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## **BULLETIN Vaccine Scheduling in Yukon**

Pharmacists with an Injection Endorsement on their licence are able to provide injections, including vaccines.

Some vaccines require a prescription that cannot be issued by a pharmacist. This bulletin provides a reminder and clarification on this subject but the policy remains unchanged.

### **Prescription or no prescription required? Depends on the Schedule.**

Yukon has adopted NAPRA's drug schedules. Regarding vaccines, they do not list the vaccines, rather they identify the condition under which vaccines may be Schedule I or II. Schedule II vaccines are those that the Public Health Agency of Canada has determined are part of the routine immunization program in most or all provinces and territories. These vaccines do not require a prescription prior to being administered by a pharmacist.

Examples of Schedule 2 vaccines include the influenza vaccine, the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis vaccine, and the HPV vaccine.

Vaccines remain as Schedule I if they are NOT part of the routine immunization program in most or all provinces and territories. These require a prescription from an authorized prescriber prior to being administered by a pharmacist.

Examples of Schedule 1 vaccines which require prescription include the Herpes Zoster/Shingles vaccine, and all travel related vaccines.

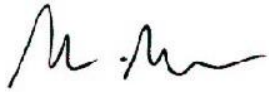
### **COVID-19 Vaccine**

The NAPRA Schedules allow for a vaccine to be classified as Schedule 2 if it is "required for special enhanced access due to a disease outbreak". The COVID 19 vaccine is considered a Schedule 2 vaccine and does not require a prescription.

### **Clarification about prescribing**

Only authorized prescribers, such as a physician or nurse practitioner, may prescribe a vaccine.

While pharmacists have some temporary initial prescribing powers under Temporary Standard 12, these do not extend to vaccines given they are considered preventative, not emergency and self-limiting, as is the intent behind the temporary measure.



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