



## Requirements for Licensed Health Care Professionals Authorized to Administer Influenza Vaccines

Licensed Health Care Professional	Legislative Authority	Guidelines and/or Policies to Use	Credentiaing / Training Requirements					Forms Required	
			Professional License *	CPR or BCLS	Vaccine Administration	GRITS **	DCH Volunteer Liability Form	MOU	Influenza Vaccine Protocol Agreement
<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>									
Individual Georgia licensed health care professional (e.g., EMTs, paramedics, physicians, nurses, pharmacists), includes retired persons, or individuals who volunteer on their own time.	See Practice Act for each respective health care professional authorized to vaccinate.	Using Volunteers in Public Health Policy. DCH Volunteer Form (Georgia Volunteer Health Care Program).	✓	✓	✓	**	✓		
Employer (e.g., hospital, nursing home) that agrees to send Georgia licensed health care personnel to public health to assist.	See Practice Act for each respective health care professional authorized to vaccinate.	The MOU with the employer should specify the expectations.	✓	✓	✓	**		✓	
<b>PHARMACISTS</b>									
Pharmacists not employed by DCH/DPH or County Board of Health.	HB 217 (O.C.G.A. § 43-34-26.1)	DCH Guidelines for Physicians to Enter into Protocol Agreements with Georgia Licensed Pharmacists and Nurses to Administer Influenza Vaccines.	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Pharmacy Interns under direct supervision of a Pharmacist.	HB 217 (O.C.G.A. § 43-34-26.1)	The statute allows for the Pharmacist to delegate to a Pharmacy Intern if the Pharmacist Intern is under direct supervision of the Pharmacist.	✓	✓	✓	✓			
<b>NURSES</b>									
Registered Professional Nurses (RNs) not employed by DCH/DPH or County Board of Health (includes retired RNs).	Option #1: HB 217 (O.C.G.A. § 43-34-26.1)	Option #1: DCH Guidelines for Physicians to Enter into Protocol Agreements with Georgia Licensed Pharmacists and Nurses to Administer Influenza Vaccines.	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
	Option #2: Nurse Protocol statute (O.C.G.A. § 43-34-23)	Option #2: Standards for Nurse Agent Agreements. Nurse Agent Agreements may be developed with individual nurses or with corporate entities and they may be developed at the local (District/County) level as well as the state office level.	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓

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<b>NURSES (continued)</b>										
School Nurses (RNs and/or LPNs) not employed by DCH/DPH or County Board of Health.	Nurse Practice Act for Registered Professional Nurses (O.C.G.A. § 43-26-3) et seq. Nurse Practice Act for Licensed Practical Nurses (O.C.G.A. § 43-26-32) et seq.	Option #1: If a Public Health Nurse (RN) is in charge of the vaccination clinic held at the school, is responsible for vaccine storage, handling and transport under Nurse Protocol and there is an MOU between local Public Health and the school to conduct the clinic on school premises, the school nurses could sign the DCH Volunteer Form that covers them for liability to provide health care services as a volunteer.	✓	✓	✓	**	✓	✓		
		Option #2: If there is no Public Health Nurse (RN) available to be in charge of the vaccination clinic held at the school, a DCH Nurse Agent Agreement could be developed between the BOE and local public health and the school nurses could be responsible for vaccine storage, handling and transport under Nurse Protocol.	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Licensed Practical Nurses not employed by DCH/DPH or County Board of Health.	HB 217. (O.C.G.A. § 43-34-26.1).	DCH Guidelines for Physicians to Enter into Protocol Agreements with Georgia Licensed Pharmacists and Nurses to Administer Influenza Vaccines.	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Out-of-State RNs.	O.C.G.A. § 43-26-12(a)(2).	Out-of-State Licensed Professional Nurses Practicing in Public Health Systems during Disasters and Emergencies.	✓	✓	✓	**	✓			

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<b>STUDENTS</b>										
Student nurses covered by a current MOU between local Public Health and a School of Nursing, which carries liability insurance for the students (RN students and/or LPN students).	Nurse Practice Act for Registered Professional Nurses (O.C.G.A. § 43-26-3 et seq.). Nurse Practice Act for Licensed Practical Nurses (O.C.G.A. § 43-26-32 et seq.).	MOU between local Public Health and the School of Nursing must be current and the School of Nursing must carry liability insurance on student nurses. Students must be approved by faculty for administering injections. There must be on-site supervision of student nurses by a Georgia licensed RN.		✓	✓	**		✓		

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