

## Front Range Pharmacy Expands Vaccine Accessibility Following Statewide Rule Update

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Front Range Pharmacy has announced expanded vaccination accessibility at its Englewood location following a statewide regulatory update that now allows pharmacists to administer vaccines without requiring a prior prescription. The change, enacted through an emergency rule revision by the Colorado State Board of Pharmacy, aligns state pharmacy practices with broader efforts to make routine immunization services more accessible to the public.

The adjustment follows a period of uncertainty among pharmacists across Colorado after new federal guidance limited access to certain vaccines based on prescription requirements. To resolve these inconsistencies, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued a statewide order enabling pharmacists to continue providing vaccines under existing standing authority. The Board of Pharmacy subsequently met to temporarily modify practice rules, ensuring that local pharmacies could proceed without legal ambiguity.

For Front Range Pharmacy, the clarification represents a meaningful operational update. By removing administrative barriers, the pharmacy can continue to serve patients who rely on timely vaccine access. The

Englewood-based pharmacy, located at 3401 S. Broadway, has long provided seasonal and routine immunizations as part of its community services program. With the updated rule, pharmacists are now able to maintain these services without requiring patients to schedule separate physician appointments solely to obtain prescriptions.

Owner and pharmacist Michael Scruggs emphasized that the rule alignment improves efficiency for both patients and providers. He noted that families and individuals managing their healthcare budgets benefit from being able to complete necessary vaccinations during a single pharmacy visit rather than incurring additional physician copays or scheduling delays. The change also helps independent pharmacies maintain a vital role in public access to preventive care without duplicating administrative steps already managed under state oversight.

Front Range Pharmacy employs certified pharmacists trained in vaccine administration and maintains adherence to all current state and federal reporting requirements. The staff follows established safety and handling protocols for each vaccine type and ensures that all documentation is submitted through approved reporting systems. To support smooth operations, the pharmacy continues to manage immunizations through an appointment and walk-in hybrid model, allowing patients to choose whichever approach best fits their schedules.

The pharmacy?s vaccination program extends beyond individual patient needs, serving local employers and community organizations that coordinate seasonal vaccination clinics. The Englewood location also provides immunizations alongside its other pharmacy services, including prescription fulfillment, medication synchronization, and compounding. By integrating these services under one roof, Front Range Pharmacy aims to make routine care more efficient for residents throughout the Denver metropolitan area.

While the current rule change remains temporary pending a formal vote later this year, pharmacists across the state are preparing to support the continuation of this model permanently. For Front Range Pharmacy, this structure reinforces its broader mission to simplify access to necessary medications and pharmacy services through operational transparency, affordable pricing, and community engagement.

To ensure consistent workflow and safety, vaccinations are not administered during the final business hour on Saturdays, though services remain available throughout the rest of the week. Front Range Pharmacy operates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Most major insurance plans cover vaccines at no cost to the patient, and for individuals without insurance, the pharmacy provides vaccines at cost without markup.

Front Range Pharmacy?s participation in Colorado?s updated framework reflects its ongoing commitment to responsible pharmacy practice, community health access, and regulatory compliance. The company

continues to adapt its systems, staff training, and communication protocols to ensure patients receive clear, timely, and convenient service within the bounds of evolving state regulations.

Residents in Englewood and surrounding communities can visit Front Range Pharmacy for information on vaccine availability, prescription transfers, or other pharmacy services. The pharmacy can be reached at (720) 405-5125 or info@frontrangepharmacy.com

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