

SDTA Members

The Disease Control (COVID-19) Amendment Regulations, 2021 came into force on February 24, 2021. Among other things, *The Disease Control (COVID-19) Amendment Regulations, 2021* enables the establishment of the [Saskatchewan COVID-19 Immunization Delivery Plan](#) for the province. The plan lays out the framework for delivering the vaccines across the province including the training required, who can administer COVID-19 vaccines, and the clinic settings that will provide vaccines.

A list of potential COVID vaccination immunizers are included in the Plan. The list includes professions such as physicians, registered nurses, and pharmacists, which traditionally provide vaccinations as part of their scope of practice. However, the list also includes non-traditional immunizers. Dental therapists are non-traditional immunizers and as such have been given the authority to provide vaccinations as part of the Plan.

Not everyone on that list will necessarily be called on and only those who want to participate and have the appropriate knowledge and training will actually deliver immunizations. Employers (e.g., Saskatchewan Health Authority [SHA], community pharmacies) must ensure that COVID vaccine immunizers are competent to administer the vaccination and it must be safe and appropriate for each immunizer to do so. Training will be made available to all immunizers who want to participate in the COVID-19 vaccination program. All immunizations will be delivered in an environment where experienced immunizers are present.

Dental therapists who are interested in working as immunizers for the SHA are being asked to go to the following website and fill in the application survey:
<https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/news/service-alerts-emergency-events/covid-19/become-involved/Pages/Home.aspx>

If you have further questions, contact the SDTA. Take care.

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