



It is CPTA's understanding, based on a response from the Physical Therapy Licensing Board of California (PTBC) that PTs could render vaccinations if adequately trained. Serving as a vaccinator is a medical technique that a non-licensed person could be trained to do. Providing vaccinations would not be considered a PT service and PTs would be considered laypersons, akin to medical assistants, when serving in such a capacity. Interested physical therapists must be affiliated with a supervising physician, podiatrist, or entity that is currently licensed to possess and administer vaccines.

According to the PTBC, "When an activity does not require [a license] and may be performed by any trained non-licensed person, a physical therapist may also perform that activity without obtaining an additional license or certification. In other words, the scope of practice described in Section 2620 does not prohibit a physical therapist from performing related functions for which no license or certification is required."

It is important to note that any practitioner should be properly trained before performing a medical procedure and should only act within their own knowledge, skills, and abilities. The [California Department of Public Health](#) has created a Call Center for providers to contact to [learn more about the COVID-19 vaccination administration program](#).