergency rule allowing dentists to delegate administration of COVID-19 vaccination to licensed dental hygienists with close supervision and demonstration of competency.
- <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/2300/WSR-21-06-012.pdf>