



Joint Statement on Nurses Employed in Community Pharmacies to Support the COVID-19 Pandemic Response

To support Nova Scotia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including immunization and testing strategies, the Nova Scotia College of Nursing (NSCN) and the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists (NSCP) have developed the following joint statement.

- Nurses employed as vaccinators in community pharmacies may administer the COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with direction described in the [Nova Scotia COVID-19 Vaccine Program](#).
- Nurses employed in community pharmacies who have the appropriate competencies may collect and process samples for COVID-19 testing.
- The pharmacy manager of a pharmacy that makes use of the professional services of a nurse to administer the COVID-19 vaccine and/or collect and process samples for COVID-19 testing must incorporate this into the policies and procedures for the pharmacy's services, taking guidance from the Registrar's Advisory and ensuring that the outcome is the pharmacy's compliance with the standards of practice.
- Nurses and Pharmacists are autonomous practitioners, each accountable for their own actions at all times.
- Nurses and Pharmacists are responsible to collaborate with each other and other appropriate care providers as necessary, and to do so in accordance with the direction provided in the Nova Scotia COVID-19 Vaccine Program and by Nova Scotia Public Health for COVID-19 testing.

Practice Support

- **Nova Scotia College of Nursing**
[Nurses Employed in Community Pharmacies to Support the COVID-19 Pandemic Response Practice Guideline](#)
- **Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists**
[REGISTRAR'S ADVISORY: Community Pharmacy Involvement in COVID-19 Immunization](#)