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## Statewide Standing Order (“Standing Order”) for the Administration of Vaccines by Pharmacists and Pharmacist Interns

**Purpose:** To permit pharmacists and/or pharmacist interns, to administer or dispense vaccines as recommended by the latest federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) immunization recommendations to any individual not less than eleven (11) years of age, including any FDA authorized COVID-19 vaccine, and for COVID-19 vaccines for individuals aged five (5) to ten (10) pursuant to IC 16-19-4-11(e). Effective August 24, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an amendment to the Declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) to allow pharmacists and pharmacist interns to order and administer vaccines to individuals ages three (3) through eighteen (18), subject to certain requirements. The PREP Act Declaration does not include individuals over age eighteen (18). This Standing Order is to be used in conjunction with the Statewide Protocol for the Administration of Vaccines by Pharmacists (the “Protocol”).

**Eligible Providers:** Pharmacists properly licensed pursuant to Indiana Code 25-26-13 may operate under this Standing Order. Pharmacist interns may also operate under this Standing Order in accordance with 856 IAC 4-1-1 et seq. and the Protocol.

**Eligible Recipients:** Individuals at least age eleven (11). Individuals at least age five (5) for approved COVID-19 vaccines. Recipient eligibility is dependent on ACIP General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization, applicable ACIP Vaccine – Specific Recommendations, and the Protocol. All eligible providers shall adhere to the immunization schedules as set forth in the Protocol.

### **Procedure:**

1. **Informed Consent:**
  - a. Before administering an immunization, the eligible provider must receive informed consent in accordance with Indiana Code 25-26-13-31.2 and the Protocol.
2. **Provide Vaccine Information Statement:**
  - a. Provide all patients with a copy of the most current federal Vaccine Information Statement (VIS). Provide non-English speaking patients with a copy of the VIS in

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their native language if one is available and desired; these can be found at [www.immunize.org/vis](http://www.immunize.org/vis).

**3. Screen for Contraindications and Precautions:**

- a. Prior to the administration of the vaccine, the eligible provider shall screen all patients for contraindications and precautions using an appropriate screening questionnaire as stipulated in the current Protocol.

**4. Prepare to Administer Vaccine:**

- a. Choose the needle gauge, needle length, and route of administration according to the ACIP General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization, the applicable ACIP Vaccine – Specific Recommendations, and the Protocol.

**5. Administration of Vaccine:**

- a. All vaccines should be administered in accordance with the ACIP General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization, ACIP Vaccine – Specific Recommendations, and the Protocol.

**6. Vaccination Document, Record, and Reporting Requirements:**

- a. Any eligible provider administering a vaccine to a child less than eleven (11) years of age shall recommend to the parent/guardian that a well-child visit with the child's primary care provider be scheduled as soon as practicable.
- b. Pursuant to 856 IAC 4-1-2, the pharmacist and/or pharmacist intern shall create a vaccination record for the patient which is to include the information as set forth in the Protocol.
- c. A copy of the patient's vaccination record shall be kept for a period of seven (7) years. A copy shall be made available to the patient and/or patient's provider upon request.
- d. The eligible provider shall report the vaccination of each patient to an immunization data registry maintained by the state department of health under Indiana Code 16-38-5.

**7. Management of Adverse Events**

- a. Per ACIP General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunizations, the patient who is administered a vaccine should be monitored for adverse effects for at least fifteen (15) minutes in the general vicinity of the administering provider.
- b. In the event of an adverse reaction, the administering provider is to follow the procedures for the management of the reaction. The procedures for managing adverse reactions are set forth in the Protocol.



- c. Report all adverse events following the administration of a vaccine to the federal Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). To submit a VAERS report online (preferred) or to download a writable PDF form, go to <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>.

**Geographic Region:** This Standing Order is applicable statewide.

**Standing Orders Authorization:** This Standing Order is issued pursuant to Indiana Code 16-19-4-11, which authorizes the State Health Commissioner to issue a standing order that allows pharmacists to administer or dispense an immunization that is recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for individuals who are not less than eleven (11) years of age. This standing order is issued for individuals aged five (5) and above for the COVID-19 vaccine based on IC 16-19-4-11(e). This includes any FDA authorized COVID-19 vaccine. This standing order applies to pharmacists and pharmacist interns only.

This standing order replaces CSO-22-03 which is hereby rescinded. This Standing Order shall be reviewed annually by the state department of health and revised as needed. This Standing Order is effective March 7, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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