



Reimbursement for Pharmacist Administration of COVID-19 vaccines in Community Pharmacies

The reimbursement of the administration of COVID-19 vaccine by a pharmacist based on the guidance issued by the Chief Public Health Office is eligible for coverage by PEI Pharmacare **effective 03/11/21**, provided all the following criteria are met:

- Pharmacists must comply with all applicable Legislation relating to the practice of Pharmacy on PEI and PEI College of Pharmacy standards, directives and policies.
- The patient must be a permanent resident, have a valid Prince Edward Island Health Card, and not reside in a nursing home. Out of province patients should be directed to an alternate provision site.
- Some supplies related to the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine provision will be provided to pharmacies for administration in 2021 due to ongoing limitations in ability to acquire supplies in a timely and efficient manner. Please see Appendix A for list of supplies to be provided.

Purpose

The intent of reimbursement of this service by pharmacists is to improve access to care for patients and to reduce the burden on other areas of the health system who are involved in this vaccination process.

Benefits

Administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to applicable residents based on guidance issued by the Chief Public Health Office for each dose of the COVID-19 vaccine administered.

Claims Submission

Fees for administration must be billed to PEI Pharmacare online. Manual claims are not accepted for pharmacy services.

Submit a claim for COVID-19 vaccine administration through the AUTO program using the **DIN 02512947**

Process as per a regular claim with the following consideration;

- Quantity of one (1) per administration
- Days supply of 28
- Prior to vaccination, please verify in the Drug Information System if a patient has already received a COVID-19 vaccination during this administration season.
- Please make every effort to limit any wastage of vaccine.
- If at any point during the COVID-19 vaccination season a pharmacy has a vaccine that has been compromised due to a cold chain break please notify PEI Pharmacare immediately. Do not dispose of the vaccines as it will need to be returned to Provincial Pharmacy.

Reimbursement Rate

- \$13.00/administration

Government shall evaluate the service of administration of COVID-19 vaccines on an ongoing basis.



APPENDIX A

Supply list (provided as a sample based on 50 doses of COVID-19 vaccine)

50 Syringes 3ml (for .5ml doses)
50 needles adult 1" and 25 needles 1.5 inch

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)- to be restocked as needed based on documentation of usage

Gloves (optional)
Face shield
Mask level 1